



Save the Children

The Humanitarian Fund

Progress Report - Quarter 3, 2023



Executive Summary

In the third quarter of 2023, the Humanitarian Fund (HF) continued to build on work initiated in the first half of the year, particularly around increasing funding allocations to support locally led humanitarian action, mitigating anticipated risks through funding for Anticipatory Action (AA) initiatives, and overall support for countries with high needs. Since January, members have contributed over \$53 million in fully flexible funding and \$4.8 million in earmarked funding, representing 48% of the HF's 2023 funding target of \$120 million. A further \$19.8 million has been pledged for the Türkiye and Syria earthquake, and \$8.3 million for the Ukraine crisis. This brings the total contributions through Q3 to \$85.9M.

In Q3, the HF allocated \$23 million to 45 country offices (CO), three members, and two regional offices (RO). Of this, \$21.4 million was fully flexible and general earmarked funding, and \$1.5 million for the Ukraine crisis and Türkiye and Syria earthquake response. As of September, more than 16.8 million people, including more than 9.3 million children, had been reached in countries supported by the HF in 2023.

With the return of the El Niño phenomenon in 2023, countries around the world are facing heightened risk of droughts, floods, heatwaves, and storms. To help prepare for and mitigate its impacts, the HF allocated over \$2 million to more than 14 countries at risk of being negatively affected by El Niño. Overall, the HF allocated over \$5.4 million for AA and preparedness in Q3, which is 25% of all fully flexible and general earmarked allocations in the quarter.

Following the HF's "Supporting locally led humanitarian action through flexible funding" window in Q2, the amount of funding provided to local and national partners through SC implementing offices has increased significantly. In Q3, countries committed \$10.2 million in HF funding to local and national partners, which is equivalent to 45% of all Q3 HF allocations. This is a reflection of the commitment to further the localization agenda and support local actors in addressing humanitarian needs in their own communities.

The HF has also been focusing on building an evidence base on the impact and added value of flexible funding. This work will support transformational dialogues with internal and external stakeholders on the implementation of Grand Bargain commitments around quality funding, AA, and localization. This has been taking place through a joint learning exercise with SC Sweden and the Humanitarian Evidence and Learning teams, experience sharing webinars with COs, and reviewing systems and processes to maximise the use of existing data from countries.

As seen with the escalation of violence in Gaza, earthquakes in Afghanistan and Nepal, and the continued impact of El Niño around the world, humanitarian needs persist and will likely deteriorate through Q4. Your support through flexible funding continues to be as vital as ever, ensuring that fast and lifesaving aid is provided to children facing devastating crises in the remaining months of the year and whenever possible enabling SC to mitigate the impact of those foreseeable ones.

Q3 2023 Achievements and Challenges

Ensuring sufficient resources to support highest needs

Having started the second half of the year with lower funding levels than expected, the HF has had to prioritise allocations, as the HF tries to ensure that the existing funds can drive sufficient resources where the needs are highest, including to the largest and most complex crises. This has resulted in reductions to allocation amounts compared to previous quarters, and the inability to fund some applications.

To ensure our needs-based approach remains at the centre of funding decisions, higher scrutiny of allocation assessments is taking place, placing further attention on considering whether national structures have been overwhelmed and require SC support. This has also helped the HF to maintain a positive balance and the means to support sudden-onset large-scale emergencies up to the end of the year.

El Niño Allocations

With the return of the El Niño phenomenon in 2023, the HF funded a \$2 million designated round of allocations to support early action and preparedness initiatives to

14 countries at risk of extreme climate events caused by El Niño. With limited funding available for AA globally, the HF allocations have provided these countries with much needed resources to help mitigate the impacts of El Niño and position SCI COs to leverage AA funding.

Telling the Story of Flexible Funding

Over the past months, the HF has been exploring how to better communicate the impact of flexible funding, both to internal and external audiences. This has involved collecting and generating evidence from countries on what the flexibility of the HF has enabled them to do, and the difference that the funds have made in diverse humanitarian contexts.

The HF has been working with SC Sweden and the Humanitarian Evidence and Learning teams on a flexible funding learning project, which aims to gather learnings on how countries are using flexible funding from the HF and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency's (SIDA) Programme Based Approach (PBA), and what advantages and challenges come with this type of funding. The findings and recommendations from the learning project will be finalised at the end of 2023.



The Fund at a Glance

So far this year the overall contributions for all types of pledges amounts to \$85.9 million. Of this amount, \$57.8 million is fully flexible and general earmarked funding. This figure represents nearly half of the 2023 annual fundraising target of \$120 million, excluding contributions made towards the Ukraine crisis and the Türkiye and Syria earthquake response.

Specifically in the third quarter of 2023, ten members pledged \$12.4 million to the HF, which included \$9.2 million in fully flexible funding and funding earmarked to specific countries, \$1.7 million towards the Türkiye and Syria earthquake response, and \$1.5 million in support of the Ukraine crisis.

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Overall, the HF allocated a total of \$121 million in 2023, of which \$52.4 million is fully flexible and general earmarked funding, \$50.3 million allocated to the Ukraine crisis, and \$18.4 million to the Türkiye and Syria earthquake response.

As of the end of September 2023, the spend on HF awards this year is at \$84.3 million, while the overall spend on all HF awards since 2021 is \$226.9 million. More importantly, 79% has been on programme delivery, while 14% has been on humanitarian strategy and design. Since the start of the year, Save the Children has continued expanding its impact, reaching over 16.8 million people, including 9.3 million children, in countries supported by the HF across the globe.



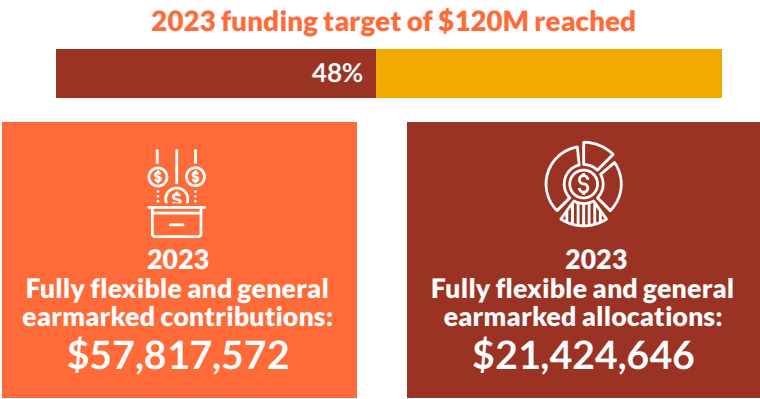
In Q3, the HF allocated funding to:

45
Country Offices

2
Regional Offices

3
Members

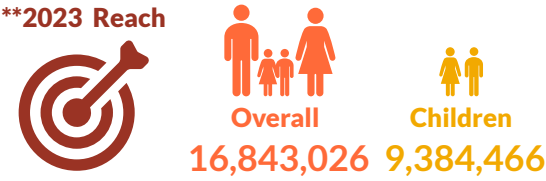
2023 fully flexible and general earmarked contributions



Earmarked contributions and allocations to the Ukraine crisis and the Türkiye/Syria earthquake

Ukraine crisis contributions		Ukraine crisis allocations	
\$117,522,310		\$108,776,240	
2022	2023	2022	2023
\$109,240,547	\$8,281,763	\$58,486,486	\$50,289,754

Türkiye/Syria earthquake crisis contributions		Türkiye/Syria earthquake crisis allocations	
\$19,817,735		\$18,372,956	
2022	2023	2022	2023
\$109,240,547	\$8,281,763	\$58,486,486	\$50,289,754



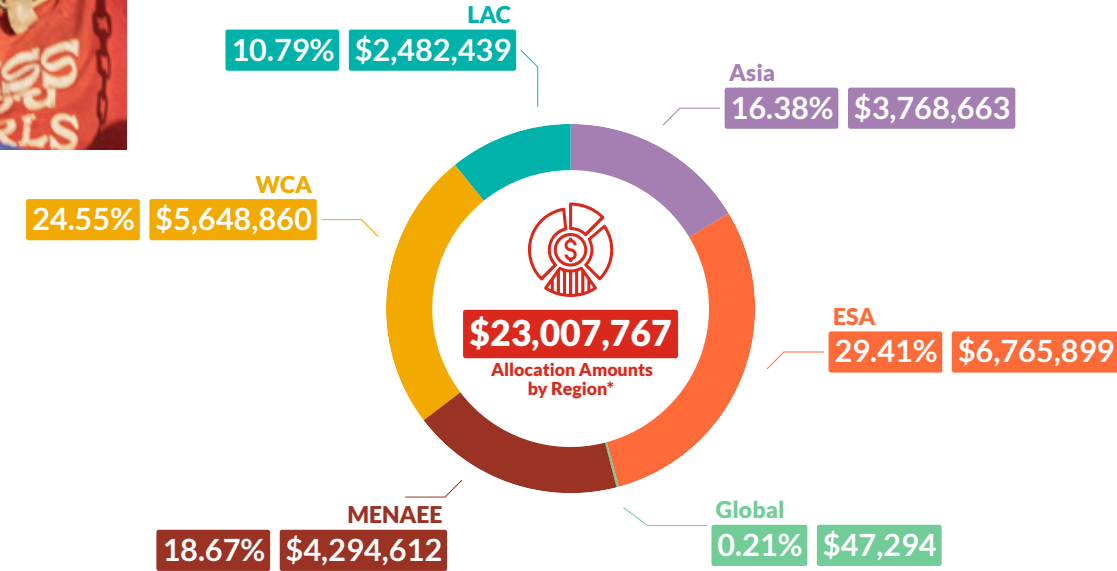
Asia	2,866,526	1,254,599
ESA	6,219,548	3,293,537
LAC	524,154	228,031
MENAE	2,927,921	1,543,237
WCA	4,304,877	3,065,062

**Reach figures may be subject to change as some Q3 reach data are still to be validated

Funding Allocated by Region

In Q3, the HF allocated a total of \$23 million across all five SCI regions. **Eastern and Southern Africa (ESA)** received the highest amount, over \$6.8 million, followed by **West and Central Africa (WCA)** and **Middle East, North Africa, and Eastern Europe (MENAEE)** which received \$5.6 million and \$4.3 million respectively. The above amounts include both fully flexible funding, as well as earmarked allocations. Of the MENAEE allocations, \$565,476 was channelled to the Ukraine crisis, while \$1 million was allocated to the Türkiye and Syria earthquake response.

