

# Global Humanitarian Thematic Funding 2019

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**Somaliland, 2019**

Two sisters sit at a UNICEF-supported health centre in Hargeisa, Somaliland (November 2019).

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## WHAT IS GLOBAL HUMANITARIAN THEMATIC FUNDING?

UNICEF seeks adequate and quality flexible resources to support effective preparedness and timely response to humanitarian and protection needs, particularly of the most vulnerable populations. UNICEF thematic contributions are pooled, flexible multi-year funds to support the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018–2021, including humanitarian action. This quality funding<sup>1</sup> helps UNICEF to achieve its mandate to advocate for children's rights, help meet the basic needs of children, and expand their full potential and the opportunities open to them.

Humanitarian thematic funding contributions at all levels – global, regional and country – allow partners to support the achievements set out under the UNICEF Humanitarian Action for Children appeal. Global humanitarian thematic funding (GHTF) is, after regular resources, the most flexible form of funding – allowing rapid and strategic responses by UNICEF to humanitarian crises. GHTF allows UNICEF to deliver assistance to the most vulnerable children when and where it is needed and in a timely and effective manner.

The nature of GHTF allows for faster and more cost-effective response than other external humanitarian funding mechanisms. When an adequate GHTF pool is available, it can critically improve aid effectiveness and predictability in humanitarian response.

## WHY INVEST IN GLOBAL HUMANITARIAN THEMATIC FUNDING?

### **Saving lives, protecting rights and securing a better, healthier and safer future for children and their communities**

UNICEF is able to reach the most vulnerable children and to use available resources strategically and effectively thanks to the fast, flexible and multi-year nature of GHTF. As well as being the fastest and most effective way to reach children caught up in crises with humanitarian action, GHTF is also an essential enabler of the global Humanitarian Action for Children appeal by UNICEF. The mechanism allows UNICEF country offices to spring into emergency response straight away. When a new crisis emerges, GHTF also allows prioritization of the response.

With this type of funding, UNICEF and its partners are able to:

- **Provide immediate life-saving assistance** to the children most in need;
- **Speedily release funds** for sudden-onset emergencies, within 24 hours as needed;
- **Respond more equitably based on needs**, by reaching children in smaller and/or forgotten crises, in underfunded sectors (e.g., child protection) and in multi-country and subregional crises;
- **React faster in underfunded/forgotten emergencies** – it is difficult to gain international attention for forgotten crises, but GHTF helps to address this gap;
- **Invest in preparedness** to deliver a more timely and effective response through a predictability that facilitates strategic and stronger UNICEF programming;
- **Ensure more cost-effective response** – preparedness for early response (better risk analysis and the identification of high-return actions) saves lives and makes the emergency response faster and more efficient. Every US\$1 invested early in high-risk humanitarian contexts saves an average of over US\$4 on the next emergency, and speeds up operations by more than 12 days.



