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# QUARTERLY REGIONAL HUMANITARIAN FUNDING UPDATE

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The Regional Humanitarian Funding Update provides a quarterly overview of funding levels and trends in the countries of the Middle East, North Africa and Central Asia region, mainly based on data reported to the Financial Tracking Service (FTS).

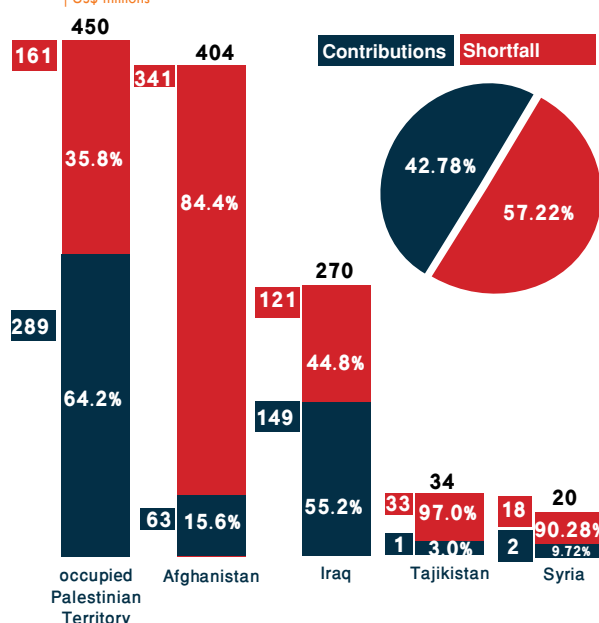
This Update looks at the current funding levels for Consolidated Appeals and Flash Appeals, as well as trends in allocations from the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF). It also provides an overview of funding flows from the region.

OCHA does not claim that the figures in this Update are fully comprehensive.

## Main Findings:

- » The United Nations launched an appeal on 1 October for over US\$ 20 million to help up to one million drought-affected people in Syria for a period of six months. So far the Appeal is only 9.7% funded.
- » The UN's Palestine Refugee Agency (UNRWA) appealed in September for US\$43 million for temporary services such as emergency food rations and shelter for the victims of the Nahr El Bared camp fighting in Lebanon, but so far only the United States has come forward with a firm pledge of US\$4.3 million.
- » Over US\$88 million in aid was given by countries in the MENACA region in the 3rd Quarter. The vast majority of this was a contribution to the World Bank by Kuwait towards a multi-donor trust fund in support of Palestinians.

2008 Appeals: Contribution & shortfall by country  
| US\$ millions



Summary of Requirements - by Country, as of June 2008  
<http://www.reliefweb.int/fts>

## Financial Tracking Service (FTS)

OCHA's Financial Tracking Service (FTS) is a global, real-time database that records all reported international humanitarian aid, including that for UN Agencies, NGOs, the Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement, bilateral aid, in-kind aid, and private donations. FTS features a special focus on Consolidated Appeals and Flash Appeals because they cover the major humanitarian crises and because their funding requirements are well defined – which allows FTS to indicate to what extent populations in crisis receive humanitarian aid in proportion to needs.

All FTS data are provided by donors or recipient organisations. Reporting is easy and it provides visibility for everyone. More importantly, a well-defined picture of needs and gaps contributes to a more coordinated approach to humanitarian assistance and helps to identify where funding gaps exist. FTS offers a series of standard tables that show humanitarian aid flows in various formats and also allows users to produce custom financial tables on demand. If you can't find what you are looking for, please contact the FTS team at [fts@reliefweb.int](mailto:fts@reliefweb.int).

Many thanks to all who have reported funding and we look forward to hearing from the rest of you.

