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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).

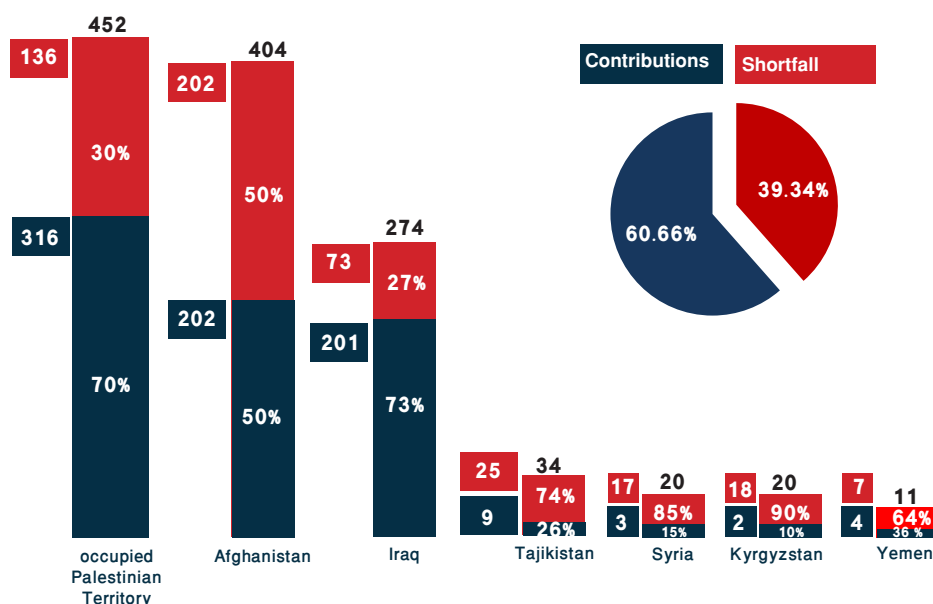
The FTS is a global, real-time database that records all reported international humanitarian aid, including that for UN Agencies, NGOs, the Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement, bilateral aid, in-kind aid, and private donations. All FTS data are provided by donors or recipient organisations. Reporting is 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. For more information, please visit <http://ocha.unog.ch/fts>

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

Main Findings:

- » In the wake of the Gaza Crisis, the Consolidated Appeal for the occupied Palestinian territory has been increased by US\$ 68 million: from US\$ 462 million to US\$ 530 million. A Gaza Flash Appeal is currently being coordinated by OCHA, and will be officially launched on 2 February 2009. The projects highlighted in the Gaza Flash Appeal should not prejudice funding for the annual humanitarian programming as presented in the 2009 Consolidated Appeal
- » Saudi Arabia has pledged US\$1 billion for the reconstruction of Gaza, and Qatar has pledged US\$ 250 million. The UAE and Bahrain held telethon fund-raisers, raising US\$ 84 million and US\$ 8.9 million respectively. How the above money will be allocated has not been finalised at the time of printing. Kuwait has pledged US\$ 34 million against UNRWA's emergency appeal
- » The Food Sector received 52% of all funding to all projects in the MENACA region in 2008. Projects relating to Mine Action received no funding
- » In 2008, countries in the MENACA region gave over US\$ 1 billion in aid around the world
- » The Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) provided over US\$ 64 million (15% of total CERF grants) in rapid response grants and to under-funded emergencies in the MENACA region
- » In 2008, the Kyrgyzstan Flash Appeal and Syria's Drought Appeal were the least funded, receiving just 12% (US\$ 2.4 million) and 15% (US\$ 3 million) of the requested amounts respectively. The majority of funding for both appeals came from the CERF (72% and 64%)

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



Gaza Crisis

On 27 December 2008, the Israeli Defense Forces launched a massive combined military operation in Gaza, during which over 1,300 Palestinians were killed and 5,300 injured - a significant proportion of whom were women and children. According to the Israeli government, the attack was launched in response to Palestinian rocket and mortar fire into Israel since the end of the 19 December Egyptian-negotiated "calm".

