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Established in 2005 by the United Nations General Assembly as *a fund for all, by all to promote early action and reduce loss of life*, the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) is the world's largest pooled fund to support humanitarian action whenever and wherever crises strike.

Since its inception, and with donations from 130+ countries, the Fund has provided more than US\$8.5 billion to enable UN agencies and partners to deliver timely, coordinated, life-saving assistance in more than 110 countries and territories.

CERF has become the leading global humanitarian funding tool for responding to climate-related humanitarian emergencies with an average of 27 per cent of total allocations each year going to climate-related disasters.

In recent years, CERF has led the way in innovative humanitarian finance solutions in climate-related emergencies, including pioneering anticipatory action to save lives, reduce suffering and help communities mitigate humanitarian impacts ahead of imminent calamity from climate-related disasters.

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CERF's Climate Action Account

Climate change is contributing to more frequent and severe weather events, significantly escalating global humanitarian needs. While there is no humanitarian solution to the climate crisis, humanitarians play a key role in addressing its consequences by minimizing and addressing loss and damages from climate-related disasters and supporting communities to build their resilience.

CERF has consistently demonstrated its effectiveness in supporting timely and life-saving humanitarian action globally and it is uniquely placed to support the world's most vulnerable communities, particularly in challenging contexts of fragility, conflict, and violence.

CERF's Climate Action Account offers a quick, efficient and impactful avenue for climate finance to assist the world's most vulnerable communities in facing the consequences of the climate emergency. It enables donors to directly contribute to anticipatory action and humanitarian responses to climate-related disasters such as floods, droughts, storms and extreme heat, anywhere in the world.

Additional finance dedicated to climate-related disasters will allow CERF to meet rising climate-related needs.



\$2.3 B
in response to climate disasters



\$90 M
provided for humanitarian anticipatory action for predictable climate shocks since 2020



4 days
average time for CERF-funded action to start following funding requests. For anticipatory and early action, CERF disburses funding based on forecasts and early warnings.



How does the Climate Action Account work?

The Climate Action Account serves to scale CERF's capacity for anticipatory action and humanitarian assistance in response to climate-related disasters. Its introduction upholds the Fund's life-saving mandate and preserves its established, needs-based decision-making processes, and administrative and operational frameworks.

Contributions to the account are consolidated and attributed exclusively to CERF's climate-related disaster portfolio, encompassing anticipatory action and response. This ensures donors that their contributions will be solely directed towards addressing the impact of climate-related disasters.

CERF allocations will continue to focus on the most pressing humanitarian needs, in an independent, impartial and neutral manner. They will enable humanitarian partners to swiftly initiate relief efforts in response to, or in anticipation of, humanitarian disasters – whether instigated by climate factors or other causes.

Additionality of funding is key for the Climate Action Account and donors are encouraged to confirm that contributions to it are resources that would not have been available to CERF otherwise.

Reporting on climate action

CERF will provide detailed climate-relevant reporting, including attribution of investments made through the Climate Action Account and narratives and information about how CERF-supported projects enhance community resilience to climate shocks and the interconnections between relief, recovery and resilience. This will include detailed disaggregated data on hazards, locations, vulnerability and sectors.

CERF is committed to collaborating with donors providing contributions to the climate account to ensure they have the necessary information for their internal and external reporting obligations.

“Isn't it the worst of ironies and the most blatant of injustices that the communities least responsible for the climate crisis are the most likely to suffer its consequences, and the least likely to receive climate financing to adapt and recover from its impact? We [the humanitarian community and CERF] have the tools and know-how to deliver fast, effective funds ... in the places that need it most.”

- Martin Griffiths, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator.
Remarks at COP27, Egypt, 8 November 2022

How can YOU help?



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