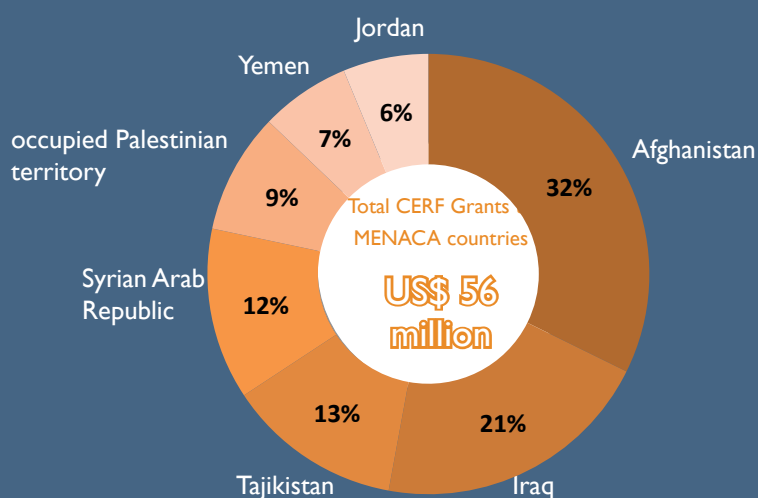


## Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) January - August 2008

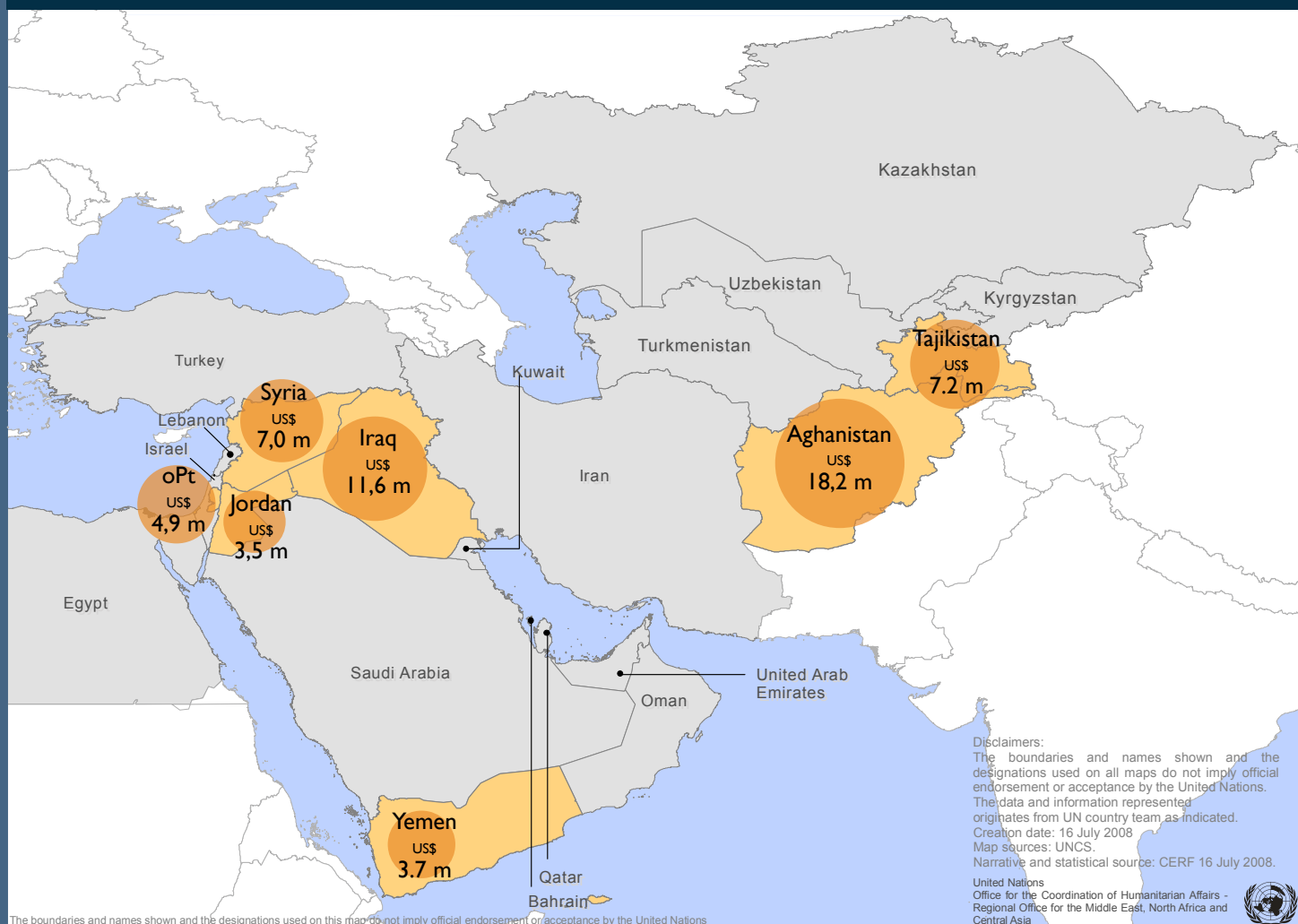
On 14 October 2008, the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) announced that it has now allocated more than one billion dollars for humanitarian aid around the world since it was launched in March 2006.

Funded by voluntary contributions, the Fund aims to save lives by providing quick initial funding for life-saving assistance and rapid response in sudden onset or rapidly deteriorating emergencies and by ensuring a fair distribution of funds where crises are forgotten or neglected. This year's annual High Level Conference on the CERF will take place in New York on 4 December and will be opened by the Secretary General.

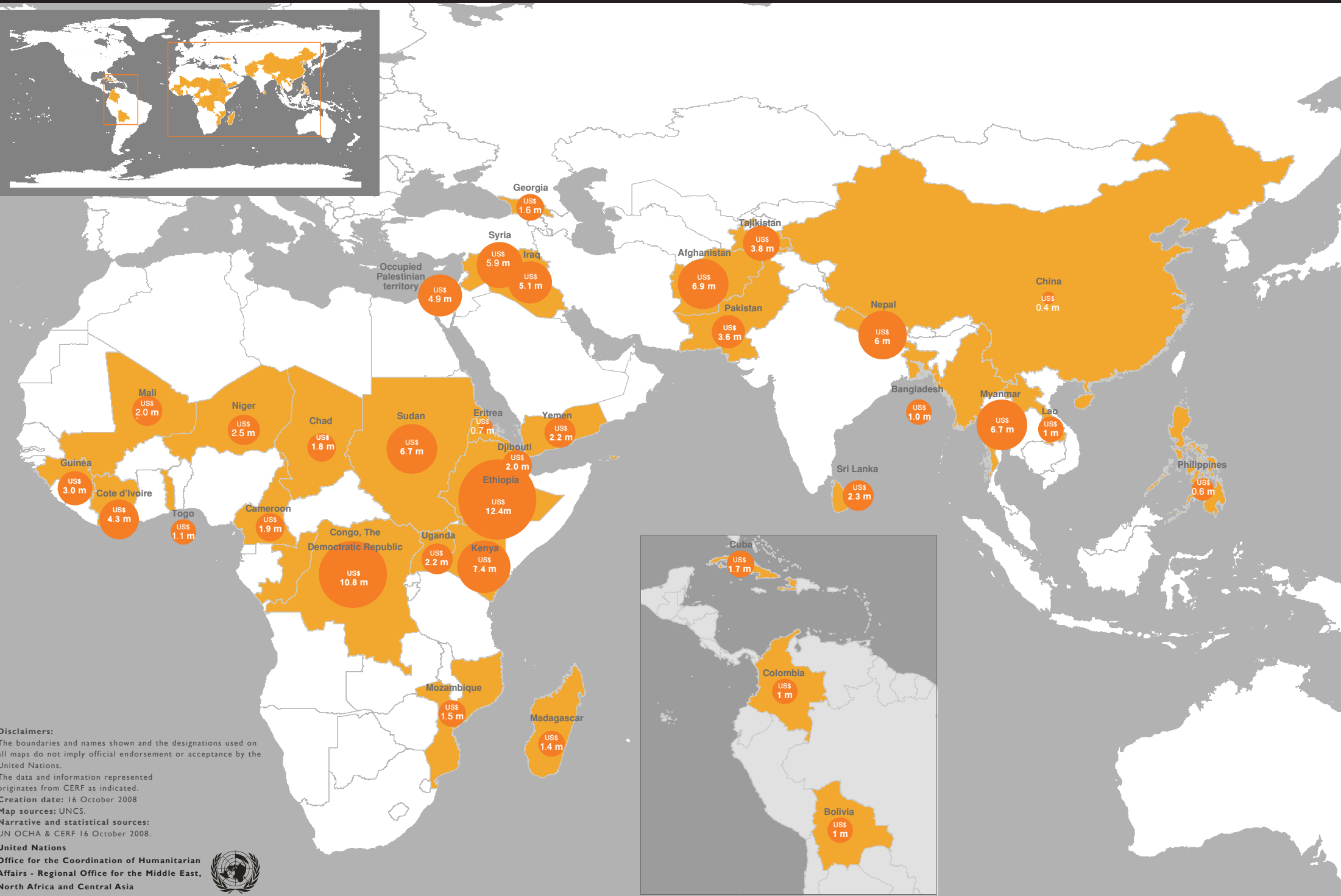
Of the US\$1 billion that the CERF has allocated since it was launched, more than US\$674.9 million went to rapid onset disasters. So far this year, US\$264.7 million was allocated to such emergencies, including over US\$120 million in allocations towards emergency food programmes (see map overleaf).