Ethiopia, DRC, Afghanistan, Haiti, and Lebanon all received the largest allocations in their respective regions, reaching a combined total of \$7.6 million, which is 33% of all the 86 allocations made to 50 offices in Q3. Moreover, the HF Centre office received 0.2% (\$47,294) of the Q3 allocations to cover management and administrative costs of the HF, which is equivalent to 1% of earmarked contributions during the period.



*Allocation Amounts by Region includes funding channelled to the Ukraine crisis and Türkiye/Syria Earthquake Response



32 %

of allocation decisions given
in less than two days



12.5 days

Average time for
allocation decision

Time Taken to Allocate Funds

The HF aims to achieve fast commitment of funds to timely support responses by making allocation decisions within 48 hours. This is measured from the time of application to when an allocation is confirmed, inclusive of weekends and public holidays.

In Q3, 32% of all funding applications received a decision within 48 hours, and the average time for communicating an allocation decision was 12.5 days. The longer processing time was due to the high number of localisation window applications that the HF received this quarter, which all took at least 30 days to process. There were also five general earmarked applications which took an equally high number of days to be processed. Three of these applications were delayed as they were submitted before the members had confirmed funding. **It is important to note that the average number of days reduces to 3.3 for all applications when these exceptions and the localisation window applications are excluded.**

The HF made 86 allocations in Q3 to 45 COs, three members, and two ROs. Three applications were rejected after a thorough consultative review. The reasons for rejection included low HF balance, applications not aligning with HF's funding criteria, and ensuring equity in funding allocation depending on the need across category levels.

The HF also rejected 20 localisation window applications in this quarter due to the extremely high demand for funds. Overall, the HF received 41 applications worth \$19.8 million, and the Selection Committee moved forward with the funding of 22 COs for a total of \$8.2 million. Among others, the criteria included requesting COs to allocate a minimum of 85% of funding to local partners, with a minimum of 10% for their Indirect Cost Recovery (ICR); involvement of local and national partners in the design; implementation and learning processes of the initiative; and engagement of local actors from priority groups. It should also explain clearly how insights from girls, boys, women and/or men informed the understanding of the problem to be addressed. The HF provided feedback on all applications which were not selected.

Member Pledges

Ten members contributed a total of \$12.4 million in Q3, of which \$9.2 million is fully flexible and earmarked funding, \$1.7 towards the Türkiye and Syria earthquake response, and \$1.5 million in support of the Ukraine crisis. This brings the total pledges from all members to \$85.9 million as of end of September 2023, representing a 17% increase in the overall funding from \$73.5 million at the end of June.

The table below shows the total pledges by funding category and the pledge amounts made by each member so far this year.



\$53M

Fully flexible



\$4.8M

Earmarked



\$8.3M

Ukraine Crisis



\$19.8M

Türkiye/Syria
Earthquake Response

SC USA



\$26.55M
\$1.9M

SC Germany



\$1.85M
\$691K

SC USA



\$1.8M
\$9.45M

SC Germany



\$1.8M
\$986K

SC UK



\$2.85M
\$743K

SC Japan



\$100K
\$46K

SC UK



\$1.1M

SC Japan



\$700K

SC Sweden



\$570K

SC Hong Kong



\$545K
\$24K

SC Sweden



\$450K

SC Hong Kong



\$308K

SC Spain



\$3.9M
\$681K

SC Iceland



\$13K

SC Spain



\$271K
\$862K

SC Finland



\$2.4M

SC Italy



\$13.3M
\$13K

SC Finland



\$540K
\$310K

SC Italy



\$3.1M

SC Norway



\$2M
\$607K

SC South Korea



\$2M
\$290K

SC Switzerland



\$29K

SC South Korea



\$2M

SC Denmark



\$119K

SC Netherlands



\$847K
\$27K

SC Norway



\$19K

SC Netherlands



\$100K

Humanitarian Fund Impact

With global crises and disasters becoming increasingly volatile and complex, flexible funding from the HF enables SC to respond to the most critical needs of children, mobilise local partners and communities, and deliver life-saving interventions quickly. Flexible funding enables country teams to adapt their response as the situation changes, including expanding areas of operation, complementing existing interventions, and redirecting resources to related emergencies. At the same time, flexible funds can help COs demonstrate their ability to respond from an early stage, allowing them to engage with donors and attract more sustainable funding sources. The examples below highlight how countries have used funding from the HF in Q3:

Supporting the Prioritisation of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

The precarious humanitarian situation in DRC results from a combination of decades of conflicts, widespread hunger and poverty, disease outbreaks, and climate-related disasters. At least 26.4 million people in the country are in need of aid, including 14.2 million children. DRC has the highest number of grave violations against children in armed conflict globally.

In June, the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) activated a **System-Wide Scale-Up** to intensify humanitarian operations for eastern DRC in response to the rapidly deteriorating situation in Ituri, North Kivu, and South Kivu provinces, marked by the heightened conflict between non-state armed groups and security forces and unprecedented displacement. In South Kivu, torrential rains across the territory of Kalehe triggered floods and landslides that directly affected over 7,000 households.

With millions of children's lives on the line, SC announced the prioritisation of DRC to help raise critically needed resources for the CO. The HF allocated \$1.4 million to enable the CO to ramp up the response, boost advocacy and fundraising, and strengthen operational capacity by deploying experts and training staff. Funding from the HF supported the CO's expansion of emergency response efforts focusing on education in emergencies (EiE), health and nutrition, and prepositioning buffer stock of essential medicines and supplies for primary and sexual and reproductive health. Flexible funds were also critical in purchasing essential security equipment to ensure the safety of humanitarian staff to implement activities.

Leveraging the HF funds, the CO secured funding worth \$2.2 million through projects with the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (\$400,000), Fonds Humanitaire en République Démocratique du Congo (\$1.2 million), and Centre de Crises et de Soutien (\$600,000). These projects focus on food security and protection in camps for internally displaced people (IDP) in Goma, and education and protection interventions across the Ituri province.

Funding from HF also enabled the CO to respond to multiple crises and sectors across eastern DRC. In Kalehe, the CO provided temporary learning spaces, meals for children, and WASH and household supplies to families impacted by the flooding. In Rutshuru, currently under non-state control, the CO is helping vulnerable children return to school after losing a year of education. The CO also supplied medicine across five health facilities in Shabunda following the cholera outbreak.

Cyclone Mocha response in Myanmar's Rakhine State

Cyclone Mocha tore through Myanmar in May, causing widespread damage across affected areas, including the states of Rakhine and Chin, and the regions of Magway and Sagaing. Rakhine state has experienced the most severe impact, with 85% of the shelters in IDP camps and sites being destroyed. Health facilities, water systems, and sanitation infrastructure were also damaged, further compounding the challenges faced by affected communities.

In response, SC Myanmar implemented life-saving interventions across vulnerable areas in Rakhine, focusing on nutrition and health, temporary shelter assistance, and distribution of WASH kits.

Given the challenging fundraising landscape, existing flexible funds initially allocated for other initiatives were repurposed to renovate at least 40 nutrition centers damaged by the cyclone and provide health care to families living in Pauk Taw township in Rakhine, located on a remote island with limited health infrastructure. It also supported the CO in providing food baskets, including rice, oil, peas, and salt, to malnourished children, and pregnant and breastfeeding women. Using HF funds, the CO also provided 500 shelter kits to vulnerable households, benefiting at least 2,500 people.

Flexible funds from the HF helped the CO sustain its initial rapid response and demonstrate the team's capacity to implement activities in the cyclone's aftermath. This has allowed the team to secure \$1.9 million funding to further child protection, WASH, education, and shelter assistance in Rakhine. Specifically, the CO received \$300,000 from the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), \$515,036 from the Dutch Relief Assistance (DRA), \$ 276,069 from the Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA), close to \$329,000 from Convenio, \$215,223 from Japan Foundation, \$116, 279 Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), and \$110,000 from the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (NMFA).

“ When we saw that the rain was getting heavier and the water was already overflowing the banks, we were woken up, and a few minutes later our neighbours behind us were shouting that the hill was collapsing.

Today, we have received aid from Save the Children in the form of clothes, kitchen utensils including saucepans, plates, cups, spoons, jerry cans; blankets for us and our children, mats, mosquito nets, aqua tabs, underwear, washable clothes; we are no longer going to have to borrow kitchen utensils because we now have our own. But it also means we have more spare clothes in our family.

My whole family and I are very happy today and we sincerely thank the generosity of Save the Children, which is enabling us to get back on our feet little by little.”

- Josseline*, 27, mother to four children, from South Kivu in DRC

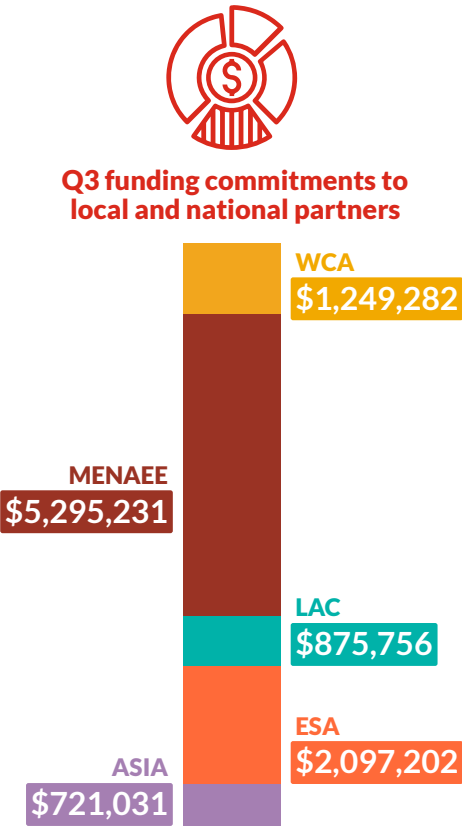
Localisation

In Q3, country offices allocated \$10.2 million to local and national partners through HF-funded awards, including funding from the \$8.2 million localization window launched in Q2. The local and national partner allocations represent 45% of all HF allocations in Q3, a notable increase from Q2's 12%.

Of all the regions, MENAEE committed the highest amount to local partners, \$5.3 million, followed by ESA with \$2.1 million. As the funding can include HF allocations from both Q3 and previous quarters, the total partner allocations for some regions, such as MENAEE, may be higher than their overall Q3 allocations.

As of the end of September, COs had channelled \$19 million to local and national partners, representing 16% of all HF allocations in 2023. This increase from the last reported overall partner allocation percentage (9.7%) indicates the positive progress that the HF is making in promoting the provision of flexible funding to local partners and its overall ambition to increase these allocations to 25% by the end of 2024. This adheres to global commitments such as the Grand Bargain, the Pledge for Change, and SC's own commitments to shifting the power and recognising local leadership.

