In 2017, CERF was one of the first responders to warning signs in North-east Nigeria, South Sudan, Somalia and Yemen where more than 20 million people were near famine. By end-August, CERF had released nearly US$128 million in grants and loan to support the most critical early action and life-saving activities prioritized by the humanitarian team in each country, making it one of the largest funding sources in the early stages of the response. In North-east Nigeria, CERF allocated $32 million to reach some 1.3 million people affected by Boko Haram-related violence and food insecurity with emergency relief assistance and common services for humanitarian partners that enable operations. In Somalia, CERF released $33 million in grants and $22 million loan to help more than 500,000 conflict- and drought-affected people in Puntland, Somaliland and South Central. Aid agencies in Yemen received $25 million for famine prevention and cholera response, including food, nutrition and health supplies, as well as the necessary logistical and security support for all humanitarian partners. In South Sudan, CERF allocated $16 million to support humanitarian action in locations where famine or elevated risk of famine was declared and to attend to urgent needs in areas of new or intensified conflict.