### CERF allocations to the MENACA region January - August 2008



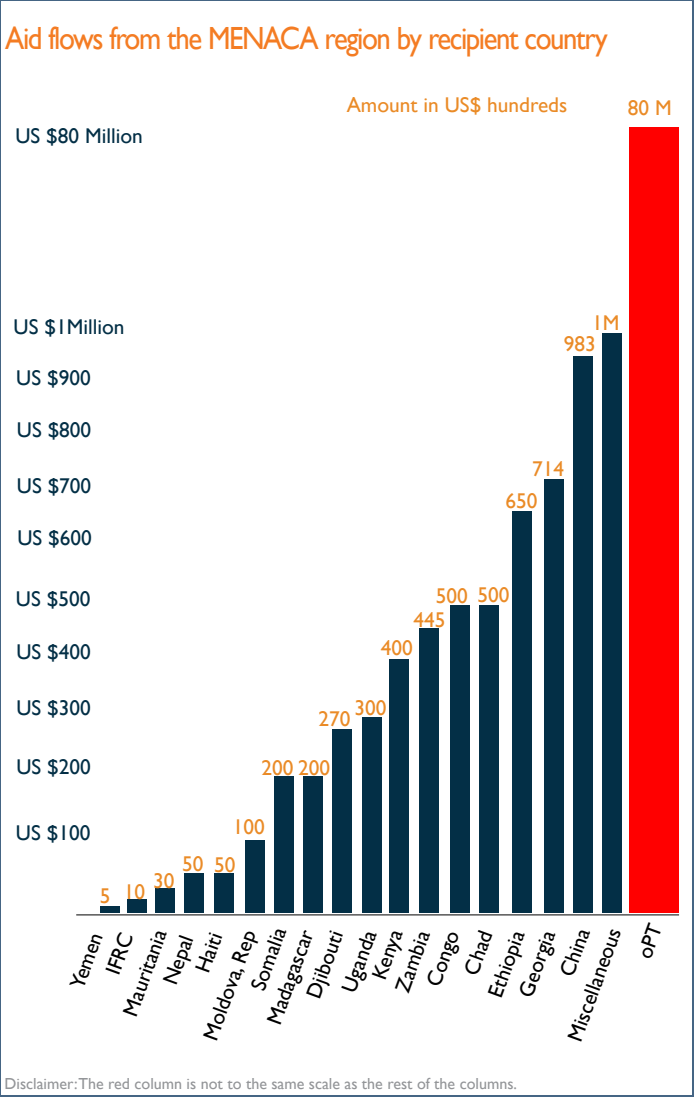
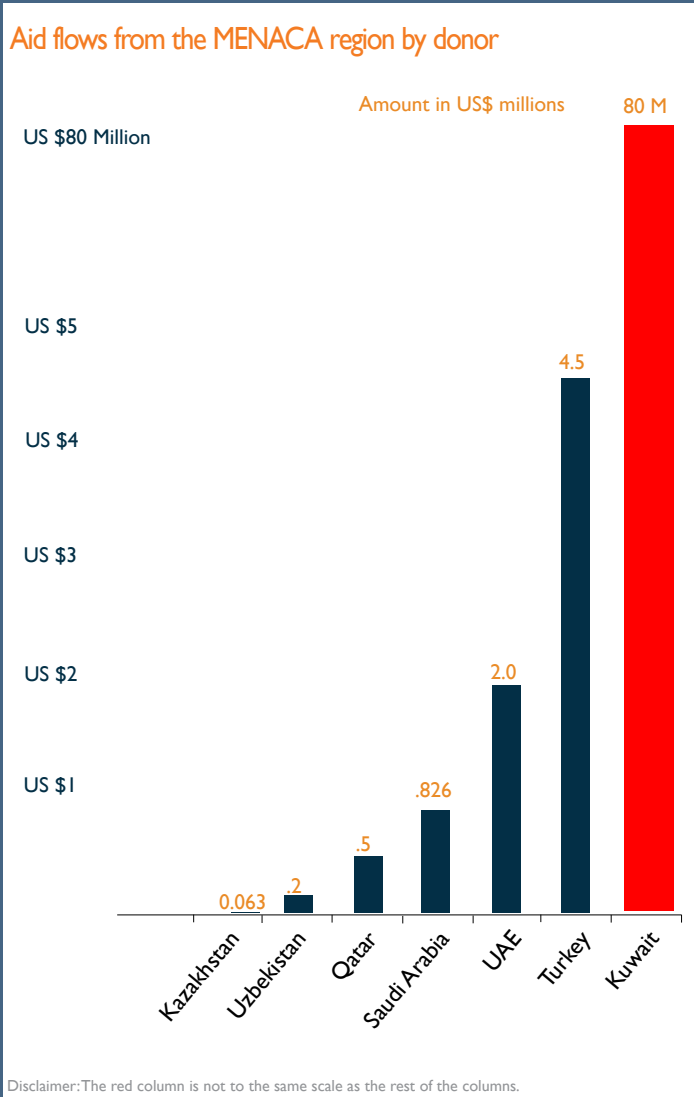
# Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) Allocations to Food Programmes | Jan. - mid Oct. 2008



