

This background document provides an overview of CERF funding in 2025 as of 12 November (page 1) and highlights key allocations since the last Advisory Group meeting in June 2025 (page 2). More detailed, and real-time allocation information is available through CERF's online information tools, including the [CERF online allocation tracker](#), the [CERF Data Hub](#), and the [Pooled Funds Data Hub](#).

CERF IN ACTION¹

As of November, the global humanitarian funding outlook remains grim, with **only a quarter of Global Humanitarian Overview (GHO) financial requirements met** (\$11.3 billion of \$45.4 billion), one of the lowest coverage rates on record. Although shrinking humanitarian funding is impacting CERF, with the Fund facing its **lowest projected income in a decade**, its life-saving support has continued to enable UN agencies and partners to respond swiftly and effectively to acute humanitarian needs. **CERF has so far allocated \$312 million to support humanitarian operations in 28 countries²**, helping to assist millions of people affected by conflict, natural disasters, disease outbreaks and severe economic disruptions.

Jump-starting responses to emergencies: CERF has continued to serve as a **catalyst for rapid humanitarian response**, enabling swift and strategic action in the face of new and escalating crises. With **\$200 million allocated through its Rapid Response (RR) window so far in the year** (see Graph 1.), CERF's agility and speed has ensured that life-saving assistance reached affected populations without delay. In several instances, CERF-funded interventions were launched within hours of the initial request, including for Gaza and the Afghanistan earthquake. This underscores the Fund's unique ability to support UN agencies and their partners to quickly scale up humanitarian operations.

Scaling up Anticipatory Action: In 2025, CERF has continued to **expand the use of Anticipatory Action (AA)**, enabling faster, more efficient and dignified humanitarian interventions ahead of predictable shocks. 25 AA frameworks are currently supported by CERF in 20 countries. Of this, 11 frameworks in 8 countries are active, 5 frameworks in 4 countries are under development and 9 frameworks in 9 countries are undergoing revisions. So far in the year, CERF has disbursed close to **\$38 million through eight AA framework activations** in Afghanistan (drought), the Democratic Republic of Congo (cholera), Guatemala (drought), Mozambique (Tropical cyclone Chino), Nigeria (floods), Haiti and Cuba (Hurricane Melissa), and the Philippines (Typhoon Fung-wong). CERF's AA efforts in 2025 were underscored by **increasing funding complementarity with the Country-based Pooled Funds**, with Afghanistan and Nigeria marking the first AA framework activations where both funding mechanisms have pre-arranged dedicated financing from the outset and simultaneously released funding upon the framework's activation.

Boosting underfunded operations: **Despite facing its most severe funding shortfall in a decade, CERF has in 2025 remained a critical lifeline for underfunded emergencies.** Earlier in the year, \$112 million was allocated to 10 countries through CERF's underfunded emergencies (UFE) window.³ As the humanitarian system faces unprecedented funding shortfall globally, CERF is currently preparing another UFE allocation of up to \$100 million to support the most urgent, severe and underfunded crises operations identified in the hyper-prioritized Global Humanitarian Overview. **The allocation will strategically support Humanitarian Reset priorities** in select countries, such as increased community engagement, localization, and cash assistance. As part of the allocation a dedicated funding envelope in support of catalytic initiatives to advance gender equality in humanitarian operations will be made available.

Advancing Climate Action: Building on last year's thematic allocation pilot, CERF has continued to **advance climate-smart humanitarian action**, enabled by the CERF Climate Action Account (CCAA). In 2025, a second allocation of **\$9.5 million** supported innovative climate action interventions in **eight countries⁴**, helping communities adapt to climate-related shocks while meeting urgent life-saving needs. At present, the Fund is **unable to complement** the upcoming UFE round with a climate-smart humanitarian action envelope unless additional contributions to the **CCAA** are forthcoming.

¹ Preliminary data based on endorsed allocations as of 12 November 2025.