**The figure for funding committed to local and national partners is based on the total value of signed partner agreements on HF awards with a start date in Q3 2023.*



Mobilising local partners in the Ein El Helwe refugee camp

In July, Ein El-Helwe camp, the largest Palestinian refugee camp in Lebanon, was caught up in renewed violent clashes between the Fatah Movement and other Islamic groups, posing grave threats to the safety and stability of the camp residents, including thousands of children. The camp hosts 80,000 people, including a significant number of Palestinian refugees, Syrians, Lebanese, and migrants from other countries.

Through \$1 million flexible funding from the HF, SC Lebanon launched a rapid response within the first 24 hours of the conflict and immediately mobilised the local partners, Developmental Action Without Borders (NABAA) and Islamic Welfare Association (ISWA).

Leveraging local partnerships was crucial for effectively addressing the conflict in Ein El-Helwe camp. The strategic decision to onboard and train local partners helped ensure a swift and comprehensive response. Funding from the HF was critical in providing the necessary financial and technical support to partners, enabling them to operate three out of four displacement centers effectively and efficiently.

Moreover, SC Lebanon provided life-saving supplies such as emergency hygiene kits for displaced families, recreation kits, and dignity kits for girls and women. The CO also carried out psychological first aid (PFA) for children and counselling sessions for families, coupled with cash transfers to help address their most urgent needs.

Thanks to the fund's flexibility and agility of the allocation, the CO was able to swiftly take action, helping SC Lebanon's positioning with other donors. SC Lebanon secured additional funding from SIDA worth \$315,000 and the Dutch Relief Fund for Disasters worth \$200,000, allowing the CO to provide a comprehensive response addressing education, health, and essential support needs.

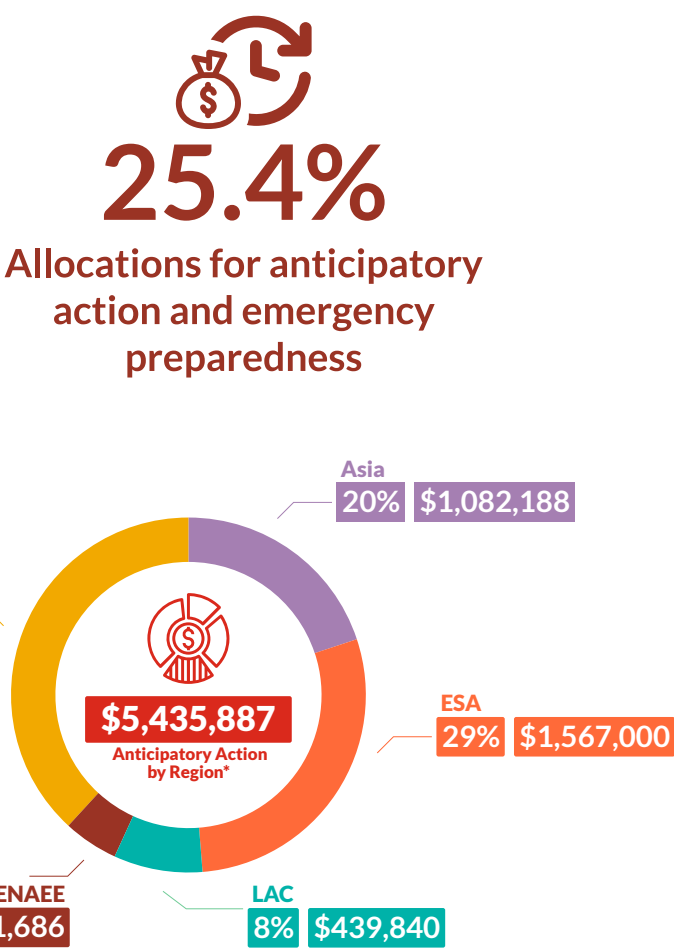


Anticipatory Action

Following the HF’s commitment to allocate a minimum of 15% of funding to pre-crisis initiatives, including emergency preparedness and anticipatory action in 2023, the HF allocated 25.4% (\$5.4 million) of all Q3 allocations to AA and preparedness interventions. This excludes earmarked allocations to the Ukraine crisis and the earthquake response in Türkiye and Syria.

DRC, Pakistan, and South Sudan received the largest allocations among the supported countries, with \$500,000, \$430,938, and \$400,000, respectively. Allocations during Q3 include funding for COs likely to be affected by El Niño to prepare for and mitigate its impact.

As of the end of September, the HF has allocated \$10.6 million to AA and preparedness, which is 20% of all 2023 allocations, excluding earmarked allocations to the Ukraine crisis and the earthquake response in Türkiye and Syria.



Addressing the Impacts of El Niño in Peru

In March 2023, Peru declared a state of “Coastal El Niño Alert” after an unusual warming of the ocean was detected off the coast of Peru and Ecuador, indicating a likely increase in rainfall in the Andes. In that same month, Cyclone Yaku brought torrential rains, the first cyclone to hit Peru in 40 years. Both climate events have caused flooding, river overflows, and landslides.

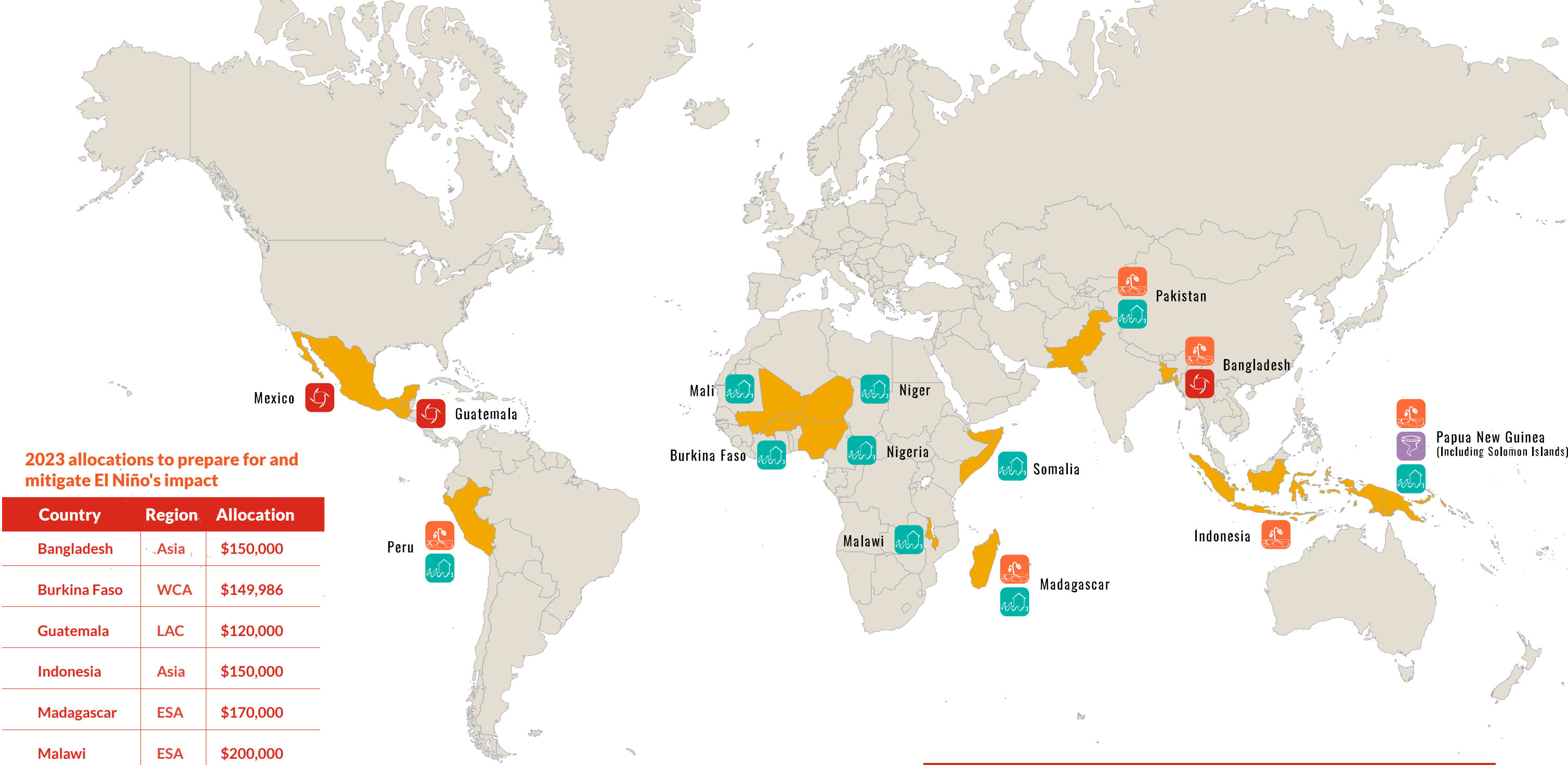
Peru’s president announced in March 2023 that the rainy season will continue through June 2023 as a result of the coastal El Niño. Moreover, Peru’s weather agency warns that the upcoming global El Niño phenomenon will likely emerge by late 2023 and continue through the first half of 2024. Apart from flooding, warmer weather and heavy rains create an ideal environment for the breeding of the dengue-transmitting mosquito, which causes significant health risks to children.

SC Peru noted a gap in the national response, especially for children, evident during the 2023 coastal El Niño. With support from the HF, SC Peru started the design of a training plan for partners, including Piura Asociación por la Vida (ASPOV), CEDEPAS Norte, and NIC MAISH, to help ensure that early action interventions are child-focused and appropriate to the local context.

Response brigades from Lambayeque and Piura will be trained to carry out the Damage and Needs Assessments, review SPHERE standards, and implement the prepositioning of humanitarian kits and child-friendly space kits.





Using HF funds, the CO allocated a budget to develop an early action protocol (EAP) for floods associated with the El Niño, in collaboration with partners, communities, and the regional office.

Generating evidence on the needs, risks, and damages of El Niño-associated floods is a key priority for SC Peru. Therefore, flexible funds will also be utilised to set up an evidence-based campaign on the needs of children in emergencies and the potential impact of early action initiatives, which will be aimed at key decision makers, donors, and stakeholders.