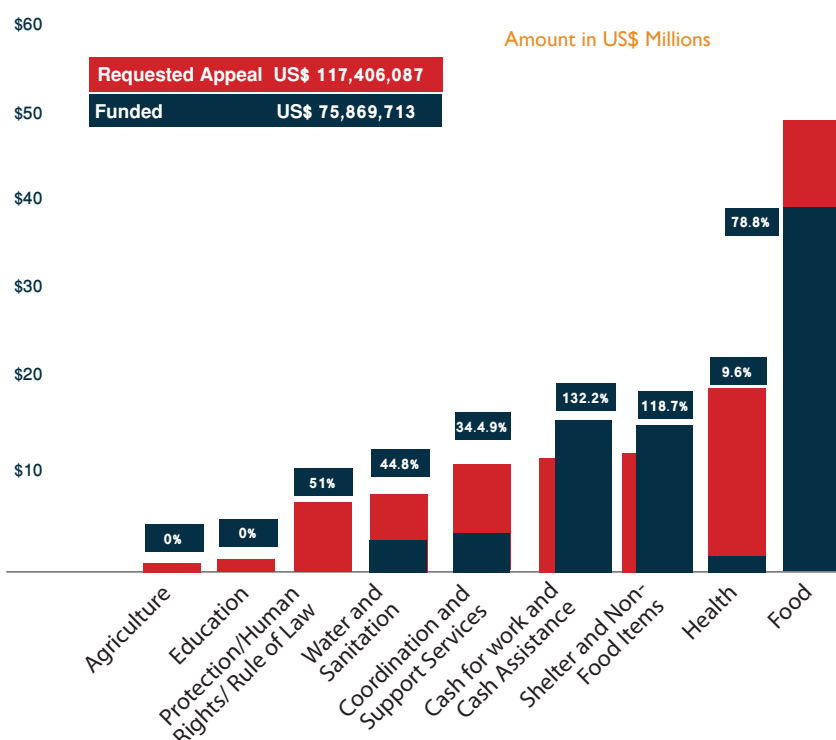
The Israeli offensive resulted in the displacement of around 100,000 Palestinians, and the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics estimated that the overall physical damage so far amounted to US\$ 1.9 billion. The international community was swift to respond to the humanitarian needs of

the Palestinians, although gaining access to the affected communities remains extremely difficult.

In addition to the donations listed below, there have been several large pledges made by Gulf countries. On 19 January, King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia announced a pledge of US\$ 1 billion for the reconstruction of Gaza. The UAE and Bahrain both held telethons for Gaza, raising US\$ 86 million and US\$8.9 million respectively. How this money will be allocated has not been finalised at the time of printing. Kuwait has pledged US\$ 34 million towards UNRWA's appeal.

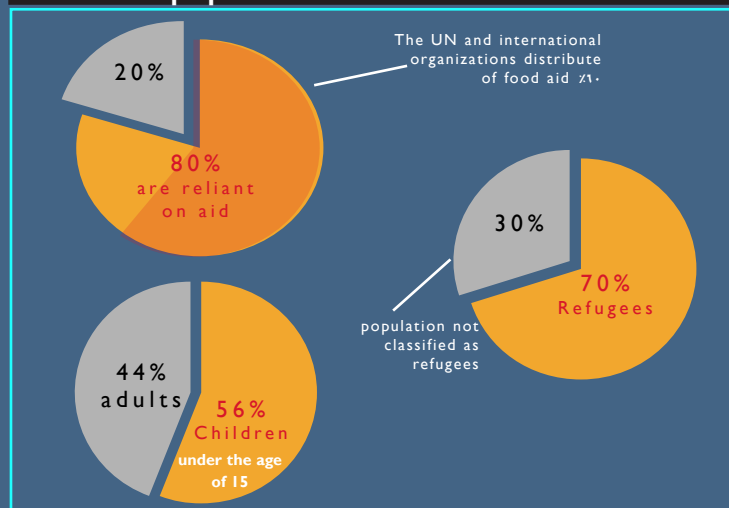
Funding to Sectors in 15 January Immediate Funding Needs Document