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# Aid flows from the MENACA region: July - September 2008

In the 3rd Quarter 2008, over US\$88 million in aid was given by countries in the MENACA region. The vast majority of this was a contribution to the World Bank by Kuwait towards a multi-donor trust fund in support of Palestinians. For more information about these donations, please visit the Financial Tracking Service on <http://ocha.unog.ch/fts2/>



## UNRWA Appeal for Nahr el Bared Refugee Camp

The UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) has made an urgent appeal for emergency assistance to some thirty thousand Palestinian refugees whose homes were destroyed by fighting last year at the Nahr el Bared camp in Northern Lebanon. The US\$43 million Appeal, which was launched in September, is for temporary services such as emergency food rations and shelter, but so far only the United States has come forward with a firm pledge of US\$4.3 million, while a few European donors have indicated a willingness to pledge. UNRWA officials have said that if funds do not come in soon, essential emergency programmes will be severely reduced, since US\$2.5 million is needed every month for basic emergency assistance. Last June in Vienna, UNRWA and the Government of Lebanon had appealed for US\$445 in total, including US\$282 million for the reconstruction of the old camp. UNRWA has so far received US\$67.5 million, most of which is coming from Western governments.



Nahr al-Bared refugee Camp. | Photo: Aljazeera.net.

# Consolidated Appeals Process (CAP)

## IRAQ CAP

So far, the Iraqi Government is the largest donor to the CAP, closely followed by the United States. While the Iraq CAP overall was 55% (US\$149 million) funded by the end of June, donors' financial contributions are unevenly allocated across the sectors vis-à-vis their requirements, and key humanitarian sectors face immediate funding shortages. The Food Sector is 82% funded, while the Health Sector has only had 15% of its appeal met.

Moreover, International and national NGOs in particular lack funding. Ten NGOs participate in the Iraq CAP 2008, with 15 out of a total of 65 projects. Donors are urged to fund NGO projects as well as larger UN operations, since NGO operations are crucial to reach communities in need.

The mid year review of the Appeal has been released, and can be viewed on <http://ochaonline.un.org/humanitarianappeal/webpage.asp?Page=1667>



An woman buys fruit in a market in Baghdad. The new food rationing system will exclude those with high incomes. | Source: Charles W. Gill/US Army

Figure 1: Requirements and funds per Sector  
Report as of 08-October-2008 (Appeal launched on 12-February-2008)

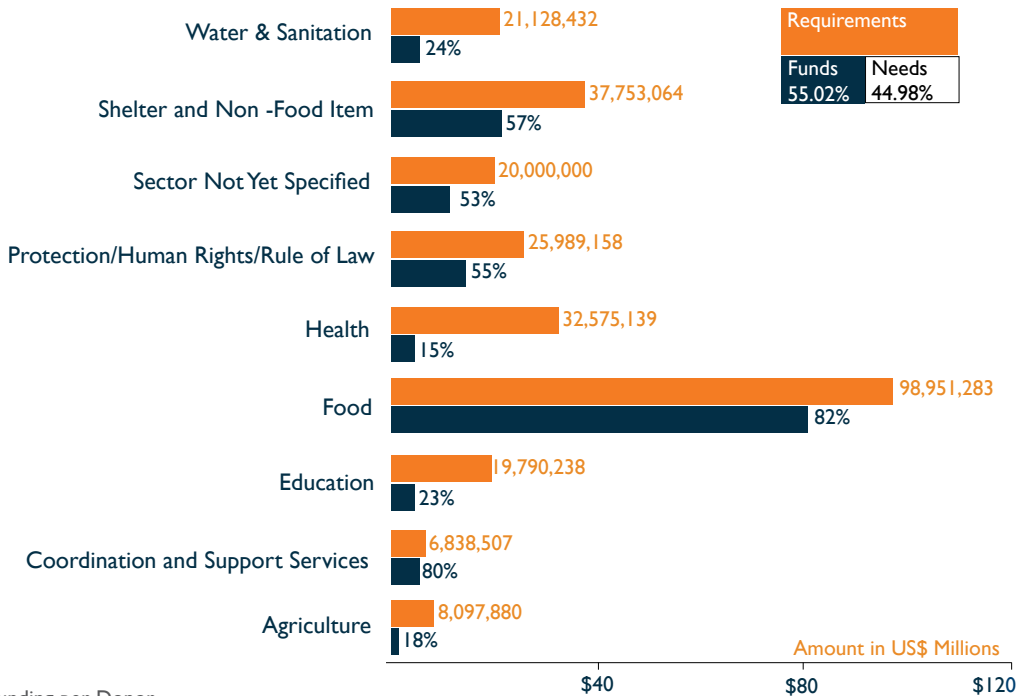
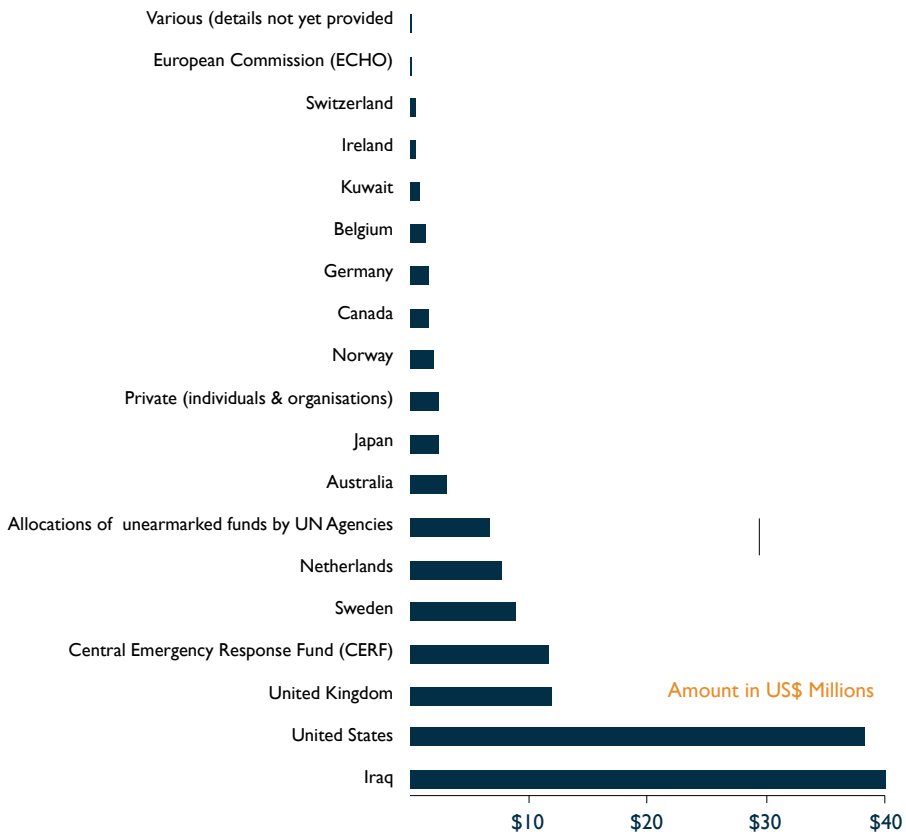