2023 allocations to prepare for and mitigate El Niño's impact

Country	Region	Allocation
Bangladesh	Asia	\$150,000
Burkina Faso	WCA	\$149,986
Guatemala	LAC	\$120,000
Indonesia	Asia	\$150,000
Madagascar	ESA	\$170,000
Malawi	ESA	\$200,000
Mali	WCA	\$150,000
Mexico	LAC	\$119,841
Niger	WCA	\$100,000
Nigeria	WCA	\$200,000
Pakistan	Asia	\$180,938
Peru	LAC	\$120,000
Papua New Guinea	Asia	\$100,000
Somalia	ESA	\$130,000
Total		\$2,040,765

-  Cyclone
-  Drought
-  Flood
-  Heat Wave

Overall, the HF allocated over \$2 million to support anticipatory action and preparedness initiatives to 14 countries at risk of extreme weather events linked to El Niño. The table and the map in this section show the allocation amounts by country and the El Niño-associated hazards each country faces. This funding aims to empower communities, local partners, and children in developing early action protocols, monitoring early warning information, and leading and implementing necessary measures to prevent or reduce the impact of predicted hazards.

Needs-Based Humanitarian Funding

Allocation Decisions Based on Need

The HF continues supporting countries with the greatest needs, giving them the financial capacity to roll out agile, effective, and rights-based humanitarian programs and responses. During this quarter, the highest allocations were awarded to CAT 1 countries, specifically \$2.6 million for Ethiopia and \$1.4 million for DRC. Both countries also have some of the highest numbers of people in need (PIN).

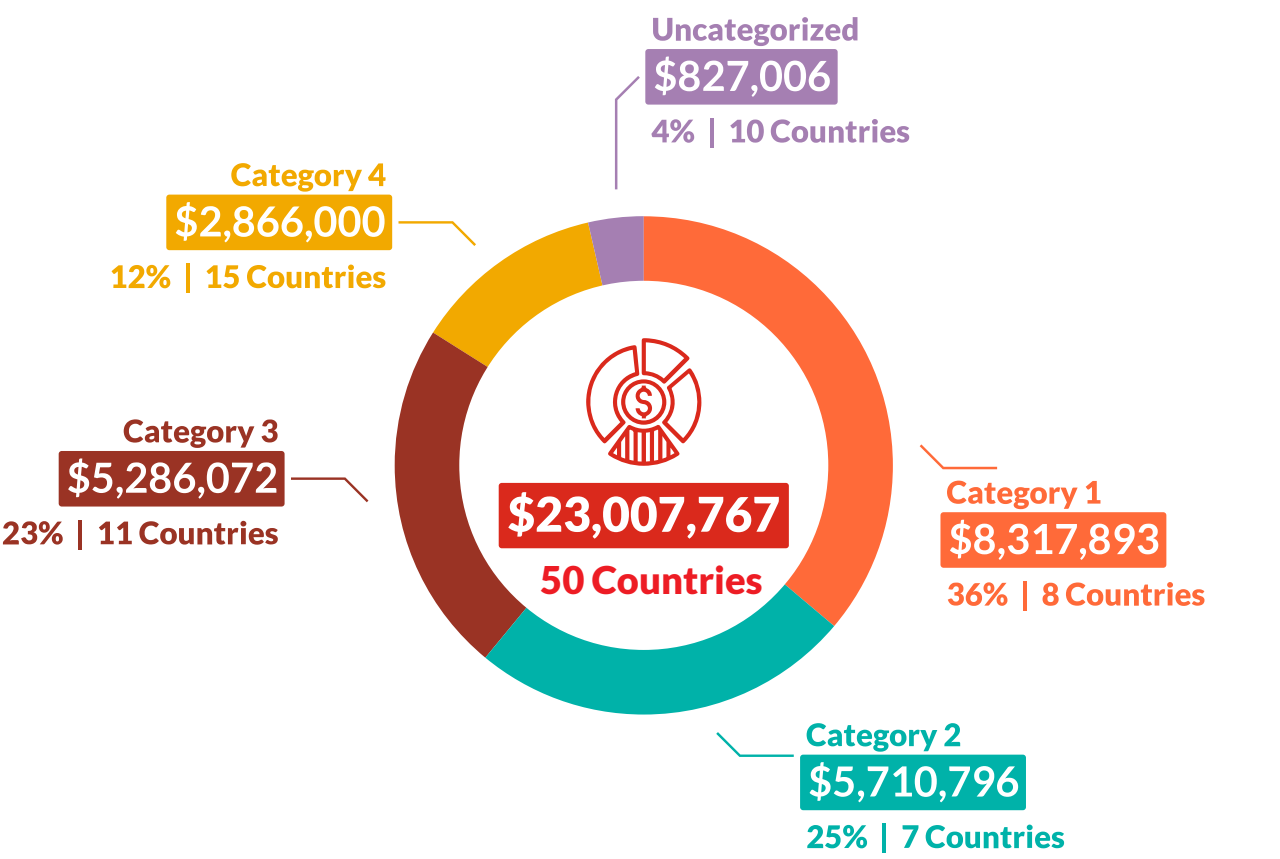
The table below shows the countries that received the highest funding from the HF in Q3 2023 in relation to the number of people in need and the severity of the crisis, based on the recent INFORM Severity Index* data. It is important to note that in addition to the need, the funding criteria include the existing funding gap, the availability of funds within the HF, and the total HF allocations versus level of spend for the applicant.

	Q3 Allocations	PiN	INFORM			
Ethiopia	\$2.6M	28.6M	4	Somalia	\$1.1M	8.3M 4.7
DRC	\$1.4M	26.4M	4.4	Burkina Faso	\$1.05M	4.6M 4
Haiti	\$1.25M	5.2M	4.2	Lebanon	\$1.04M	3.9M 3.4
Afghanistan	\$1.25M	29.2M	4.5	Nigeria	\$960K	8M 4.2
Mali	\$1.2M	8.8M	4.3	Niger	\$850K	4M 3.8

* The INFORM Severity Index is used to measure and compare the severity of humanitarian crises globally, launched in 2020. Each crisis is scored on a scale of 1 to 5, 1 being the least severe and 5 is the most severe. For more information, <https://drmkc.jrc.ec.europa.eu/inform-index/INFORM-Severity>

Funding Allocated by Categorisation

In Q3, the HF allocated \$7.66 million to CAT 1 countries, which received the highest amount of funding, representing 33% of all Q3 allocations. CAT 2 and CAT 3 countries were the second and third most funded, receiving a total of \$6.4 million (28%) and \$5.3 million (23%) respectively. Ethiopia, DRC, and Afghanistan were the most funded CAT 1 countries, while Mali, Burkina Faso, and Lebanon received the most funding among CAT 2 countries, along with Haiti, Niger, and Pakistan in CAT 3. The HF also allocated 11% of the Q3 funds to CAT 4 countries, among which Guatemala, Rwanda, and Burundi were the top funded, and 5% to uncategorized countries where Northwest Balkans, Georgia, and Mexico received the most funding.



*Allocation amounts by Categorisation includes funding channelled to the Ukraine crisis and Türkiye/Syria Earthquake Response.



SC as a Donor Globally

According to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs' Financial Tracking Service (FTS)*, SC currently ranks as one of the top donors for various responses and countries globally, demonstrating SC and the HF's broader impact in the humanitarian financing landscape. The map below displays how SC ranks against other donors in selected countries with humanitarian crises, and the HF's share of overall contributions towards the countries' response plans and appeals. The countries highlighted include the ten countries that received the highest allocations from the HF in Q3; CAT 3 and CAT 4 countries where SC is among the top ten donors globally; as well as Ukraine, Türkiye and Syria, which have received high earmarked allocations from the HF overall in 2023.

Ranks **12th** among all donors
Haiti Humanitarian Response Plan 2023
contributing **1.1%** of the response plan funds

Ranks **17th** among all donors
Mali Humanitarian Response Plan 2023
contributing **0.6%** of the response plan funds

Ranks **15th** among all donors
Burkina Faso Humanitarian Response Plan 2023
contributing **0.4 %** of the response plan funds

Ranks **19th** among all donors
Niger Humanitarian Response Plan 2023
contributing **0.4 %** of the response plan funds

Ranks **14th** among all donors
Nigeria Humanitarian Response Plan 2023
contributing **0.6 %** of the response plan funds

Ranks **17th** among all donors
Lebanon Emergency Response Plan 2023
contributing **0.7%** of the response plan funds

Ranks **22nd** among all donors
Ethiopia Humanitarian Response Plan 2023
contributing **3%** of the response plan funds

Ranks **16th** among all donors
Somalia Humanitarian Response Plan 2023
contributing **0.5%** of the response plan funds

Ranks **9th** among all donors
DRC Regional Refugee Response Plan 2023 **
contributing **2.1%** of the response funds

Ranks **17th** among all donors
DRC Humanitarian Response Plan 2023
contributing **0.4%** of the response plan funds

***As part of the refugee response plan, SCI has provided funding to Uganda, Zambia, Rwanda*

Ranks **7th** among all donors
Malawi Cholera and Flash Floods Appeal
contributing **3.2%** of the

Ranks **17th** among all donors
Türkiye Earthquake Flash Appeal Funds
contributing **1.3%** of the appeal funds

Ranks **18th** among all donors
Syria Earthquake Flash Appeal Funds
contributing **1.3%** of the appeal funds

Ranks **18th** among all donors
Afghanistan Humanitarian Response Plan 2023
contributing **0.9%** of the response plan funds

Ranks **2nd** among all donors
Ukraine Regional Refugee Response Plan 2023**
contributing **9%** of the response plan funds

Ranks **7th** among all donors
Ukraine Humanitarian Response Plan 2023
contributing **1.9%** of the response plan funds

***As part of the refugee response plan, SCI, out of all donors, has provided the second highest amounts of funding to Poland and Romania*

**FTS report data is as of 14 November 2023 and may not be fully reflective of the latest HF allocations.*



Flexible Funding Learning Project

The HF has been working jointly with Humanitarian Evidence and Learning and SC Sweden colleagues on a learning project, which aims to generate learnings on how funding from the HF and **SIDA's Programme Based Approach (PBA)** is used strategically by COs and the difference that flexible funding can make for humanitarian responses.

The project has been gathering evidence and lessons learned to help tell the story of the added value and potential of flexible funding, provide SC leaders with learnings they can consider in their use of flexible funds, and produce recommendations that can be taken forward to optimise the use and impact of flexible financing.

Six countries were selected to take part in the learning project: **Mali, Ukraine, Mozambique, Peru, Syria and Myanmar**. The countries were chosen because they had either received funding from both HF and PBA, or had received multiple HF allocations for complex and varied responses. The country selection also ensured a regional balance.

Key informant interviews were held with relevant stakeholders, including CO senior management team members. The interviews focused on the benefits that flexible funding has provided compared to other types of funding, whether it helps them further the localisation agenda and undertake early action initiatives, but also on the challenges specific to SC's flexible funding modalities.