As of 26 January 2009



- » A Flash Appeal for Gaza is being prepared and will be launched on 2 February. The Flash Appeal builds upon, and supersedes, the Initial Response Plan and Immediate Funding Needs document of 15 January, which requested US\$ 117 million in urgent humanitarian funding. It will include both new and revised projects, all of which will be counted in the 2009 Consolidated Appeal for the occupied Palestinian territory
- » For more information about the Humanitarian Emergency Response Fund (HERF), designed to fund initial responses to an outbreak of emergency in the oPt, please visit www.ochaopt.org
- » For more information about UNRWA, WFP and Palestinian Red Crescent Society appeals and activities, see www.unrwa.org, www.wfp.org and www.ifrc.org
- » For the latest situation report, please visit www.ochaopt.org, and for the latest funding gaps and requirements, please visit <http://ocha.unog.ch/fts>

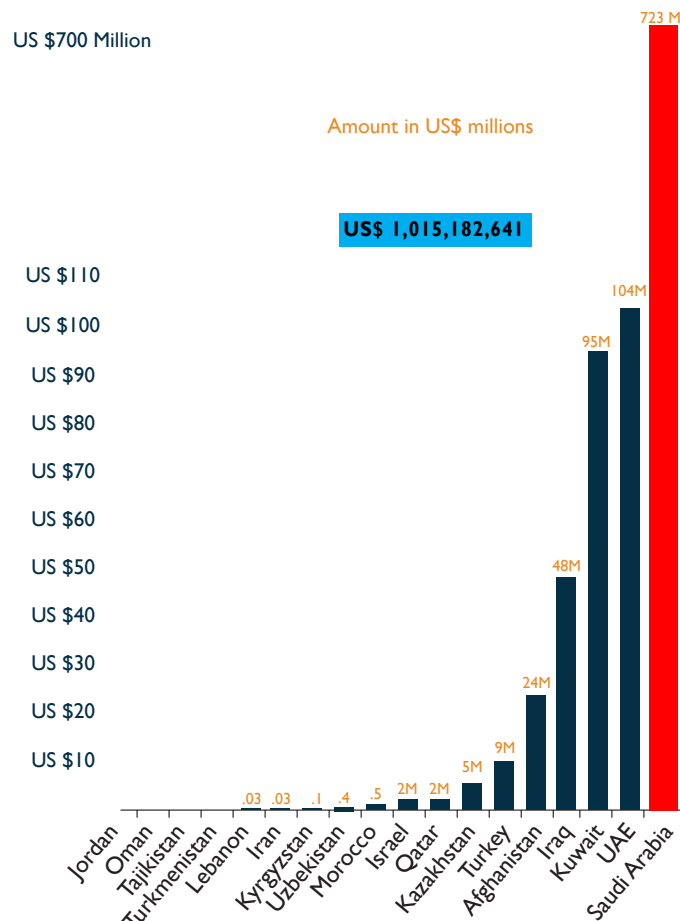
The total population of Gaza is 1.5 million



