When people struck by emergencies need water, sanitation and hygiene Immediate CERF funding is there to save lives and protect people

The UNITED NATIONS has a CENTRAL mechanism to ensure that in any EMERGENCY people have the RESPONSE they need, through a global FUND from all nations and for all people.

CERF yearly allocates approximately US$450 million to emergencies across the globe. On average, US$45 million of these ensure urgent water, sanitation and hygiene assistance for 13 million people.

Millions of people today have limited access to water, sanitation and proper hygiene. CERF ensures rapid funding for life-saving water, sanitation and hygiene assistance the moment crises strike and also enables aid when the world’s attention to the crises later fades away.

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CERF is the UN’s global humanitarian aid fund enabling coordinated life-saving response.

In a relentless, time-limited race with crises, CERF raises and provides funds in advance and directly to those whom they have the greatest impact. When crises occur, humanitarian organizations need all that they can muster to respond. CERF funds within hours, allowing them to kickoff life-saving work immediately. CERF funding is fast, flexible, predictable and based on the saving priorities set collectively by humanitarian partners on the ground.

CERF has allocated more than $2 billion in 2017 to underfunded emergencies in 2017, some $12.5 million support life-saving WASH activities. At a time when the crises fade from the world’s attention. Through CERF’s underfunded sector have donated to CERF — including 47 member states that also have received CERF funding — a testament to CERF’s importance. Since CERF was founded, global humanitarian needs have more than quadrupled. To keep up with the needs, the UN’s General Assembly has endorsed doubling CERF’s contribution to the UN’s humanitarian response. Currently, the UN Secretary-General has $4.5 billion to support on-the-ground humanitarian interventions.

FUND

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EMERGENCY

The number of people in need of urgent humanitarian aid has in 2017 surpassed an all-time high of 145 million.

With food and shelter, some of the most important needs in a hurry, prioritizing access to safe drinking water, sanitation and proper hygiene. Without water and sanitation, the risk for catastrophe increases, hundreds of millions of people - mostly in rural areas - who defecate in the open.

Global WASH needs

There are 5 billion people with drinking water, 5 million people with agricultural assistance, 4.5 million people with assistance and protection. The increasing scale and intensity of emergencies calls for a larger, more robust CERF. I urge all donors to see what more they can do to support. Norway is a strong and consistent supporter of CERF. As the fourth largest donor since 2006, we have provided a total of 662.5 million US dollars. We value CERF’s ability to mobilize funds quickly and reach those who need humanitarian assistance. A bigger, more robust CERF – able to deliver to the immediate needs of the people who need humanitarian assistance. A bigger, more robust CERF – in the era of ever-growing crises, can do so much more. I urge the General Assembly to double CERF to address the needs of those facing even more acute and unprecedented emergencies.

Response

CERF delivers assistance and protection to people in need wherever and whenever crises hit.

Over the last four years, CERF has allocated more than $2 billion (12% of total aid) to urgent WASH services for millions of people in need - making WASH assistance the largest CERF allocation sector in 2017. CERF ensures WASH-related funding assignments for more than 2 in 10 people.

WASH activities are gender sensitive. They ensure women and girls are the providers of household water and sanitation; safe drinking water (in many countries women and girls are the providers of household water and sanitation); distribution of hygiene and dignity kits. CERF is a fund by all, for all – made up of governments, international organizations and the private sector. It is an innovative partnership that allows all its contributors to provide emergency response funding to the UN agencies, IOM, UNICEF, WHO, WFP, UNHCR and others that implement life-saving and life-saving programs in beneficiary countries.

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