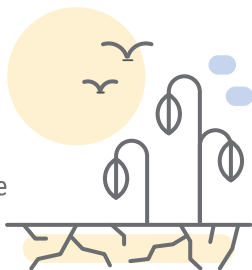


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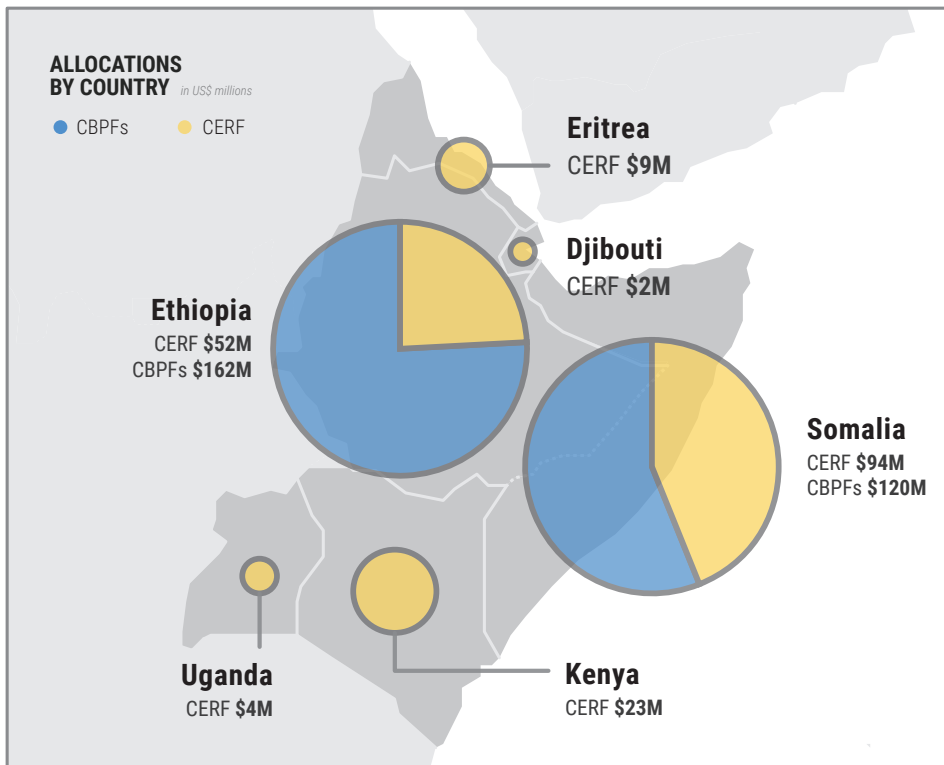
Total OCHA Pooled Funds allocations to drought response in Horn of Africa 2021 – 2023



CBPFs **\$282M**, CERF **\$184M**

Following three consecutive failed rainy seasons, the Horn of Africa is experiencing one of its worst droughts in recent history, with up to 22 million people acutely food insecure in Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia. In response, the OCHA-managed pooled funds – the Ethiopia and Somalia Humanitarian Funds (EHF and SHF), and the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) – have since 2021 allocated a total of \$466 million<sup>1</sup> to Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Somalia, Kenya, and Uganda. Using the comparative advantages of each Fund, including the speed of CERF and the reach of the EHF and SHF through local and national NGOs, the allocations have enabled immediate responses across the region while also building resilience against future shocks. From 2021 to early 2023, the EHF and SHF have ensured lifesaving assistance for some 23 million people (including in hard-to-reach areas) who received water, food and agriculture support, among other live-saving assistance. CERF has enabled assistance for approximately 15.3 million people in the region through the provision of food, water, protection, health, and nutrition support from 2021 to early 2023. All allocations have prioritized the most vulnerable, including women, children and people living with disabilities. In addition, the SHF has allocated \$72.4 million to local and national NGOs and the EHF another \$44.7 million.

In 2023, CERF has allocated \$54 million as of May to enable UN agencies to deliver immediate food, health, logistics, protection, shelter, and water and sanitation assistance. This includes allocations for Eritrea (\$5 million), Ethiopia (\$23 million), Kenya (\$8 million), and Somalia (\$18 million). These allocations are part of CERF's \$250 million allocation to address critical needs in underfunded crises and to avert famine in countries with high levels of food insecurity. In addition, the SHF has allocated \$30 million<sup>2</sup> as of May to scale-up the drought response, with a focus on enabling local and national partners to reach people in the most underserved and hard-to-reach areas.



### Cash-based Assistance

To ensure resources are used efficiently and meet the most urgent needs, the Pooled Funds prioritize the use of cash-based assistance. Since 2021, the Pooled Funds have provided over \$46 million in assistance through this modality in the Horn of Africa. Of this amount, the EHF and SHF provided \$20 million, and CERF provided \$26 million.



### Anticipatory Action

The 2021 allocations from CERF included \$27 million through Anticipatory Action frameworks in Ethiopia and Somalia, which were triggered by rainfall forecasts and projected increases in food insecurity levels. These allocations allowed assistance to reach people before the rains had failed and supported more than 600,000 people across Somalia and more than 900,000 people in Ethiopia. They were conducted in complementarity with the EHF and SHF, that also released funds in response to the drought-related triggers. These allocations ensured continued access to water through rehabilitation and construction of boreholes and wells, distribution of drought-resistant seeds, early detection of disease outbreaks and provision of cash for education to keep children in school.



### Complementarity

Recent allocations in Ethiopia and Somalia showcase the strategic value of the pooled funds and the added value of their complementary use. In Ethiopia, a \$23 million allocation was made as part of CERF's first underfunded round of 2023 in parallel with the EHF. Similarly, in Somalia, an \$18 million famine prevention allocation was launched under the CERF's Rapid Response window, in close coordination with a \$25 million SHF standard allocation. These CERF and CBPF allocations aim to create synergies, focusing on the most vulnerable communities in underserved and drought-affected areas of Ethiopia and Somalia through multi-sector, integrated coordinated response by UN and NGO partners. Through joint messaging and enhanced visibility, complementary pooled fund allocations also provide an opportunity for advocacy to secure additional support.

<sup>1</sup> Allocations in 2021, 2022 and 2023 as of 18 May 2023 according to the CBPF/CERF databus.

<sup>2</sup> Of which \$2.2 million has been disbursed as of 18 May 2023.