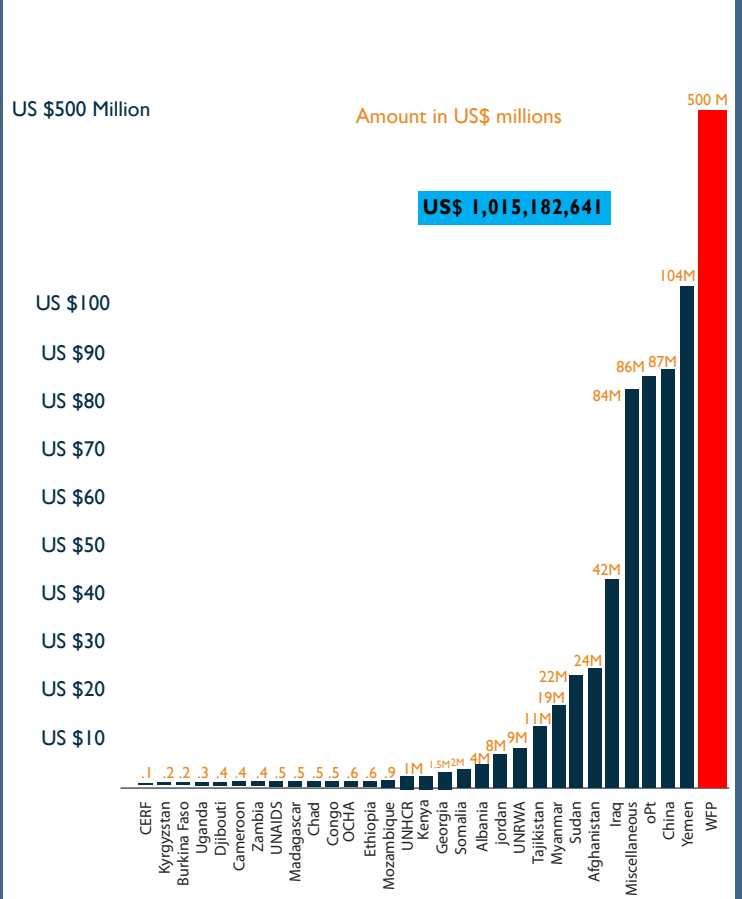
Aid flows from the MENACA region: 2008

In 2008, countries in the MENACA region gave over US\$ 1 billion in aid around the world, both bilaterally and through the multilateral system. The largest single donation was US\$ 500 million from Saudi Arabia towards the World Food Programme's Appeal to help compensate for the increased costs of food and fuel. The countries that received the most aid money from the MENACA region were Yemen, China, the occupied Palestinian territory, and Iraq.

Aid flows from the MENACA region by donor



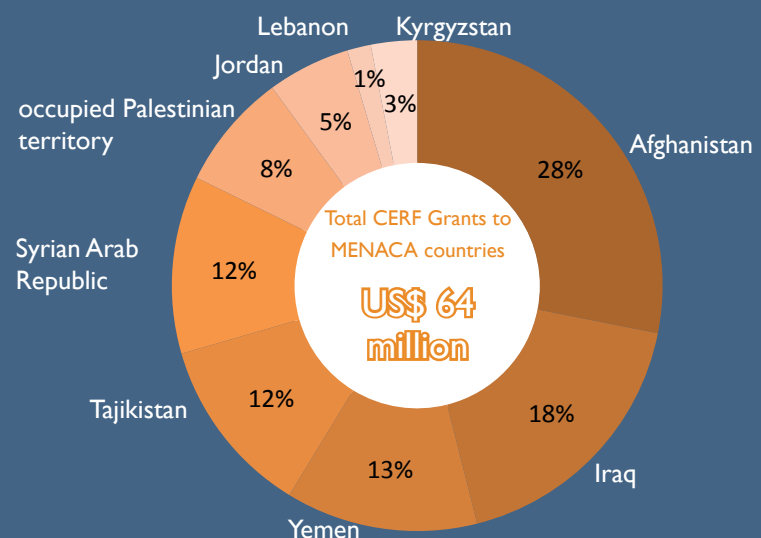
Aid flows from the MENACA region by recipient countries and organisations



Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF): 2008

The Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) is a stand-by fund established by the United Nations to enable more timely and reliable humanitarian assistance to those affected by natural disasters and armed conflicts.