Analysis and recommendations based on the findings of the project will be finalised by the end of the year. Stay tuned in for the results!

Spend

As of end of September, the 2023 HF spend was **\$84.3 million**, which is 75% more than the previously reported spend, \$48.1 million. Cumulative spend on all HF allocations since the start of 2021 was **\$226,892,420¹** as of end of September.

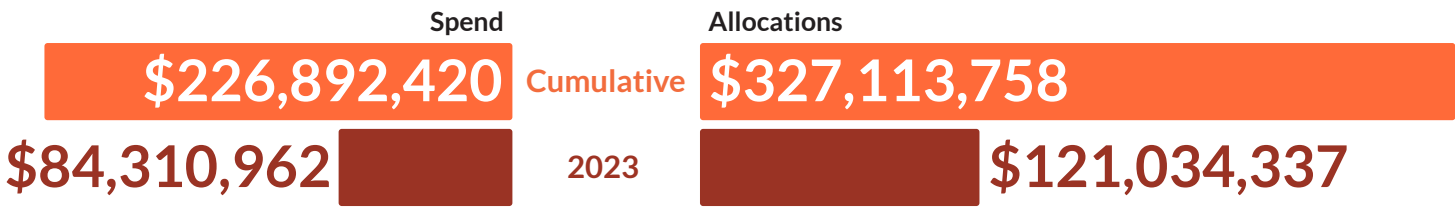
Specifically, 79.4% of the funds have been spent on direct implementation of humanitarian activities, making an impact on the lives of children; 14.2% on humanitarian strategy and design to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of humanitarian interventions; and 6.4% on shared direct costs that support CO day-to-day operations, ensuring that they have the right infrastructure and support in place to function effectively. ²



	Asia	ESA	LAC	MENAE	WCA	Global & Centre	TOTAL	%
Humanitarian Strategy & Design	\$4,689,420	\$9,776,922	\$2,670,376	\$9,118,565	\$5,053,677	\$894,099	\$32,203,059	14.20%
Humanitarian Delivery	\$21,571,374	\$41,230,092	\$12,888,759	\$78,730,246	\$22,852,445	\$2,806,389	\$180,079,305	79.40%
Shared Direct Costs	\$1,934,705	\$4,847,050	\$1,392,483	\$3,665,881	\$2,700,360	\$69,577	\$14,610,056	6.40%
Total	\$28,195,499	\$55,854,064	\$16,951,618	\$91,514,693	\$30,606,482	\$3,770,064	\$226,892,420	

Allocation vs. Spend

The graph below shows the amount of funding allocated versus the amount of funding spent both cumulatively for all HF awards and for 2023. Because HF allocations are not restricted by year, the 2023 expenditure includes spend on allocations from 2021 to 2023.



Use of Funds: Spend by Theme and Region

The graph below shows a breakdown of spend by thematic, cross-thematic, and non-thematic costs for each region. Overall, thematic costs represented the highest amount of spend (70%), followed by non-thematic (16%), then cross-thematic costs (14%). All the regions followed a similar pattern, with a spend of at least 70% on direct activity implementation except for LAC, which had a 62% spend on thematic activities. Unlike the other regions, WCA had higher spend on cross-thematic activities (54.4%) as compared to the spend on thematic activities (22.3%) and non-thematic activities (23.3%).

Thematic costs include child protection, child rights governance, education, health, livelihoods, nutrition, emergency preparedness, shelter and housing reconstruction, as well as distribution of food, cash and non-food items.

Cross-thematic costs include monitoring, evaluation, accountability, and learning (MEAL), advocacy and program management amongst others.

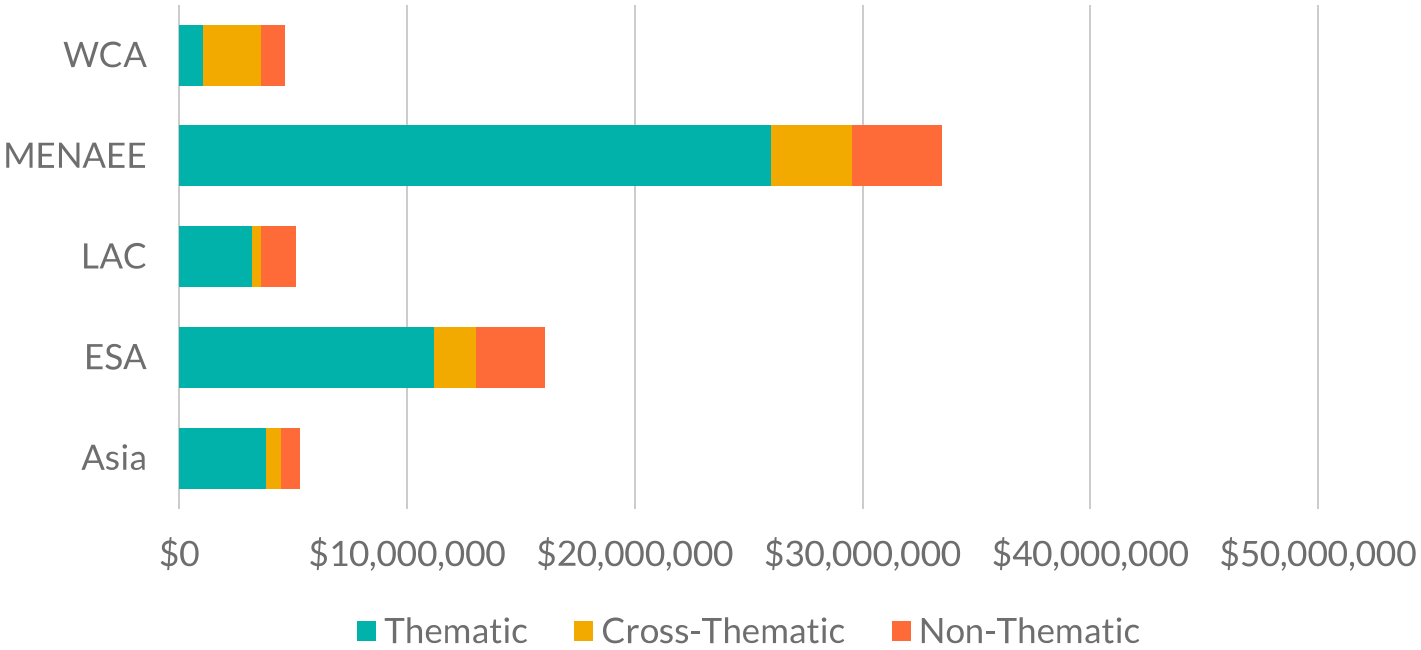
Non-thematic costs include logistics, media, grants management, proposal development, finance, administration and HR. Note that the thematic breakdown of HF spend for member offices is not included in the graph because the relevant data is not available. Therefore, the total spend on the thematic breakdown is lower than the HF’s overall total spend.



\$14,276,523

16.9%
of HF 2023 spend has
been used on cash transfers

Spend by Theme and Region



¹ This total does not include spend on some member-held awards, where a final financial report is yet to be submitted. For funding awarded to members, actual spend figures from quarterly financial reports are used for the purposes of this report, rather than the total award amounts transferred to the member, which may result in some differences in the overall HF spend in some SCI financial reports.

² Where country or member office DRCs do not align with those currently used by the HF, budget lines have been consolidated under the relevant HF budget categories to accurately reflect spend.

Next Steps

- **Gaza crisis**
Following the escalation of violence in Gaza in October, the HF provided \$4 million as funding advances to the Occupied Palestinian Territories, as well as Egypt, Lebanon and the Middle East North Africa and Eastern Europe (MENAEE) RO to help address the rapidly growing needs in the region. Further information on how this funding has been used will be provided in the next quarterly report.
- **HF Experience Sharing Webinars**
In October, the HF launched a series of webinars for countries to share with each other the innovative and exciting ways in which they have used HF funding. The first webinar focused on how the HF has supported countries to scale-up their operations and leverage funding from other donors, with presentations from Myanmar and Somalia. Future webinars will cover topics such as using HF for AA, meeting strategic gaps, innovation, de-projectising and accessing hard-to-reach areas. The HF hopes that the webinars will provide inspiration for how the funds can be used strategically and in impactful ways, making the most of the flexibility. The webinar series will continue through Q4 and Q1 2024 .
- **HF Process Review and Uplift**
With nearly three years from the launch of the HF in 2021, the team will be reviewing, uplifting and documenting HF systems and processes, including on the decision-making, reporting, accountability mechanisms and monitoring. This will ensure that the HF’s processes remain efficient, fit for purpose and appropriate for the volume of funding managed, as well as improve data quality and transparency on how funding is used. The improved data will also help the HF communicate the impact that flexible funding has on countries and their responses to humanitarian crises. Any changes to the processes will maintain the flexibility of the HF, as well as the lightweight administrative requirements for countries receiving funding. This work will continue from the last quarter of 2023 into 2024.



Annex

Q3 2023 allocation summary

Country	SOF	Title	Requested	Allocated	Award Total*	Expenditure*	Region	Response Code	CAT	2023 Reach	2023 Children Reached	Reasons for Approval
Afghanistan CO	99700986	Response to Food Insecure and Drought-Affected Afghanistan	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$14,741,897	\$8,941,303	Asia	AFG-CX-19	1	1,111,517	433,127	\$1M allocated to Afghanistan to address the food security situation in Nuristan. Proposed activities include WASH, food security and livelihoods, and nutrition.
		Earmarked Funds	\$247,500	\$247,500			Asia	AFG-CX-19	1			This is an earmarked contribution from SC Finland.
Armenia CO	99701264	Anticipatory Action in Armenia - Nagorno Karabakh	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$1,928	MENAEE	N/A	Un-cate-go-rized	N/A	N/A	\$75K is approved for MENAEE RO to kick off AA activities in Armenia. This is critical given the recent developments and deteriorating humanitarian situation in Nagorno-Karabakh.
Bangladesh CO	99701155	El Niño and Bandaran Flood response	\$210,000	\$210,000	\$999,160	\$586,140	Asia	BGD-FL1-23	3	210,097	107,375	\$210K is approved for Bangladesh, which includes support for both AA El Niño related work (\$150K) and flood response in Bandaran (\$60K). This is a detailed concept and plan that Bangladesh CO has prepared for El Niño. The context analysis of the potential impact of El Niño is robust from a multi-hazard perspective, considering drought, heat waves and cyclones. Although the HF application does not include all the details, the CO has developed multi-layered triggers for various phases, indicators, risk monitoring mechanisms in collaboration with key agencies and potential set of early action activities the CO will carry out should triggers get activated.
		Earmarked Funds	\$99,000	\$99,000			Asia	BGD-FL1-23	3			This is an earmarked contribution from SC South Korea.