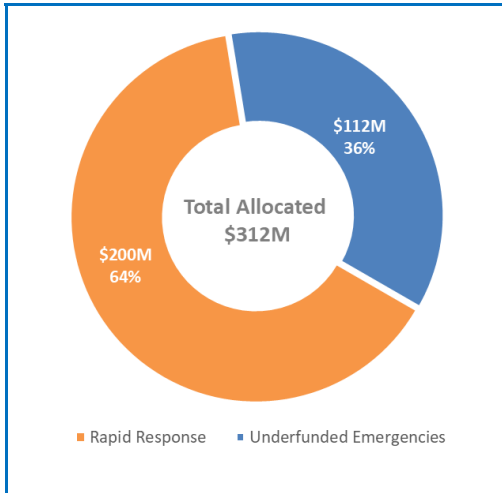
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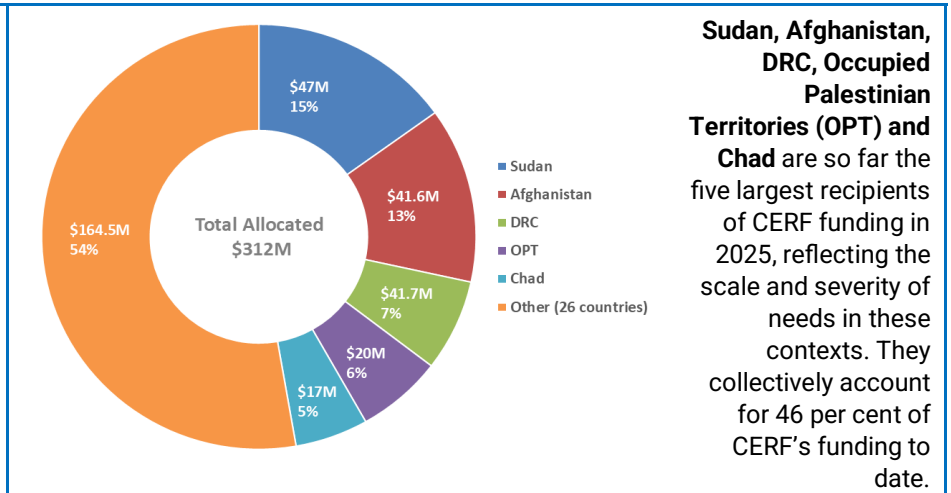
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CERF IN 2025: FUNDING BREAKDOWN (as of 12 November)