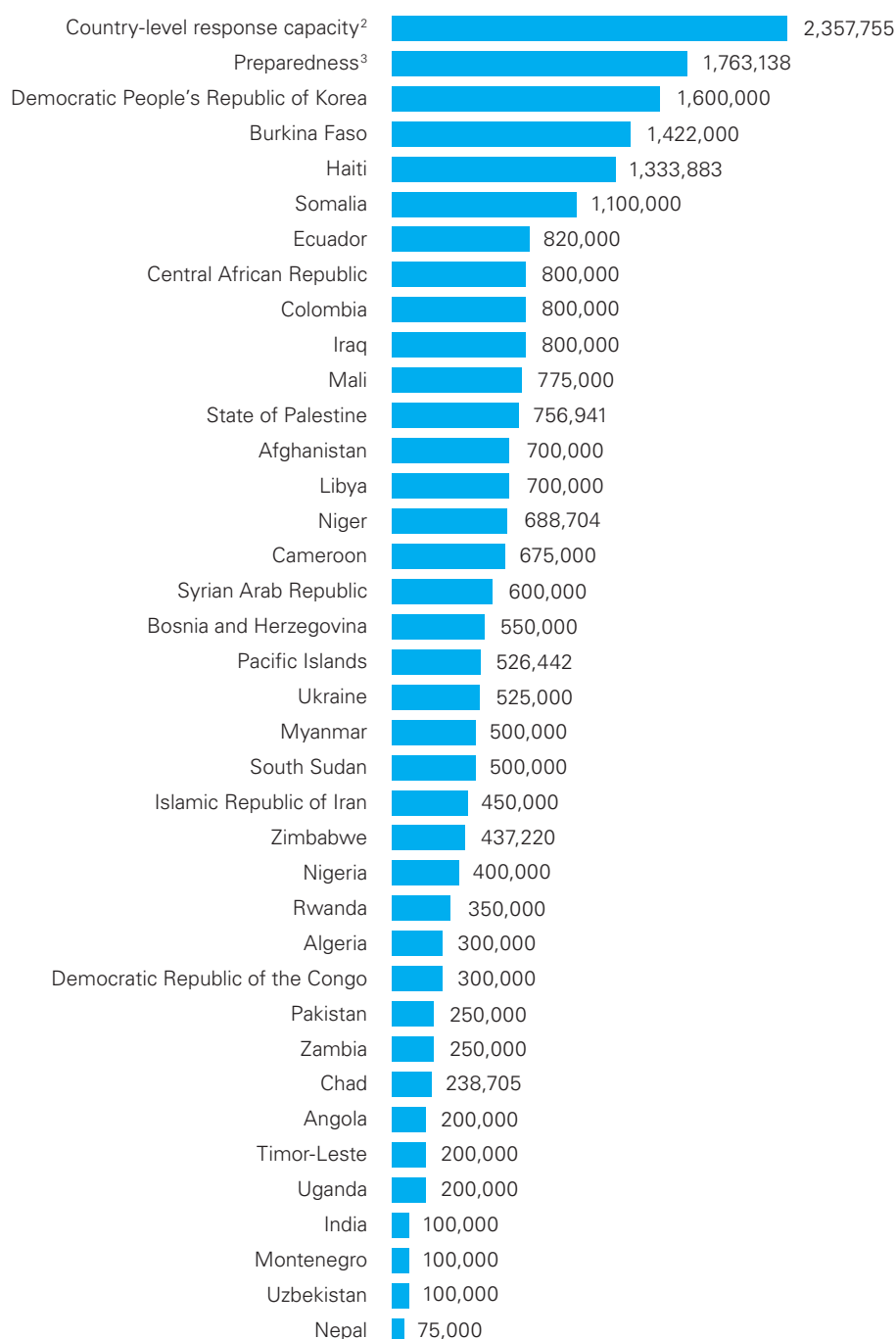
### **Iraq – Social protection**

Emergency officer Haider Al-Ithawi with students after the distribution of winter uniforms at Qushtapa Camp, Iraq (November 2019).

<sup>1</sup> The funding is predictable, flexible and multi-year.

# GLOBAL HUMANITARIAN THEMATIC FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

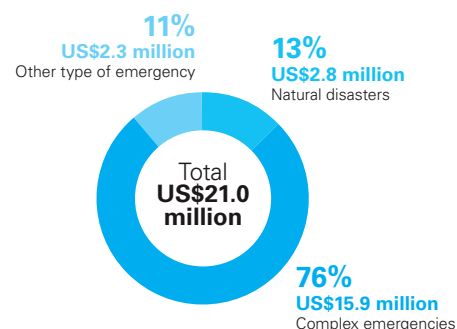
## 2019 global humanitarian thematic funding country-level allocations (US\$)



In 2019, UNICEF allocated US\$31.8 million of programmable GHTF for global humanitarian action.<sup>4</sup> Eighty per cent of this amount (US\$25.4 million) supported humanitarian action in country and regional offices, 5 per cent (US\$1.8 million) supported global and country level preparedness work, and 15 per cent (US\$4.7 million) supported other global efforts.



Ten of the most chronically underfunded emergencies received, based on the criteria indicated, 27 per cent of all country allocations: Burkina Faso, Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Libya, Mali, Myanmar, Nigeria, Pakistan, Uganda and Ukraine. Nearly US\$15.9 million, or 76 per cent of country-level allocations, supported complex humanitarian situations triggered by socio-political crises, mainly conflicts, and nearly US\$2.8 million or 13 per cent supported countries responding to natural disasters.



<sup>2</sup> Direct implementation support for country offices, including technical support through the deployment of Emergency Response Team members and contingency for urgent critical support.

<sup>3</sup> Includes investments in organizational preparedness systems and country-specific preparedness actions.

<sup>4</sup> UNICEF received US\$30.5 million in GHTF in 2019 but the amount allocated in 2019 is higher because it includes an amount carried over from 2018.