* Award total and expenditure are cumulative and in some cases may include allocations from 2021 and 2022.

Country	SOF	Title	Requested	Allocated	Award Total*	Expenditure*	Region	Response Code	CAT	2023 Reach	2023 Children Reached	Reasons for Approval
Burkina Faso CO	99700994	Seventh Top-up Request: Lean and Flood Season Response	\$550,000	\$550,000	\$5,109,986	\$4,357,734	WCA	BFA-CF-19	2	43,840	23,622	\$550K was allocated to Burkina Faso to support their deteriorating humanitarian situation.
		The Lean and Flood Season Top-up Request	\$150,000	\$149,986			WCA	BFA-CF-19	2			\$149,986 was approved as part of the El Niño allocations. The application has been developed in consultation with the RO and Burkina Faso is currently in the process of reviewing their emergency preparedness plan. This application focuses on health and WASH-related anticipatory action/preparedness activities during the rainy season, as above normal rainfall has been recorded and further expected. The proposal also focuses on anticipatory CVA and NFI distribution as well as protection gear (raincoats, boots, clothing etc., as recommended by the protection cluster) for children. Burkina Faso CO is also involved in active monitoring of the situation through a Climate Working Group led by OCHA.
		Burkina Faso Nationwide Complex Humanitarian Crisis Response – Locally led organizations response	\$350,000	\$350,000			WCA	BFA-CF-19	2			Approved as part of the "Locally Led Humanitarian Action" window, as the application scored highly against the selection criteria as per the Terms of Reference. Some of the key strengths of the application include: the involvement of local actors in the design, implementation and learning processes, engagement with local partners from priority groups, the proposal being based on a thorough contextual analysis and the approach being potentially innovative.
Burundi CO	99701245	Enhancing the protection, wellbeing and resilience of vulnerable refugee and host community children in Burundi, by providing them with safe spaces to play, build social cohesion and access services	\$350,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$81,466	ESA	BDI-CX1-21	4	N/A	N/A	Approved as part of the "Locally Led Humanitarian Action" window, as the application scored highly against the selection criteria as per the Terms of Reference. Some key strengths of the application include: the clear explanation of how insights from children informed understanding of the problem to be addressed; and the fact that the proposal is based on a thorough contextual analysis and locally contextualised humanitarian action.
Colombia CO	99701033	Conflict Country-Wide Response, Colombia	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$3,035,188	\$2,360,215	LAC	COL-CX-17	3	106,761	64,853	Given the current balance on the HF and in line with the recent communication to regions that the balance needs to be used mindfully to support where needs are greatest, for the coming period, the HF is not able to fund the full ask. We can allocate \$100K for this application and hope this will allow the team to respond.

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Democratic Republic of the Congo CO	99701204	Eastern DRC Prioritization	\$999,267	\$999,267	\$2,851,812	\$1,415,978	WCA	COD-CX-18	1	1,051,392	789,901	\$999,267 has been allocated in support of DRC's prioritisation.
	99701241	2023 Localisation Window	\$424,118	\$424,118	\$424,118	\$3,587	WCA	COD-CX-18	1			Approved as part of the "Locally Led Humanitarian Action" window, as the application scored highly against the selection criteria as per the Terms of Reference. Some of the key strengths of the application include: engagement with local actors from priority groups, the involvement of local actors in the design, implementation and learning processes, the proposal being based on a thorough contextual analysis and having planned technical resources to support the initiative.
Ethiopia CO	99701208	ETH HF-North Ethiopia and Climate Crisis Response 2023 (cholera, Tigray and refugees fleeing Sudan conflict)	\$2,000,000	\$1,600,000	\$4,252,261	\$2,791,977	ESA	ETH-CX1-20	1	1,370,740	740,760	Despite the incredible needs in Ethiopia and multitude of crises which have hit the country all at once, the full ask could not be allocated at this time given the remaining level of funding in the HF and anticipated needs for the remainder of the year.
		North Ethiopia and Climatic Crisis Response	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000			ESA	ETH-CX1-20	1			\$1M was allocated to support Ethiopia respond to the complex crisis.
Georgia CO	99701144	Supporting locally led humanitarian action through flexible funding	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$830,961	\$299,081	MENAE	N/A	Un-cate-go-rized	1,122	N/A	Approved as part of the "Locally Led Humanitarian Action" window, as the application scored highly against the selection criteria as per the Terms of Reference. Some key strengths of the application include: 85% of funding going towards local partners and a minimum of 10% ICR for the local partners, and there is a clear explanation of how insights from girls, boys, women and/or men have informed the understanding of the problem to be addressed as well as the involvement of local actors in the design, implementation and learning processes of the initiative.

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Guatemala CO	99701026	Guatemala Locally Led Humanitarian Window	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,385,264	LAC	GTM-HCC-20	4	42,680	18,046	Approved as part of the “Locally Led Humanitarian Action” window as the application scored highly against the selection criteria as per the Terms of Reference. Some key strengths of the application include: the involvement of local actors in the design, implementation and learning processes of the initiative; the engagement of local actors from priority groups; and alignment with Guatemala’s 2023 SCHP.
		Anticipation Actions to develop community/ local capacity	\$120,000	\$120,000								\$120K was approved as part of the EI Niño allocations. Guatemala is a priority country for EI Niño and the application is clear and focused on AA for EI Niño. Conceptually this application covers a range of excellent proposed interventions, including a robust risk monitoring system in collaboration with various stakeholders and implementing community led/identified anticipatory action activities. The proposal also makes reference to developing an early action protocol and establishing municipal climate situation rooms for planning and implementing the AA activities and there are additional activities around risk communication as well. The percentage of indirect cost recovery provided for partners is also very welcome.
Haiti CO	99701040	Expand support to the ongoing needs in Haiti while meeting increasing operational costs under insecurity and inflation	\$653,000	\$500,150	\$5,141,085	\$4,501,098	LAC	HTI-HCC-21	3			\$500,150 was approved to support Haiti’s ongoing needs. Whilst almost 70% of the request is for staffing, operations and other internally focused costs, this is acceptable in the context of Haiti’s prioritisation and their need to scale up and refocus. It is hoped that this investment will help leverage funding from other donors in the longer term.
		Earmarked Funds	\$152,849	\$152,849								This is an earmarked contribution from SC Spain.
	99701250	Delivering life-saving health and protection services to most vulnerable and at-risk persons in contexts of violence and mobility in Haiti	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$104,000	LAC	HTI-HCC-21	3			Approved as part of the “Locally Led Humanitarian Action” window as the application scored highly against the selection criteria as per the Terms of Reference. Some key strengths of the application include: the engagement of local actors from priority groups; the fact that the proposal is based on a thorough contextual analysis and locally contextualised humanitarian action; and alignment with Haiti’s 2023 SCHP.

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Iraq CO	99701238	Accelerating local-led efforts towards building a just-transition and resilience for children & women	\$750,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$0	MENAEE	IRQ-HCC-12	3	109,775	69,390	Approved as part of the “Locally Led Humanitarian Action” window as the application scored highly against the selection criteria as per the Terms of Reference. Some key strengths of the application include: the involvement of local actors in the design, implementation and learning processes of the initiative; having available resourcing to support quality implementation; and the fact that the proposal is based on a thorough contextual analysis and locally contextualised humanitarian action.
	99701228	“Awn” – “Help” Emergency fund to respond to the Yazidis surge influx to Sinjar - Iraq	\$250,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$18,939						Given the scale and severity of the humanitarian need and the current health of the HF, \$150K was allocated for this application. The application is focused on Yazidi children’s needs (including unaccompanied asylum seeking children), has a localisation aspect and the team clearly has capacity to deliver quality CP programming, and Iraq CO has a good spend rate on current HF funding.
Kenya CO	99701000	Kenya Food Insecurity Response	\$750,000	\$400,000	\$4,493,512	\$3,865,129	ESA	KEN-DR-19	3	333,726	162,631	Approved as part of the “Locally Led Humanitarian Action” window as the application scored highly against the selection criteria as per the Terms of Reference. Some key strengths of the application include: a clear explanation of how insights from children informed understanding of the problem to be addressed; and the fact that the proposal is based on a thorough contextual analysis and locally contextualised humanitarian action.
Laos CO	99701248	Laos Flood Response	\$76,000	\$76,000	\$76,000	\$38,327	Asia	LAO-HCC-23	4	5,312	1,211	\$76,000 is allocated to Laos for their flood response. The proposed cash transfer amounts are in line with the minimum expenditure basket for Laos and the staff costs are appropriate and justifiable.
Lebanon CO	99700979	Supporting locally led humanitarian action	\$750,000	\$500,000	\$5,806,209	\$3,861,627	MENAEE	LBN-HCC-12	2	204,328	151,764	Approved as part of the “Locally Led Humanitarian Action” window as the application scored highly against the selection criteria as per the Terms of Reference. Some key strengths of the application include: engaging local actors from priority groups, planned technical human resources to support the initiative, and the application being based on a thorough contextual analysis.
		Ein El Helwe Camp Response	\$500,000	\$500,000				LBN-HCC-12	2			There is significant need in Lebanon at large and with the recent clashes at Ein El Helwe camp, there is a clear rationale for approving this allocation.
		Emergency Preparedness Plan (EPP) - Leb CO Top UP	\$39,600	\$39,600				LBN-HCC-12	2			This is an earmarked contribution from SC US.
Liberia CO	99701219	Preparedness activities for Liberia’s Civil Unrest Risk	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$73,189	\$32,812	WCA	N/A	Un-cate-go-rized	935		The HF allocated \$28K to Liberia to support preparedness activities to strengthen security in light of Liberia’s civil unrest risk.
Madagascar CO	99701252	EI Niño Preparedness and Response	\$180,000	\$170,000	\$170,000	\$0	ESA	MDG-HCC-21	4	25,207	15,547	Approved \$170K to support the EI Niño related work in Madagascar. Madagascar is an EI Niño focus country – however, the HF can only allocate \$170K instead of the requested \$180K, as this was discussed and confirmed with the RO. The proposal is based on some good analysis including on the previous impact of the 2016 EI Niño and IPC data. There is also a good combination of both general and community-based intervention.

