

An aerial view of Tiwega 1, a camp for displaced people set in Kaya, in the Centre-Nord region of Burkina Faso. The site is hosting 2240 displaced people who fled insecurity in northern cities of Dabou and Foubè, close to the border with the Sahel region. Credit: UNOCHA/ Michele Cattani



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# OCHA Humanitarian Pooled Funds in Action Providing a lifeline for the forcibly displaced

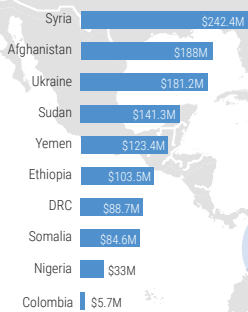
The world is facing a displacement crisis, with the number of people forced from their homes reaching an unprecedented **114 million in 2023**. Over 56 per cent of them – 75.9 million people – are displaced within their own countries, a dramatic three-fold increase from 1992. Refugees have seen their numbers double in the past decade, reaching 36.4 million. Displacement is predicted to exacerbate due to climate change, which the World Bank estimates could internally displace over 200 million people by 2050.

**OCHA's Country-based Pooled Funds (CBPFs) and the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) are at the forefront of responding to humanitarian needs arising from forced displacement.** They are also instrumental in mitigating the risks of new displacements by supporting rapid and early delivery of humanitarian assistance, enabling people to cope with emergencies in their places of origin.

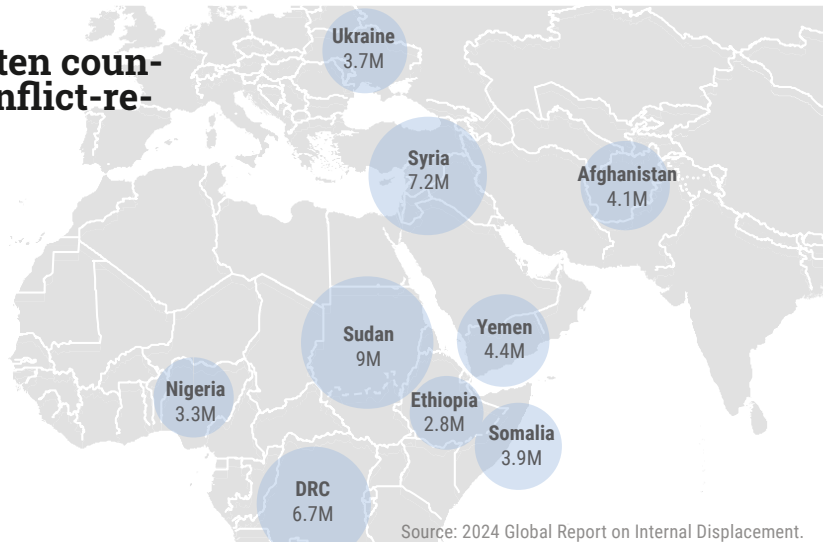
**Displaced populations often face far greater challenges than those who haven't been forced from their homes.** Pooled Funds recognize this vulnerability and have consistently prioritized assistance to them. In 2023, they allocated over \$1.4 billion out of their \$1.8 billion funding to assist people affected by displacement. The aid reached some 20 million IDPs and 5 million refugees, as well as returnees and populations hosting them.

## 67% of CBPF and CERF funding went to ten countries where two-thirds of the world's conflict-related IDPs live *(see map for number of IDPs)*

2023 Pooled Funds Total Funding



Colombia 5M



Source: 2024 Global Report on Internal Displacement.

### With their agile and immediate response, Pooled Funds...

**Prioritize needs and protection** of forcibly displaced people and their host communities.

**Encourage the voice and participation of displaced people** in aid delivery while building local capacities.

**Foster a "solutions-from-the-start" approach** by supporting humanitarian activities that create opportunities for durable solutions.

**Leverage allocations to advocate for displaced people's inclusion in long-term plans** of Government and development actors.

In 2023,



**\$1.4B** a significant majority of Pooled Funds' allocations enabled aid delivery to people affected by displacement



**80%** of people assisted by the Pooled Funds were those affected by displacement



**30.2M** people affected by forced displacement were assisted by CBPFs



**24.8M** people affected by forced displacement were assisted by CERF

## A strategic approach to addressing the consequences of forced displacement

**Prioritize the needs and protection of forcibly displaced and their host communities.** By supporting multi-sectoral assistance, they address the diverse needs of displaced people. Given the unique vulnerabilities of displaced people, the Funds also support dedicated protection initiatives that ensure physical safety, prevent violence and exploitation, and advocate for their access to legal rights and justice system.