# ALLOCATION CRITERIA

A senior-level allocations committee in UNICEF governs GHTF allocations against the aforementioned criteria. The directors of the Public Partnerships Division, Programme Division and Office of Emergency Programmes endorse the proposals for GHTF allocation. The proposals are then reviewed and approved by the Deputy Director of Programmes. A set of clear criteria is used to allocate GHTF at all levels – country, regional, multi-regional and global. These criteria include:

- Critical unmet needs for the most vulnerable children
- Critical funding gaps based on available and projected contributions
- Strong implementation capacity based on the delivery track records of regular country programmes



## Afghanistan

**GHTF allocation:**  
**US\$200,000**



### Criteria applied:

- Protracted crisis exacerbated by severe food insecurity, affecting 13.6 million people, with 2 million children under 5 years suffering from acute malnutrition (600,000 with SAM).
- Critical underfunding, with only 5 per cent of the humanitarian appeal funded as of April 2019 and no additional funds forecasted at the time of GHTF allocation.
- Strong implementation capacity at the field level, with high utilization of regular resources (62 per cent) and other resources regular (48 per cent) at the time of GHTF allocation.



## Democratic People's Republic of Korea

**GHTF allocation:**  
**US\$500,000**



### Criteria applied:

- Critical underfunding, with only 44 per cent of the humanitarian appeal funded as of October 2019, and few prospects for new funding given the political dynamics and firm continuation of sanctions.
- No additional funds forecasted at the time of GHTF allocation. GHTF is a key funding source when no other resources are available – it can be a lifeline to ensure that activities are implemented.
- Strong implementation capacity at the field level, with high utilization of regular resources (94 per cent) and other resources regular (61 per cent) at the time of GHTF allocation.



## Iraq

**GHTF allocation:**  
**US\$600,000**



### Criteria applied:

- Protracted crisis against a background of prolonged internal displacement of people in Iraq dating back to mid-2014.
- Critical underfunding, with only 17 per cent of the humanitarian appeal funded for the UNICEF response to refugees from the Syrian Arab Republic in Iraq as of the end of September 2019, and US\$5.3 million additional funds forecasted at the time of GHTF allocation.
- Strong implementation capacity at the field level, with high utilization of regular resources (75 per cent) and other resources regular (76 per cent) at the time of GHTF allocation.



## Burkina Faso

**GHTF allocation:**  
**US\$222,000**



### Criteria applied:

- Deteriorating humanitarian situation, with an estimated 1.2 million people experiencing food insecurity, including over 133,000 children under 5 years with severe acute malnutrition (SAM).
- Critical underfunding, with only 15 per cent of the humanitarian appeal funded as of September 2019, and no additional funds forecasted at the time of GHTF allocation.
- Strong implementation capacity at the field level, with high utilization of regular resources (92 per cent) and other resources regular (74 per cent) at the time of GHTF allocation.



## Colombia

**GHTF allocation:**  
**US\$300,000**



### Criteria applied:

- Continued deterioration of the conflict, with rising reports of attacks, assassinations, displacements, recruitment and landmines. As of August 2019, 1.4 million people from the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, including 350,000 children, have crossed the border into Colombia.
- Critical underfunding, with only 22 per cent of the humanitarian appeal funded as of August 2019, and no additional funds forecasted at the time of GHTF allocation.
- Strong implementation capacity at the field level, with high utilization of regular resources (83 per cent) and other resources regular (70 per cent) at the time of GHTF allocation.



## Ukraine

**GHTF allocation:**  
**US\$300,000**



### Criteria applied:

- Deteriorating humanitarian situation, including 32 security incidents at operating schools and 77 incidents related to water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH).
- Critical underfunding, with only 21 per cent of the humanitarian appeal funded as of December 2019, and no additional funds forecasted at the time of GHTF allocation.
- Strong implementation capacity at the field level, with high utilization of regular resources (68 per cent) and other resources regular (90 per cent) at the time of GHTF allocation.



## Zimbabwe

**GHTF allocation:**  
**US\$200,000**



### Criteria applied:

- Deteriorating humanitarian situation, including almost 5,700 cumulative typhoid cases as of October 2019 and increased incidence of cholera.
- Critical underfunding, with only 34 per cent of the humanitarian appeal funded as of October 2019 and a shortfall of US\$15.7 million.
- Strong implementation capacity at the field level, with high utilization of regular resources (86 per cent) and other resources regular (84 per cent) at the time of GHTF allocation.