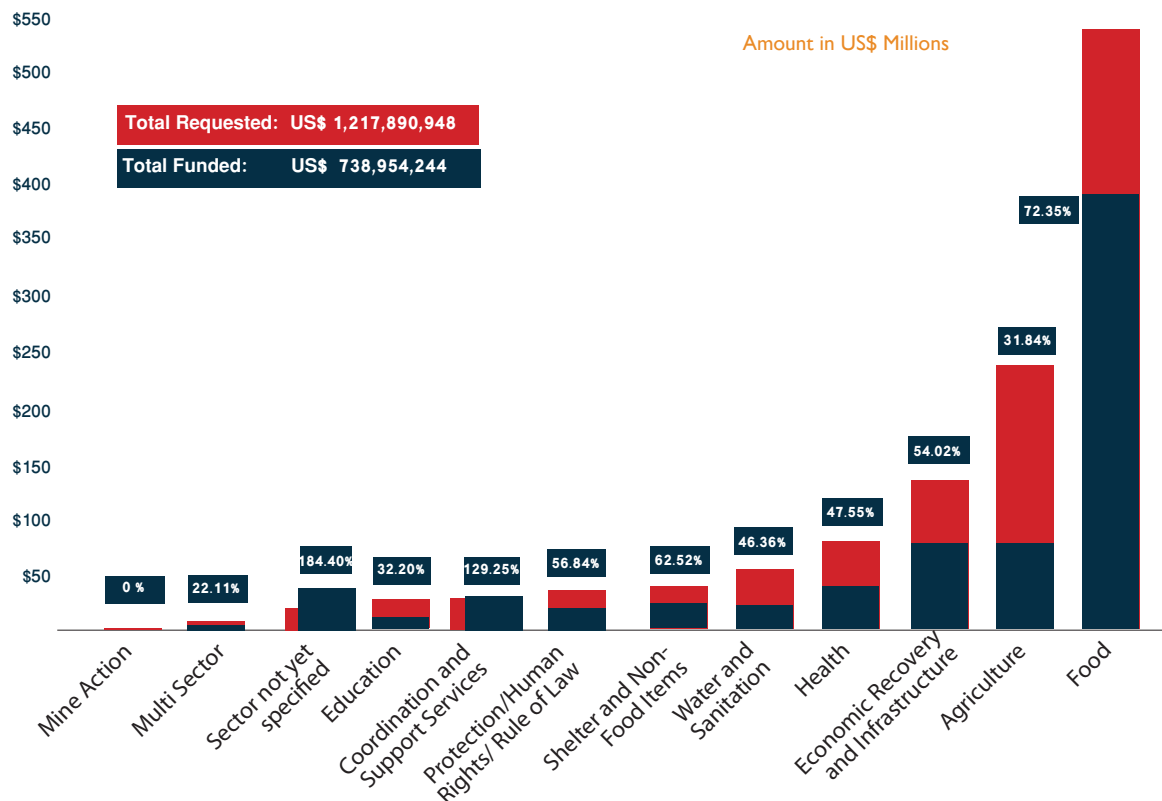
In 2008, the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) provided more than US\$428 million in rapid response grants and under-funded emergencies. Of that, over US\$ 64 million (15%) was given to countries in the MENACA region, the majority of which went to Afghanistan and Iraq. For more information about the CERF, please visit <http://cerf.un.org>



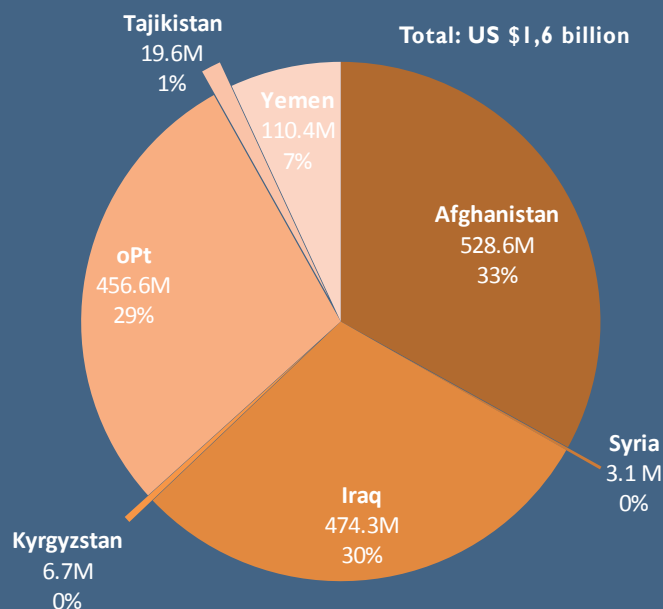
2008 Humanitarian Funding

- » Globally, the 2008 Humanitarian Appeal showed a slight improvement over previous years with US\$ 4.7 billion committed towards all of the listed appeals (67% of the total amount required)
- » In the MENACA region, the Iraq CAP received the largest coverage proportionally (73.4%). The Kyrgyzstan Flash Appeal and the Syria Drought Appeal were the least funded, receiving just 12% (US\$ 2.4 million) and 15% (US\$ 3 million) of the requested amounts respectively by the end of 2008.
- » The Food Sector received 52% of all funding to projects in the MENACA region in 2008, whereas projects in the Agriculture sector were 31.8% funded. Projects relating to Mine Action received no funding.