1. CERF FUNDING BY WINDOW

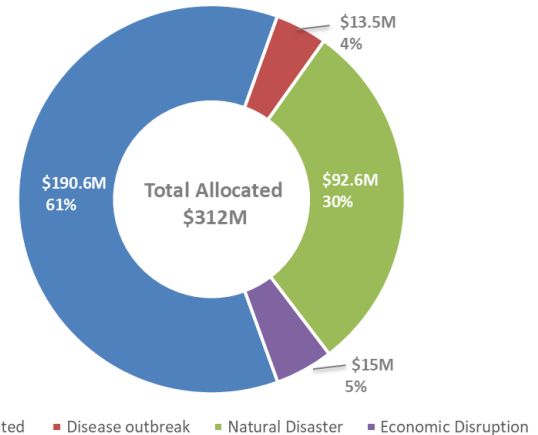


2. CERF FUNDING BY COUNTRY

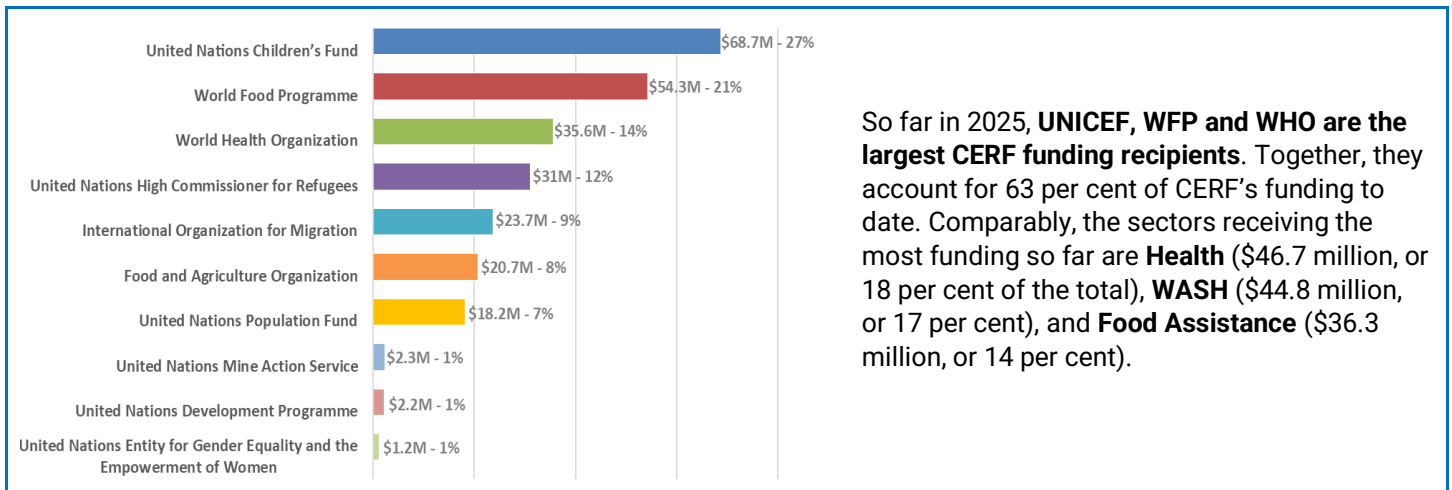


3. CERF FUNDING BY EMERGENCY TYPE

With conflicts continuing to drive humanitarian needs worldwide, **\$190.6 million, or approximately 61 per cent of total CERF allocations so far in 2025**, has been allocated to support critical humanitarian operations in countries affected by armed violence and conflict. Another **\$92.6 million, or 30 per cent** of the total, has been allocated to address natural disasters linked to climate and weather-related events. CERF has also allocated **\$13.5 million** to respond to disease outbreaks, including cholera and Ebola, and **\$15 million to severe humanitarian needs driven by other factors**.



4. CERF FUNDING BY AGENCY



ALLOCATION HIGHLIGHTS SINCE THE JUNE ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

Since the Advisory Group meeting in **June 2025**, CERF has responded to multiple emergencies across the globe. The following highlights illustrate the Fund's catalytic role in enabling timely and strategic humanitarian action.

Hurricane Melissa: CERF provided **\$12 million** to address the humanitarian needs caused by Hurricane Melissa in the Caribbean region:

- On 21 October, days before Hurricane Melissa began rapidly intensifying and as forecasts predicted "catastrophic flooding" and "life-threatening conditions" in **Haiti**, the Haiti AA Framework activated and a \$4 million CERF allocation was automatically triggered. This pre-arranged CERF funding enabled crucial efforts ahead of the Hurricane making landfall and ensured life-saving cash assistance, evacuation support, and essential supplies for over 100,000 people in the country's most vulnerable southern region where the storm impact later led to catastrophic flooding.
- On 24 October, as Hurricane Melissa further intensified into one of the strongest hurricanes ever recorded in the Atlantic, a \$4 million AA allocation from CERF was triggered through the **Cuba** AA framework – days ahead of expected landfall. The allocation delivered [lifesaving food, shelter, health, education, and WASH assistance](#) to over 170,000 people at severe risk.
- When Hurricane Melissa made landfall in **Jamaica** on 28 October as a Category 5 storm, the strongest ever recorded on the island, CERF fast-tracked a \$4 million Rapid Response allocation to enable UN agencies and partners to immediately scale up humanitarian operations in Jamaica, utilizing multi-purpose cash where possible. The monitoring tools built by OCHA to track hurricanes for the AA frameworks in Cuba and Haiti provided crucial information to support the urgent release of this allocation.

Occupied Palestinian Territory: In October, the announcement of a long-awaited ceasefire in Gaza created a critical window for the UN and its partners to urgently scale up operations in response to the catastrophic humanitarian crisis. To help scale up life-saving assistance and bolster winter preparedness under the [UN-coordinated 60-day Ceasefire Response Plan](#) while additional support was still being mobilized, CERF allocated **\$20 million from its RR window**. This funding included \$9 million to sustain essential fuel supplies to keep hospitals, water systems, and other critical services functioning amid a territory-wide electricity blackout, and a \$11 million top-up endorsed shortly after the announcement of the ceasefire.