# WHO SUPPORTS GLOBAL HUMANITARIAN THEMATIC FUNDING?

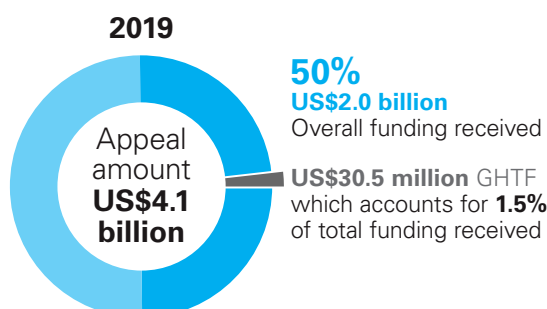
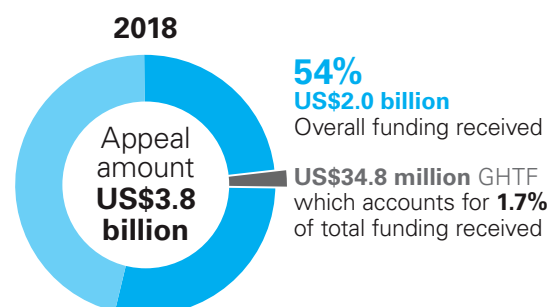
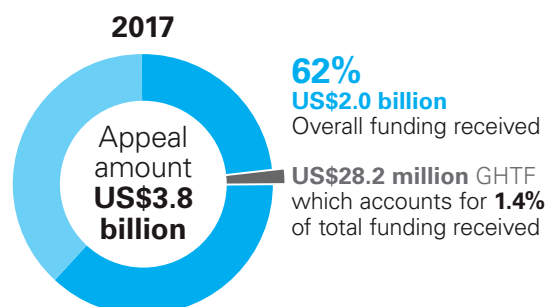
The Netherlands retained its position as the largest government contributor to GHTF for humanitarian action. Partners that are consistent in providing support to GHTF over the years continue to be essential in supporting UNICEF to reach the most vulnerable, crisis-affected and forgotten children. Each one of these resource partners, regardless of the size of their contribution, shares in the achievements of GHTF worldwide.

## Top 10 sources of global humanitarian thematic funding, 2015–2019 (US\$)

1	Netherlands	95,150,023
2	Swedish Committee for UNICEF	11,011,652
3	United Kingdom Committee for UNICEF	6,672,009
4	UNICEF Thailand	5,078,371
5	Republic of Korea	5,000,000
6	U.S. Fund for UNICEF	3,297,964
7	Finnish Committee for UNICEF	3,220,001
8	Denmark	2,425,846
9	Canada	2,390,381
10	UNICEF China	1,048,948

In 2019, of the total funds received in the UNICEF appeal, US\$145.3 million was thematic funding for humanitarian responses at the country, regional and global levels – a reduction overall compared with the previous year. When looking at the portion of GHTF, about 1.5 per cent or US\$30.5 million was raised in 2019 – a fall of 12 per cent compared with 2018, primarily due to a lower GHTF contribution from private sector donors. Now more than ever, UNICEF urges its resource partners to invest in flexible resources for humanitarian action to reach millions of children and their communities – GHTF is our collective commitment to respond effectively to growing needs. Strong UNICEF humanitarian action needs strong, reliable and predictable GHTF.

## UNICEF humanitarian funding trends 2017–2019



## Key donors supporting UNICEF humanitarian action through National Committees in 2019

National Committees	Key donors
United Kingdom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ALEX AND ANI</li> <li>Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies</li> <li>Next Gen – London</li> <li>Eleva Foundation</li> <li>easyJet</li> <li>London Stock Exchange Group</li> <li>Manchester United Limited</li> </ul>
Ireland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Primark</li> </ul>
Sweden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Svenska Postkodlotteria</li> </ul>
Thailand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sansiri</li> </ul>
United States	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abram and Ray Kaplan Foundation</li> </ul>

### Mali – Nutrition

A girl awaits a measles vaccination in Leauvaa Village as part of a UNICEF-supported national campaign in response to the measles outbreak in the Pacific region. Behind her is a cold box bearing a UNICEF logo. Cold boxes play a vital role in maintaining the cold chain, a series of temperature controls necessary to maintain vaccine potency from manufacture through inoculation (December 2019).

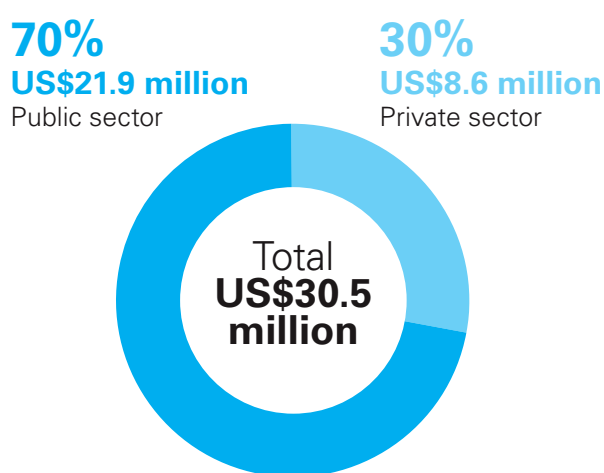




# 2019 GLOBAL HUMANITARIAN THEMATIC FUNDING AT A GLANCE

UNICEF acknowledges the partners who have supported GHTF in 2019 – they are the lifeline for flexible resources in humanitarian response. All contributions help to achieve the results and impacts on children and their communities.