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Malawi CO	99701134	Malawi Anticipatory Action on the Impact of El Niño - 2023	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$2,147,751	\$1,998,886	ESA	MWI-HCC-22	4	897,470	288,547	Malawi received \$200K as part of the El Niño allocations. In their application, the CO included range of preparedness and AA activities, both at national and community level considering the El Niño forecast and the potential impact.
Mali CO	99700993	MLI-Cat2-SCHP 2023 Top Up Allocation 550K	\$550,000	\$550,000	\$5,492,870	\$4,315,065	WCA	MLI-CX-14	2	435,462	334,484	\$550K was allocated to Mali to support rainy season AA, provide rapid response to hunger and malnutrition, as well as strengthen capacity around access, AA, safeguarding and advocacy.
	99701246	Supporting locally led humanitarian action through flexible funding_Mali application	\$494,693	\$494,693	\$494,693	\$0	WCA	MLI-CX-14	2			Approved as part of the "Locally Led Humanitarian Action" window as the application scored highly against the selection criteria as per the Terms of Reference. Some key strengths of the application include: the engagement of local actors from priority groups, the explanation of how insights from girls, boys, women and/or men have informed the understanding of the problem to be addressed, local actors being involved in the design, implementation and learning processes as well as being based on a contextual analysis.
	99701249	MLI Flood AA in BLA Cercle in Segou Region	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$1,345	WCA	MLI-CX-14	2			Approved \$150,000 to support Mali's work related to El Niño. Based on the forecast projection Mali is likely to experience heavy flooding in the coming weeks and months – hence this intervention is timely and relevant. The proposal has strong elements of risk monitoring with multiple stakeholders such as the Regional Directorate of Hydraulics, Mali Meteorological Services, Regional Directorate of Civil Protection, Regional Directorate of Social Development, and the National Centre of Early Warning Coordination, as well as through participation in crisis committee, which is a great example.
Mauritania CO	99701092	Anticipatory Action for Preparation of massive refugee influx in Mbera Refugee Camp	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$331,292	\$281,292	WCA	MRT-CX1-22	4	108,026	88,908	The HF allocated \$50K to support Mauritania prepare for a potential influx of refugees from Mali. The proposed activities cover important preparedness work.
Mongolia CO	99701203	Mongolia Flood Response	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$130,000	\$98,660	Asia	N/A	Un-cate-go-rized	N/A	N/A	\$50,000 has been approved to support Mongolia respond to flooding in Ulaanbaatar.
Mozambique CO	99701242	Humanitarian Accelerator for Localisation Fund (HALF), Mozambique, June 2023	\$750,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$0	ESA	MOZ-HCC-19	3	208,247	135,488	Approved as part of the "Locally Led Humanitarian Action" window as the application scored highly against the selection criteria as per the Terms of Reference. Some key strengths of the application include: the engagement of local actors from priority groups; the innovative approach to localisation; having available resourcing to support quality implementation; the fact that the proposal is based on a thorough contextual analysis and locally contextualised humanitarian action; and alignment with Mozambique's 2023 SCHP.

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Myanmar CO	99700991	Ensuring immediate needs during the Myanmar coup crisis	\$715,840	\$700,000	\$6,487,504	\$5,507,507	Asia	MMR-CX1-21	1	912,027	417,327	The application was approved, as the proposed activities for responding to the displacement, hunger and health needs in Myanmar are critical and case for them is strong. The application also includes funding for preparedness.
		Earmarked Funds	\$15,840	\$15,840			Asia	MMR-CX1-21	1			This is an earmarked contribution from SC Japan.
Nepal CO	99701142	Nepal Country Office Emergency Preparedness and Response 2023	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$1,000,000	\$407,434	Asia	NPL-HCC-23	4	2,707	619	\$125K was approved to support preparedness work in Nepal. The application includes RO costs to support country preparedness workshops and trainings. Whilst the HF typically only supports RO costs when related to surge, these costs have been approved due to the specific role of the RO as a required facilitator and the limited spend on this function.
Niger CO	99700975	Niger Crisis Response July 2023	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$4,758,464	\$4,203,728	WCA	NER-CX-19	3	120,478	27,710	The HF allocated \$400K to support Niger to respond to food insecurity in Diffa, Maradi and Tillabéri.
		Anticipatory action for flood and cholera	\$100,000	\$100,000			WCA	NER-HCC-19	3			\$100K approved to support Niger's El Niño-related work. The proposal has good activities, including strengthening of the emergency response team, risk awareness activities through radio and community meetings, distribution of WASH kits to communities at risk and supporting community based mitigation and prevention activities.
	99701240	Niger Locally Led Humanitarian Action	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$0	WCA	NER-CX-19	3			Approved as part of the "Locally Led Humanitarian Action" window as the application scored highly against the selection criteria as per the Terms of Reference. Some key strengths of the application include: engagement with local actors from priority groups, the involvement of local actors in the design, the implementation and learning processes of the initiative, being based on a thorough contextual analysis, and the approach being innovative.

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Nigeria CO	99700984	To support the locally-led prioritized risks to be addressed by the early actions in flood-prone States in Nigeria	\$501,758	\$500,000	\$8,583,823	\$5,347,481	WCA	RNGA-CF-15	2	2,535,212	1,796,312	Approved as part of the “Locally Led Humanitarian Action” window as the application scored highly against the selection criteria as per the Terms of Reference. Some key strengths of the application include: the engagement of local actors from priority groups; a clear explanation of how insights from boys, girls, women and/or men have informed the understanding of the problem to be addressed; having planned technical human resource to support the initiative; the proposal being based on a thorough contextual analysis; and the approach being potentially innovative.
		Flood Response in Yusufari and Yunusari, Yobe State, and preparedness for Niger Refugee Influx	\$258,823	\$258,823			WCA	RNGA-CF-15	2			\$258,823 was approved to support Nigeria's flood response and refugee preparedness. The proposal is straightforward in light of the emerging needs due to the influx of refugees and returnees from Niger. The application presents a range of activities, including surveillance in communities at risk, one off cash transfers and some NFI distribution, which will be a much needed and timely intervention.
		Anticipatory actions for mitigating the projected floodings in Jigawa and Kogi State, Nigeria,	\$200,000	\$200,000			WCA	RNGA-CF-15	2			\$200K was approved as part of the El Nino allocations. The Nigeria CO is already doing a lot of preparedness and AA work for the current flooding season. The application proposes excellent interventions in coordination with various local authorities, including locating safe places for evacuation in case of flooding, updating the beneficiary list, mobilisation and training of volunteers, community-based hygiene promotion, help desk etc. \$140K is planned to be used for anticipatory cash transfers for 2000 families to help them prepare for potential losses from floods, procure essential needs, such as food, and cover evacuation transportation costs. The budget also has very low overhead costs.
	NW Balkans CO	Anticipatory and preparedness actions and Ukraine Regional Response	\$300,000	\$300,000			MENAE	BIH-HCC-18	4	N/A	N/A	This was approved to support the Northwest Balkans CO prepare for an influx of migrant from Ukraine. The allocation is funded through earmarked contributions to the Ukraine crisis and it was made in agreement with the RO.
Occupied Palestinian Territories CO	99701213	Occupied Palestinian Territories HF_2023 Escalation Response	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$2,750,000	\$516,744	MENAE	PSE-CF-17	3	14,777	9,311	\$250K was allocated to Occupied Palestinian Territories (oPT)to respond to an outbreak of violence in Jenin camp. The application is clearly focused on the humanitarian needs in the camp.

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Pakistan CO	99701168	Pakistan Floods Response 2022	\$450,323	\$430,938	2,838,937	1,531,027	Asia	PAK-FL1-22	3	471,192	220,274	This allocation included \$180K as part of the El Niño allocations and \$250K for other preparedness work. This is a very good application on El Niño preparedness, and the CO has done some clear analysis of the potential impact of El Niño based on multiple scenarios, in addition to presenting an excellent phased approach towards preparedness and mitigation with broad level triggers and indicators. It is also good to see that the CO has used new guidance and tools for developing their Early Action Protocol.
		Earmarked Funds	\$19,385	\$19,385			Asia	PAK-FL1-22	3			This is an earmarked contribution from SC Norway.
	99701236	Supporting locally led humanitarian action in Sindh	\$250,000	\$250,000			Asia	PAK-HCC-22	3			Approved as part of the “Locally Led Humanitarian Action” window as the application scored highly against the selection criteria as per the Terms of Reference. Some key strengths of the application include: the involvement of local actors in the design; the implementation and learning processes of the initiative; it is based on a thorough contextual analysis; the proposed activities are in line with the CO’s SCHP; and a strong focus on gender.
Peru CO	99701132	Humanitarian Fund - Prepositioning	\$178,400	\$80,000	\$1,407,217	\$1,205,185	LAC	PER-HCC-18	4	60,294	22,023	Considering the low balance of the HF and being mindful of ensuring that there are enough resources to support COs with the highest needs for the rest of the quarter, the HF was able to commit \$80K for prepositioning in Peru.
		El Nino	\$120,000	\$120,000			LAC	PER-HCC-18	4			\$120 was approved as part of the El Nino allocations. The Peru CO has analysed the current scenario very well and has demonstrated good experience of responding to ongoing needs through response intervention. Prepositioning of kits for children and multi-stakeholder communication advocacy campaign are good proposed activities.
Papua New Guinea CO	99701268	Anticipatory Action Framework for El Niño impacts in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0	Asia	N/A	Un-cate-go-rized	N/A	N/A	\$100K was approved as part of the El Nino allocations, as Papua New Guinea is an El Nino focus country and the application includes relevant AA activities.
Rwanda CO	99701243	Local private sector engagement in emergency prevention and preparedness in Rwanda	\$370,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$0	ESA	RWA-HCC-15	4	9,744	5,451	Approved as part of the “Locally Led Humanitarian Action” window as the application scored highly against the selection criteria as per the Terms of Reference. Some key strengths of the application include: the innovative approach to localisation; the fact that the proposal is based on a thorough contextual analysis and locally contextualised humanitarian action; and alignment with Rwanda’s 2023 SCHP.
	99701187	Health and Nutrition Response for Refugees from DRC	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$580,000	\$492,872	ESA	RWA-CF-15	4			\$80K was approved for the health and nutrition response for asylum seekers from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The application is clear and concise, and focused on the needs identified, particularly on malnutrition. The CO will also strengthen the capacity of local actors on disaster preparedness.