Figure 2: Total Funding per Donor  
Report as of 08-October-2008  
(Appeal launched on 12-February-2008)



## IRAQ CAP

Requested: US\$ 271 million

Funding: US\$ 149 million

Coverage: 55%

Pledges: US\$ 2.7 million



# Consolidated Appeals Process (CAP)



Palestinians cross over a section of the border wall separating the Gaza Strip from Egypt at Rafah crossing point January 2008. Source: Victoria Hazou/IRIN

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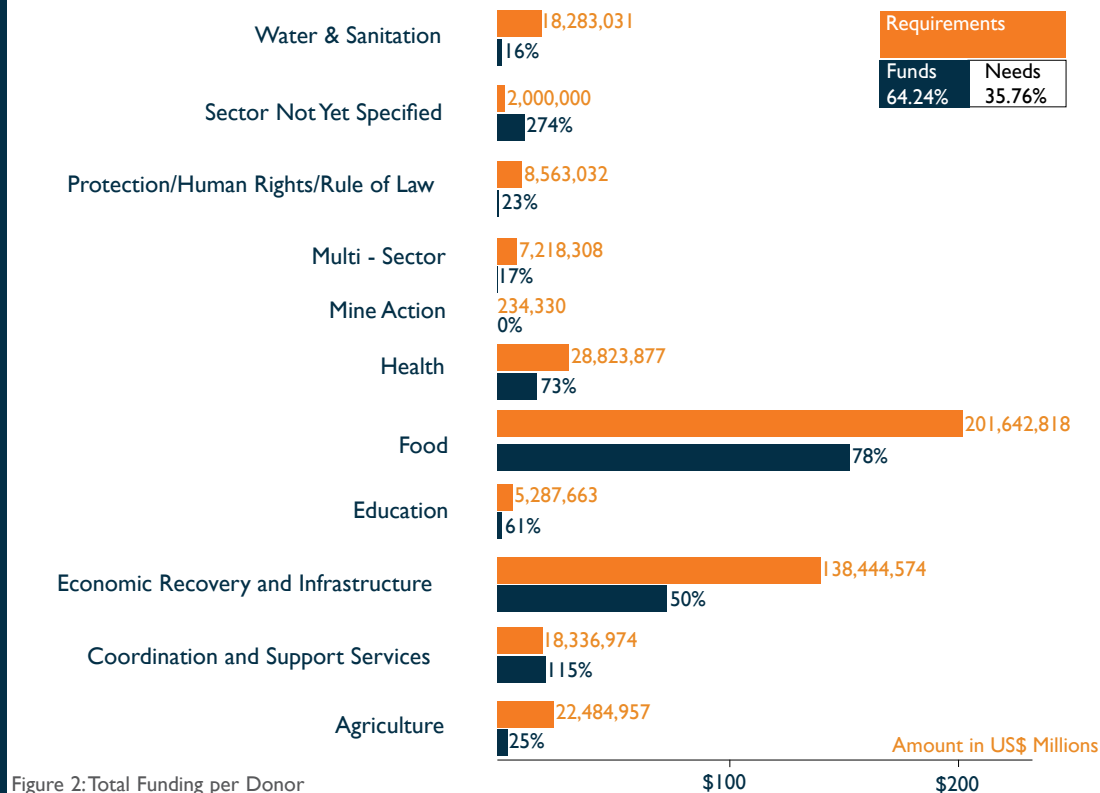
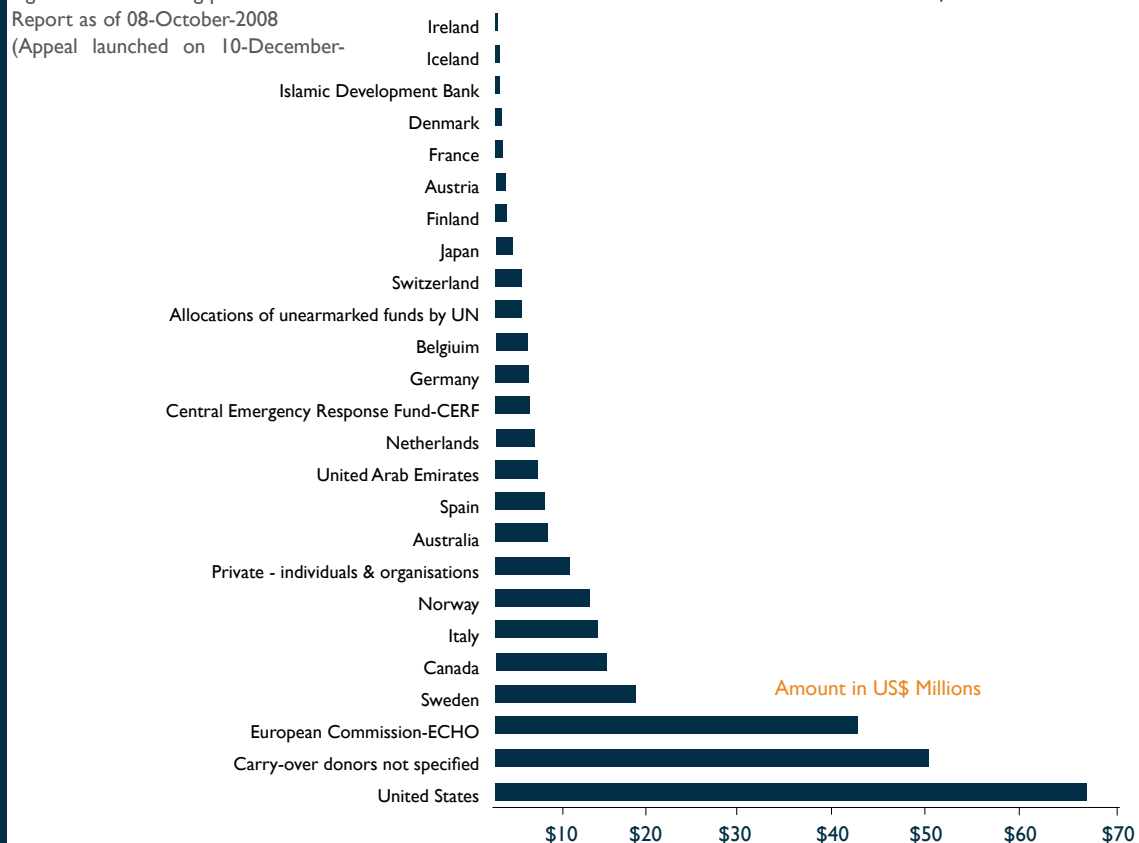