## Global humanitarian thematic funding by type of resource partner, 2019



With a total GHTF amount contributed of US\$30.5 million, around US\$21.9 million came from six public sector partners and the remaining US\$8.6 million, from 21 private sector partners. While the total GHTF received fell below that of the previous year, there were 27 resource partners in 2019, up two on the number in 2018.

The Netherlands began a new multi-year GHTF contribution to UNICEF in 2019, donating US\$55 million for 2019–2021.

On behalf of some of the world's most vulnerable children in need, UNICEF owes thanks and acknowledgment to all its resource partners providing GHTF in 2019 – these contributions make a huge difference.

UNICEF will continue to diversify its base of humanitarian donors and will expand flexible financial support. This will help the organization to deliver effective programmes for millions of children, including life-saving assistance and protection, and activities that enhance preparedness, strengthen systems and build resilience. UNICEF will also continue to link humanitarian action to longer-term goals so that no child is left behind.

## Sources of global humanitarian thematic funding, 2019 (US\$)

1	Netherlands	18,599,562
2	Swedish Committee for UNICEF	2,663,128
3	United Kingdom Committee for UNICEF	2,193,618
4	Republic of Korea	1,666,667
5	UNICEF Thailand	1,039,578
6	U.S. Fund for UNICEF	872,102
7	Denmark	609,849
8	UNICEF China	562,593
9	Finnish Committee for UNICEF	510,289
10	United States	500,000
11	Canada	477,752
12	Danish Committee for UNICEF	244,719
13	Canadian UNICEF Committee	160,710
14	Australian Committee for UNICEF	60,767
15	Norwegian Committee for UNICEF	59,255
16	French Committee for UNICEF	36,412
17	Italian Committee for UNICEF	36,412
18	Swiss Committee for UNICEF	36,412
19	Belgian Committee for UNICEF	35,414
20	Belgium	30,523
21	German Committee for UNICEF	21,240
22	Netherlands Committee for UNICEF	21,240
23	Portuguese Committee for UNICEF	21,240
24	New Zealand Committee for UNICEF	13,197
25	Spanish Committee for UNICEF	9,103
26	International online donations	8,500
27	UNICEF United Arab Emirates	7,822
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>30,498,106</b>

**Slovakia is fully committed to humanitarian action, and UNICEF is our key partner in this regard. Together with UNICEF, we are able to fulfill one of our most valued moral responsibilities: taking care of children – our future leaders – and making sure they have a happy and fulfilling childhood. We support children and young people in humanitarian crises around the world, and try to address their needs through education, health care, protection and nutrition assistance. When we fulfill their needs, we improve our collective future.**

– H. E. Ivan Korčok, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic

# AFGHANISTAN

***Flexible humanitarian thematic funding supports nutrition, water, sanitation and hygiene, and child protection services in remote regions of Afghanistan affected by conflict and drought.***

Humanitarian needs driven by armed conflict, natural disasters and poverty are on the rise in Afghanistan. In Herat, UNICEF and partners supported integrated mobile health and nutrition teams reaching 570 children affected by SAM with life-saving treatment. Flexible humanitarian thematic funds, including GHTF, were critical to supporting preventative counselling sessions on infant and young child feeding given to over 5,000 caregivers, including pregnant and lactating women. The flexibility of GHTF allowed UNICEF to support technical quality assurance, monitoring and reporting on the nutrition response.

With Afghanistan at high risk of natural disasters, humanitarian thematic funding also supported key preparedness actions in the country. These included the pre-positioning of critical WASH supplies, which allowed UNICEF to implement an effective and timely WASH response in disaster-prone and conflict-affected areas. These funds also provided continued access to WASH services at border crossings for over 7,300 people returning from Pakistan.

GHTF was crucial to the child protection response in Badghis and Herat, two western regions of Afghanistan. Humanitarian thematic funding including GHTF directly supported nearly 50 per cent of child protection implementation. Among the beneficiaries were more than 10,000 displaced children (over half of them girls) reached with mental health and psychosocial support services and structured child protection activities, delivered via 30 child protection spaces (both mobile and stationary spaces). Over 20,000 community members (more than 45 per cent of them women) were trained to hold community



## Afghanistan – WASH

UNICEF celebrates Global Hand Washing Day in Daykundi, Afghanistan, where students have to walk long distances to school (October 2019).

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