Appeals in the MENACA region, by Sector: Total requested and funded



Total assistance to the MENACA Region: through Bilateral and Multilateral Channels



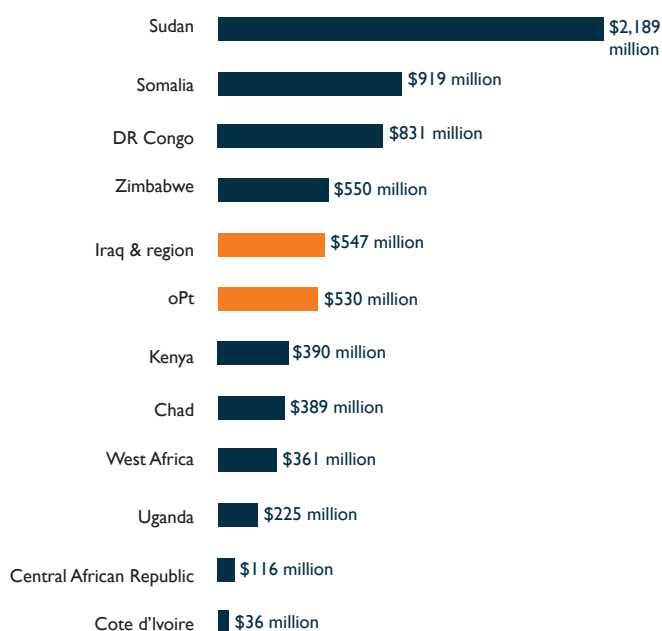
In addition to the humanitarian aid given to countries in the MENACA region through Consolidated Appeals, there have been a number of donations through other channels. The figure on the left illustrates the total amounts of funding given to countries in this region, both to projects listed in Consolidated Appeals and otherwise. Afghanistan has received the majority of this assistance, closely followed by Iraq and the occupied Palestinian territory.

Nearly 42% of aid money given to Iraq in 2008 was given to projects listed in the Iraq CAP. In the occupied Palestinian territory the proportion is higher, with almost 70% of funding going to projects listed in the 2008 CAP.

2009 Humanitarian Appeal

- » On 24 November 2008, the Government of the UAE under the auspices of HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Zayed al Nahyan, hosted a launch for the 2009 Humanitarian Appeal, calling for US\$7 billion to provide urgent humanitarian aid to 30 million people in 31 countries worldwide. The UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Mr. Antonio Guterres, represented the UN system at the event.
- » This was the biggest Appeal ever launched since the creation of the Consolidated Appeals Process (CAP) in 1991. It comprises twelve consolidated appeals, two of which are for countries in the MENACA region - Iraq and the surrounding region, and the occupied Palestinian territory - which total over US\$1 billion.
- » The occupied Palestinian territory CAP was revised on 15 January in order for agencies to respond to the Gaza crisis (see p. 2 for more details), increasing the Appeal by US\$ 68 million: from US\$ 462 million to US\$ 530 million. A Gaza Flash Appeal is currently being coordinated by OCHA and is expected to be launched on 2 February 2009.
- » The year-long emergency programming for Gaza in the 2009 CAP will also have to be funded without undue delay, and urgent humanitarian needs remain in the West Bank as well. The projects highlighted in the Gaza Flash Appeal should not prejudice funding for the annual humanitarian programming as presented in the 2009 Consolidated Appeal.
- » In the original Appeals, by far the largest components of both the Iraq and the oPt CAPs were for Food Aid and Food Security, followed in Iraq by Health and Cash for Work and Cash Assistance in the oPt CAP.

Consolidated Appeal Funding Requirements. 2009



Requirements for the Iraq CAP by Sector

Sector	2009 Funding Requirements
Food	115,765,926
Health	83,702,986
Shelter and non-food items	75,060,017
Education	67,975,353
Protection/human rights/ rule of law	66,724,685
Multi-sector	42,642,856
Coordination and support services	40,423,617
Economic recovery and infrastructure	32,890,000
Water and Sanitation	21,827,321
Mine action	330,000
Total	547,342,761

Revisions to the oPt CAP in response to the Gaza Crisis (as of 15 January 2009)

Original CAP requirements (\$462 million)			Increase due to Gaza crisis (\$68 million)	
(non-Gaza CAP projects -- \$413 million)	Highlighted Gaza projects with no budget changes (\$19.8 million)	Highlighted Gaza projects with budget changes (original budgets \$29 million)	Amount of budget changes (\$19.9 million)	New projects (\$48 million)

← — — — — = \$ 117.4 million — — — — →

Amount needed to meet immediate needs in Gaza