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## occupied Palestinian territory (oPt) CAP

At the end of 2007, the humanitarian community predicted a continued degradation of the humanitarian situation in the oPt during 2008, particularly in the Gaza Strip, where the intensified closure since mid-June 2007 has had a devastating impact on the lives of civilians. On 10 December 2007, they launched an Appeal for \$462,121,404, the majority of which was for the food sector.

This Appeal features greater participation of local and international NGOs and Palestinian Authority Ministry staff, compared to the 2007 CAP. So far, the 2008 oPt CAP is funded at 64% overall, but resources are unevenly allocated across the sectors. Whereas the Coordination and Support Services are 115% funded, the Water and Sanitation sector has been given only 16% of the requested amount. The United States remains the largest single donor to the oPt CAP, followed by the European Union (ECHO).

The mid-year review of the Appeal has now been released, and can be seen at <http://ochaonline.un.org/humanitarianappeal/webpage.asp?Page=1667>

## Afghanistan Joint Emergency Appeal 2008 etc.

Earlier this year a Joint Appeal on for the Humanitarian Consequences of the Rise in Food Prices was launched over the first half of 2008, which succeeded in bringing in 87,100 MT of food for 2.6 million people at risk of food insecurity. It had been hoped that food prices in Afghanistan would return to their previous levels but this did not happen, as neighbouring countries closed their borders or restricted exports, and as speculation and hoarding were prompted by fears of a poor domestic harvest. The results of the Agriculture Prospects Survey in April indicate that wheat production will be 36% less than in 2007, when the country was able to produce over 90% of its own food.

This Emergency Food and Drought Appeal is a response to the crisis situation faced by the poorest people of Afghanistan, caused by the combination of persistent high food prices, a much reduced harvest, and drought conditions across the country. Its immediate overall aim is to address the humanitarian situation related to food insecurity severely exacerbated by the food price increases, drought, and other factors. The appeal also aims to avoid a prolonged relief situation by supporting the agriculture sector through the next planting and harvest cycle.

The duration of the Appeal is 12 months, from July 2008 to July 2009, and the total amount needed is US\$ 404,319,728. At present, the United States is the single largest donor, with a donation of US\$46 million

For full details, please visit <http://ochaonline.un.org/humanitarianappeal/webpage.asp?MenuID=11721&Page=1693>



Afghan Children eating lunch in a district in Daikundin Province, central Afghanistan. High food prices and drought have hit millions of already vulnerable Afghans . Photo: Masoud Popalza/IRIN

## Afghanistan Appeal

Requested: US\$ 404 million

Funding: US\$ 63 million

Coverage: 15.59%

Pledges: US\$ 6 million

Figure 1: Requirements and funds per Sector  
Report as of 08-October-2008  
(Appeal launched on 9-July-2008)