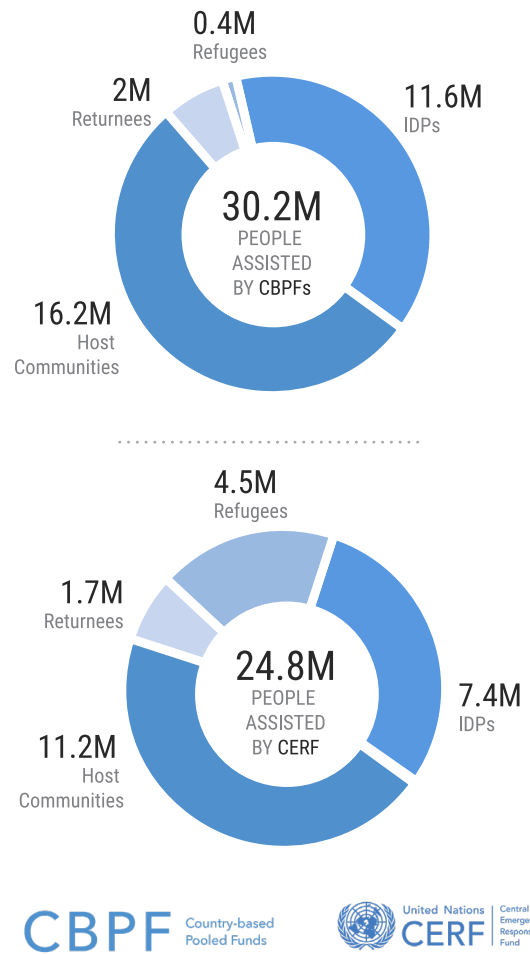
**Encourage the voice and participation of displaced communities in aid delivery, while building local capacities.** As part of their people-centered approach, the Funds involve communities affected by displacement in needs assessments and response planning. They also partner with local and national actors, including in contexts affected by displacement, to strengthen capacities and enable locally-led response. In 2023, over 30 per cent of their \$1.8 billion allocations was channeled either directly or through sub-grants to 722 local and national partners, many of which are led by IDPs and refugees.

**Foster a "solutions-from-the-start" approach by supporting humanitarian activities that create opportunities for durable solutions.** Driven by their humanitarian mandate and whenever circumstances permit, the Funds support humanitarian delivery that bolsters pathways to solutions whenever circumstances permit. The Pooled Funds invest in education and vocational training, income-generating activities, housing and legal aid (land and property rights and access to documentation) where and when needed to help facilitate safe return, local integration or resettlement.

**Leverage allocations to advocate for durable solutions, and displaced people's inclusion in long-term plans of Government and development actors.** The Funds use allocations as a basis to advocate for government's leadership in prioritizing solutions and integrating marginalized populations into national plans, and also part of urging development actors to engage in conflict-affected areas and address the root causes of vulnerability.

**Depending on the context, Pooled Funds strategically plan, layer, and sequence their activities alongside other actors to ensure coherence and complementarity.** For instance, in close collaboration with the Internal Displacement Solutions Fund (IDSF), OCHA helps align and ensure complementarity in addressing the consequences of forced displacement and laying the groundwork for durable solutions.

2023 Pooled Funds Assistance for People Affected by Displacement (in millions of people)



## Yemen: a spotlight on strategic and coherent funding to address displacement

Yemen grapples with one of the world's worst displacement crises, with over 4.5 million IDPs after nine years of war. Working in close collaboration with humanitarian and development actors, CERF, the Yemen Humanitarian Fund (YHF) and the Internal Displacement Solutions Fund (IDSF) strategically aligned their allocations to maximize impact and pave the way for durable solutions.

In July 2023, YHF allocated \$45 million to improve living conditions in IDP sites, providing shelter and essential water and sanitation infrastructures. In October 2023, CERF injected \$20 million, prioritizing life-saving activities that fostered resilience and self-sufficiency among IDPs – including the

creation of livelihood opportunities, shelter rehabilitation, and education, and facilitating local integration of IDPs while promoting social cohesion with host communities.

Together, through their allocations, the Funds laid the groundwork for investment in durable solutions. In March 2024, the IDSF released \$2.8 million to support national and local authorities to implement area-based, "out of camp" durable solutions programs. With the resources, the authorities will advance community-led development solutions in Aden, Marib, Taiz, and Lahj, with the aim of scaling up successful models.