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SC Indonesia	99701184	Indonesia Drought Response	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$511,177	\$386,108	Asia	IDN-HCC-18	4	35,822	23,637	\$80K was approved to address food insecurity in Indonesia resulting from drought.
SC Mexico	99701232	Heat waves Mexico 2023	\$119,840	\$119,840	\$119,840	\$119,853	LAC	MEX-HCC-13	Un-cate-go-rized	N/A	N/A	\$119,853 was approved as part of the EI Niño allocations. Mexico experienced its first round of heatwaves earlier this year, but current forecasts and projections combined with EI Niño impacts are pointing towards more heatwaves in the country, which are likely to be higher intensity. The application contains range of targeted intervention around WASH, education in emergencies, and risk communications and management, which would prepare the community and reduce the impact by timely/ early intervention.
SC Philippines	99701233	Humanitarian Fund Localization Window, Philippines	\$115,000	\$115,000	\$115,000	\$38,880	Asia	PHL-HCC-18	4	11,341	8,257	Approved as part of the "Locally Led Humanitarian Action" window as the application scored highly against the selection criteria as per the Terms of Reference. Some key strengths of the application include: the engagement of local actors from priority groups, explanation of how insights from girls, boys, women and/or men have informed the understanding of the problem to be addressed, proposition of work is based on a thorough contextual analysis, the proposed activities are in line with the country's SCHP and lastly the approach is potentially innovative.
SCI Centre	99701195	Earmarked Funds	\$47,294	\$47,294	\$554,105	\$75,966	Global	N/A	Un-cate-go-rized	N/A	N/A	This is part of the 1% allocated from the total contributions dedicated to the administration and management of the fund. This includes 1% of earmarked contributions from SC Finland, SC Germany, SC Hong Kong, SC Italy, SC Japan, SC Netherlands, SC South Korea, SC Spain and SC USA.
SCI ESA RO	99701166	ESARO HF - Media Deployment/ Hunger Crisis 2022	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$125,000	\$122,592	ESA	N/A	Un-cate-go-rized	N/A	N/A	This top-up was awarded to finalize the support for the Global Media Unit deployment to the ESA RO.
SCI MENAEE RO (Greece)	99701235	Earmarked Funds	\$37,899	\$37,899	\$37,899	\$18,325	MENAEE	N/A	Un-cate-go-rized	N/A	N/A	This includes earmarked contributions from SC Italy, SC Netherlands and SC Spain.
Senegal CO	99701263	Preparedness and Anticipatory Actions for Socio-political crisis in Senegal	\$93,973	\$93,973	\$93,973	\$0	WCA	N/A	Un-cate-go-rized	N/A	N/A	\$93,973 has been approved to support Senegal. The activities are interesting and are likely to be very useful for children and the community when implemented properly by engaging relevant stakeholders. Also part of the cost (\$11K) is for the CO's capacity building for emergency preparedness, which is an appropriate amount to invest considering the context.

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	99701244	Empowering Somali Women and Girls to Drive Locally Contextualized Action in Crises	\$750,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$0	ESA	SOM-HCC-17	1			Approved as part of the "Locally Led Humanitarian Action" window as the application scored highly against the selection criteria as per the Terms of Reference. Some key strengths of the application include: a clear explanation of how insights from children informed understanding of the problem to be addressed; having available resourcing to support quality implementation; the fact that the proposal is based on a thorough contextual analysis and locally contextualised humanitarian action; and alignment with Somalia's 2023 SCHP.
Somalia CO	99701167	EI Niño Preparedness Somalia	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$6,017,223	\$5,480,942	ESA	SOM-HCC-17	1	2,384,529	1,393,762	This proposal covers a range of preparedness and AA measures including school-based DRR activities, river enforcements, stocking up cholera kits and mosquito nets, and more importantly, risk information/communication in collaboration with the Somali Disaster Management Agency and federal member states, and it's part of a comprehensive plan which includes coordination with clusters. It has been noted that the CO will use other funding sources, including built-in crisis modifiers, and it is really good to see gender equality, disability and social inclusion and safeguarding explicitly referenced in the planning.
		Earmarked Funds	\$367,349	\$367,349			ESA	SOM-HCC-17	1			This includes earmarked contributions from SC Germany and SC US.
South Sudan CO	99701239	Strengthened capacity for humanitarian and anticipatory action for national partners, communities and children in Maban.	\$749,839	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$0	ESA	SSD-CX1-20	1	199,475	85,543	Approved as part of the "Locally Led Humanitarian Action" window as the application scored highly against the selection criteria as per the Terms of Reference. Some key strengths of the application include: the engagement of local actors from priority groups; the fact that the proposal is based on a thorough contextual analysis and locally contextualised humanitarian action; and alignment with South Sudan's 2023 SCHP.
	99701212	Earmarked Funds	\$49,500	\$49,500	\$1,750,000	\$921,687	ESA	SSD-CX1-20	1			This is an earmarked contribution from SC US, which is contributing toward recovering South Sudan's funding advance from Q2.
Sri Lanka CO	99701147	Supporting locally led humanitarian action through flexible funding	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$650,000	\$276,079	Asia	LKA-HCC-22	4	81,716	26,251	Approved as part of the "Locally Led Humanitarian Action" window as the application scored highly against the selection criteria as per the Terms of Reference. Some key strengths of the application include: the engagement of local actors from priority groups, involvement of local actors in the design, implementation and learning processes, the approach being potentially innovative, and being based on a through contextual analysis.

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Sudan CO	99701251	Accelerating locally-led emergency response in Sudan	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0	ESA	SDN-CX1-20	2	486,644	331,313	Approved as part of the “Locally Led Humanitarian Action” window as the application scored highly against the selection criteria as per the Terms of Reference. Some key strengths of the application include: having available resourcing to support quality implementation; the fact that the proposal is based on a thorough contextual analysis and locally contextualised humanitarian action; and alignment with Sudan’s 2023 SCHP.
	99701207	Earmarked Funds	\$9,900	\$9,900	\$2,000,000	\$1,670,805	ESA	SDN-CX1-20	2			This is an earmarked contribution from SC Hong Kong, which is contributing toward recovering Sudan’s funding advance from Q2.
Syria Response Off.	99701200	Syria Earthquake Top-Up	\$400,978	\$400,978	\$8,887,992	\$4,108,559	MENAE	SYR-EQ1-23	2	598,750	319,447	This allocation was made from funds earmarked for the Türkiye and Syria earthquake.
	99701014	Earmarked Funds	\$123,130	\$123,130	\$9,500,985	\$6,575,338	MENAE	SYR-CF-19	2			This includes earmarked contributions from SC Spain and SC US.
Tanzania CO	99701137	Rotavirus Outbreak Affecting Infants and Young Children	\$150,000	\$50,000	\$1,540,000	\$1,500,199	ESA	TZA-HCC-15	4	105,722	50,927	\$50K was approved for Tanzania given the scale of the humanitarian needs, and the amount is also in line with what the HF has allocated to similar responses recently. It is good to see that Tanzania will support the government in the rotavirus response.
Türkiye CO	99701199	TUR HF - Earthquake Response 2023	\$599,536	\$599,536	\$9,086,550	\$1,758,202	MENAE	TUR-EQ1-23	2	157,076	90,402	This allocation was made from funds earmarked for the Türkiye and Syria earthquake.
	99701225	TUR HF - Earthquake Contingency Response - 2023	\$84,150	\$84,150	\$313,568	\$5,663	MENAE	TUR-EQ1-23	2			This is an earmarked contribution from SC US.
Uganda CO	99701217	Reducing undernutrition in children in Karamoja	\$84,150	\$84,150	\$586,172	(\$1,200)	ESA	UGA-CF-16	3	56,638	18,389	This is an earmarked contribution from SC US.
Ukraine CO	99701127	Light & Medium shelter repairs Ukraine 2023	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$66,971,006	\$34,680,120	MENAE	UKR-CF1-22	1	616,770	201,484	This has been approved to support the response in Ukraine. The allocation is funded through earmarked contributions to the Ukraine crisis and it was made in agreement with the RO.
Venezuela CO	99701231	Strengthening local response capacities in community-based and child-led protection mechanisms	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$178,178	LAC	VEN-CX-19	3	69,871	34,706	Approved as part of the “Locally Led Humanitarian Action” window as the application scored highly against the selection criteria as per the Terms of Reference. Some key strengths of the application include: the involvement of local actors in the design, implementation and learning processes of the initiative; the fact that the proposal is based on a thorough contextual analysis and locally contextualised humanitarian action; and alignment with Venezuela’s 2023 SCHP.
	99701151	VEN HF - Venezuela Education and Protection Response 2022-23	\$39,600	\$39,600	\$752,933	\$426,331	LAC	VEN-CX-19	3			This is an earmarked contribution from SC US.

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Yemen CO	99701022	Supporting locally led humanitarian action through flexible funding	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$12,995,071	\$10,409,700	MENAE	YEM-CX-17	1	1,046,122	591,877	Approved as part of the “Locally Led Humanitarian Action” window as the application scored highly against the selection criteria as per the Terms of Reference. Some key strengths of the application include: engaging local actors from priority groups including youth organizations, including a clear explanation of how insights from girls, boys, women and/or men have informed the understanding of the problem to be addressed, as well as having a potentially innovative approach.
		Earmarked Funds	\$84,319	\$84,319			MENAE	YEM-CX-17	1			This includes earmarked contributions from SC Finland and SC Germany.
Zimbabwe CO	99701198	Zimbabwe Election Response 2023	\$250,000	\$150,000	\$400,000	\$349,132	ESA	ZWE-CX1-22	4	96,337	44,932	In the past, Zimbabwe has seen electoral violence and, considering the current humanitarian situation in general and potential risk of violence due to the upcoming general election, the CO would need to implement the majority of these activities to strengthen readiness to act. Furthermore, Zimbabwe is a preparedness priority country and this application is supported by the RO. However, the proposed \$250K is too high considering that the magnitude and scale of the situation is not yet clear.

About the Humanitarian Fund

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The Humanitarian Fund will enable our responses to plan, design and deliver high quality humanitarian action for the children and communities we serve during crises. In addition to the categorized responses, the Humanitarian Fund also supports Anticipatory Action and emergency preparedness in order to reduce the impact of crises.

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Cover image: Noa*, 11, lives in a village on the Pacific Island nation of Vanuatu with his two parents as well as with his two siblings.

In March 2023, the family was forced to take shelter from back-to-back tropical cyclones – Tropical Cyclone Judy and Tropical Cyclone Kevin.

Save the Children supported Noa* and his family by providing water, food, gardening supplies, such as seeds and tools, and household items. In addition, Noa* and his siblings attend a Child-Friendly Space set up by Save the Children wherein they play with other children in a safe environment.

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*Names of the people in the photos in this report have been changed to protect their identity.