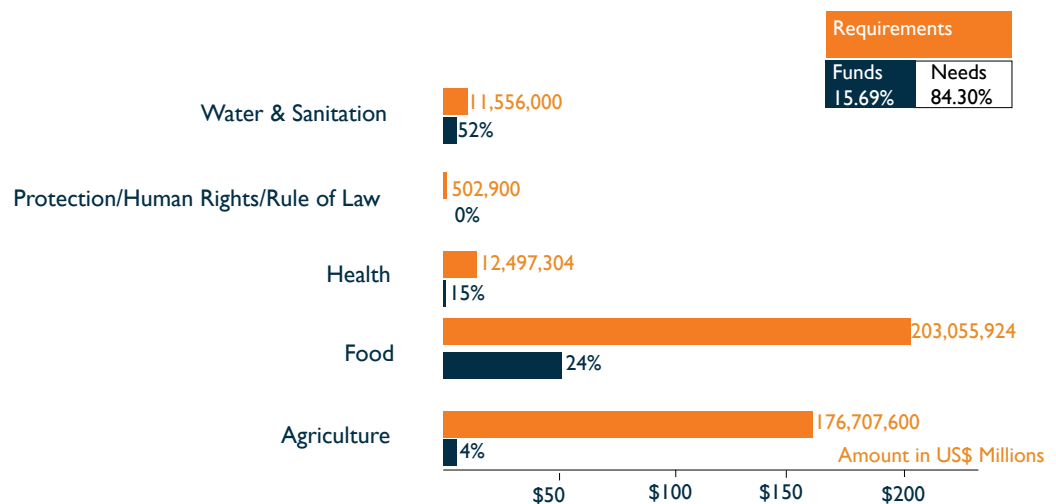
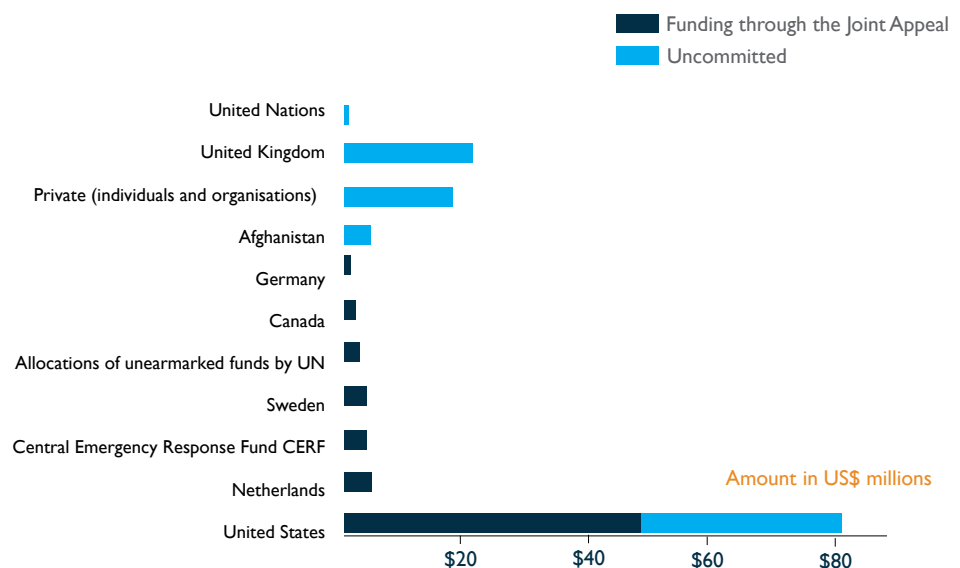


Figure 2: Total Funding per Donor  
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Last winter Tajikistan experienced its harshest weather in almost three decades[ Source: David Swanson/IRIN



# Tajikistan Humanitarian Food Security Appeal.

Requested: US\$ 34 million

Funding: US\$ 1 million

Coverage: 2.94%

## Tajikistan Humanitarian Food Security Appeal

On 25 September 2008, a Humanitarian Food Security Appeal for US\$34,746,555 was launched to provide a temporary safety net for 800,000 of the most vulnerable people across Tajikistan.

The Appeal covers a 15-month period from October 2008 to December 2009, and aims to offer short- and long-term relief by providing food and cash assistance, as well as rehabilitating critical infrastructure and supporting the agriculture sector through the next planting and harvest cycle. So far, the only donation towards the Humanitarian Food Security Appeal is US\$1.6 million from the CERF.

This new, longer-term appeal follows the Tajikistan Flash Appeal published in February following a severe cold wave. The Flash Appeal called for \$26.9 million to meet the urgent needs of two million people affected during a severe winter cold wave, as well as to undertake preparedness measures for potential flooding during the spring melt. More than US\$15.4 million were contributed, representing 57% of the total appeal requirements.

For full details, please visit <http://ochaonline.un.org/humanitarianappeal/webpage.asp?MenuID=11724&Page=1699>

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(Appeal launched on 25-September-2008)