Afghanistan: On 1 September, **less than 24 hours after a 6+ magnitude earthquake struck eastern Afghanistan** – leaving nearly 500,000 people in urgent need – **CERF allocated \$5 million to kick-start life-saving assistance**. This enabled UN agencies and partners to rapidly deliver shelter, WASH, food assistance, logistics, child protection, and emergency health services for more than 140,000 people, including significant numbers of women, children, and persons with disabilities. The allocation was complemented by **\$5 million from the Afghanistan Humanitarian Fund**⁵

Sudan: The humanitarian crisis in Sudan worsened dramatically in the second half of 2025 as armed conflict intensified, driving mass displacement, disease outbreaks, and famine-like conditions in several areas. On 28 October, as violence and displacement surged in **El Fasher** and surrounding areas, CERF provided **\$20 million in RR funding** to scale up supply distributions for **2.5 million people** and maintain reserves for future operations across **17 of the hardest hit localities**. This helped prevent pipeline breaks and ensured continuity of **food, health, WASH, and non-food item supplies** for the coming months. This was complemented by **\$58 million from the Sudan Humanitarian Fund**.⁶ Through joint planning and strategic sequencing, the Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator **leveraged both mechanisms strategically to sustain the backbone** of the humanitarian response ensuring complementarity at the operational, sectoral, and geographic levels.

⁵ Afghanistan is CERF's second-largest recipient in 2025, with \$41.7 million received for rapid response, including anticipatory action, and underfunded emergencies.

⁶ Preliminary data based on endorsed allocations from July 2025 as of 12 November 2025.

CERF ALLOCATIONS IN 2025 (as of 12 November)

Country	RR in US\$	UFE in US\$	Total Funds Allocated	Percentage of Total
Sudan	\$25M	\$22M	\$47M	15.1%
Afghanistan	\$21.7M	\$20M	\$41.7M	13.4%
DRC	\$21.7M	\$0	\$21.7M	7.0%
Occupied Palestinian Territory	\$20M	\$0	\$20M	6.4%
Chad	\$1M	\$16M	\$17M	5.4%
Somalia	\$0	\$14.8M	\$14.8M	4.8%
Haiti	\$13M	\$0	\$13M	4.2%
Venezuela	\$2M	\$9M	\$11M	3.6%
Nigeria	\$11M	\$0	\$11M	3.5%
Mozambique	\$10M	\$0	\$10M	3.2%
South Sudan	\$10M	\$0	\$10M	3.2%
Lebanon	\$10M	\$0	\$10M	3.2%
Myanmar	\$10M	\$0	\$10M	3.2%
Niger	\$0	\$8.6M	\$8.6M	2.8%
CAR	\$0	\$6.7M	\$6.7M	2.1%
Philippines	\$5.9M	\$0	\$5.9M	1.9%
Burkina Faso	\$5.9M	\$0	\$5.9M	1.9%
Pakistan	\$5M	\$0	\$5M	1.6%
Mauritania	\$0	\$5M	\$5M	1.6%
Honduras	\$0	\$5M	\$5M	1.6%
Zambia	\$0	\$4.7M	\$4.7M	1.5%
Cuba	\$4M	\$0	\$4M	1.3%
Guatemala	\$4M	\$0	\$4M	1.3%
Jamaica	\$4M	\$0	\$4M	1.3%
Colombia	\$3.8M	\$0	\$3.8M	1.2%
Ethiopia	\$3M	\$0	\$3M	1.0%
Uganda	\$2.5M	\$0	\$2.5M	0.8%
Burundi	\$2.5M	\$0	\$2.5M	0.8%
Angola	\$1.8M	\$0	\$1.8M	0.6%
Republic of Congo	\$1M	\$0	\$1M	0.3%
Bolivia	\$1M	\$0	\$1M	0.3%
Total	\$200M	\$112M	\$312M	100%