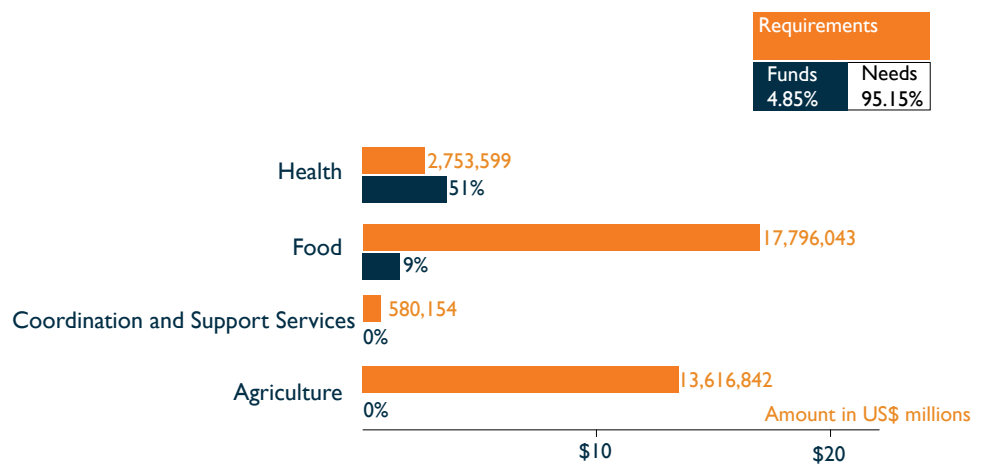
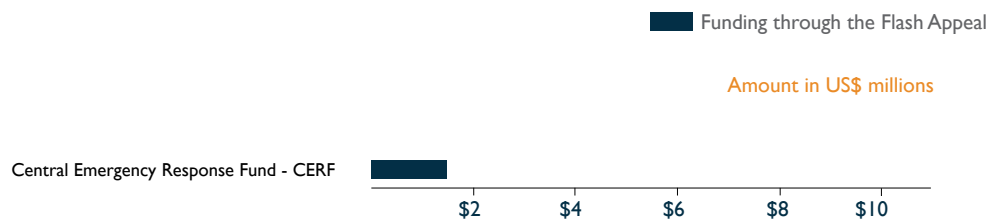
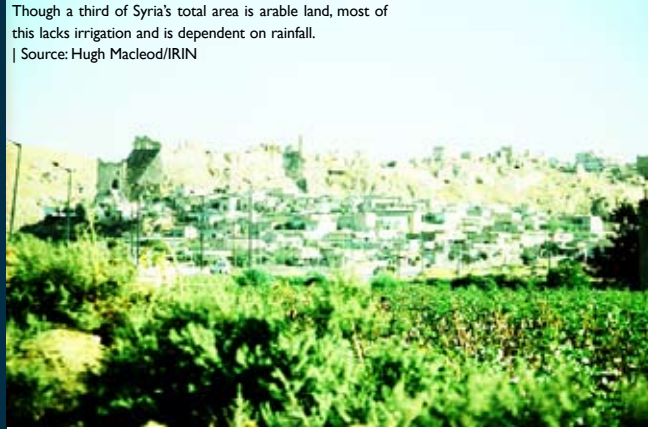


Figure 2: Total Funding per Donor  
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(Appeal launched on 25-September-2008)





Though a third of Syria's total area is arable land, most of this lacks irrigation and is dependent on rainfall.  
| Source: Hugh Macleod/IRIN



## Syria Drought Appeal

**Requested:** US\$ 20 million  
**Funding:** US\$ 1.9 million  
**Coverage:** 9.5%  
**Pledges:** US\$ .7 million

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Report as of 14-October-2008

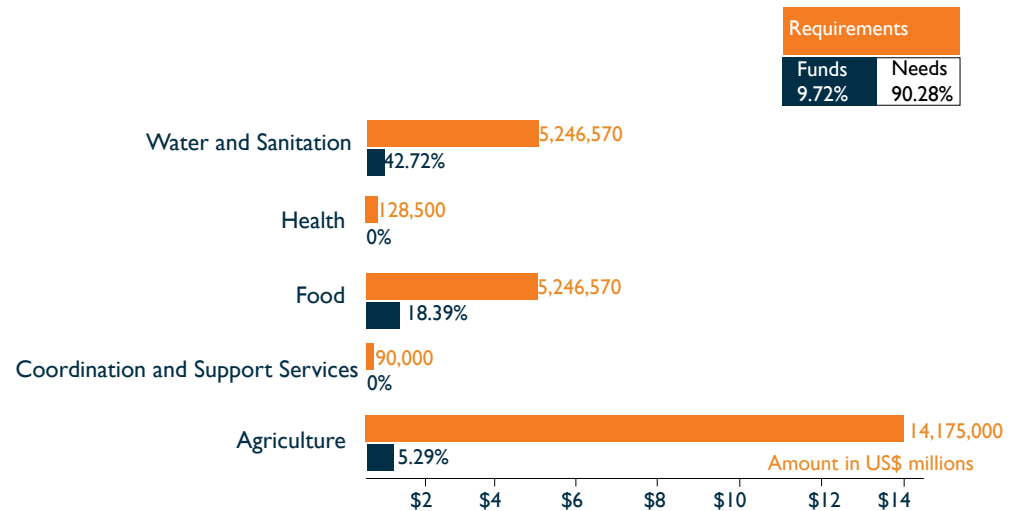
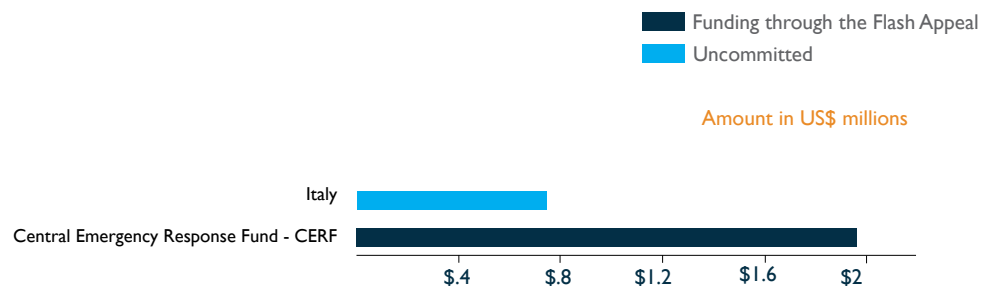


Figure 2: Total Funding per Donor  
Report as of 14-October-2008



### Syrian Drought Appeal

Syria is currently experiencing a drought that is by far the worst over the past four decades. The Syrian Government estimates that 200,000 families (up to one million people) have suffered direct severe impact of the drought. The impact has been felt so dramatically throughout the country that the Syrian Government approached the UN Resident Coordinator requesting mobilisation of emergency funds from UN agencies and the donor community.

Through this Appeal, five United Nations agencies seek US\$20,228,570 to work with Governmental partners and Non-Governmental Organisations in addressing the emergency humanitarian needs and prevent further impacts for a period of six months (October 2008 – March 2009). The Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) has already allocated \$1.97 million to three projects in this Appeal.

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