

ANNUAL REPORT

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Humanitarian Coalition’s central office is situated on unceded, unsurrendered Anishinabe Algonquin territory. We offer respect to the traditional guardians of this land who continue to nurture it with their presence. We are grateful to live, work and play on these lands.

We acknowledge the painful history of oppression and colonization of Indigenous peoples, cultures and lands in what we now know as Canada. We recognize the ongoing struggle for self-determination and justice that Indigenous communities continue to face. We commit to listening and learning from all First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.

As we respond to international humanitarian emergencies, we honour the leadership, wisdom and experience of the communities we work alongside and strive to be accountable to them.

With humility, determination and action, we are dedicated to the journey of reconciliation.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIRS OF THE HUMANITARIAN COALITION

When Hawa fled Khartoum, South Sudan, she found refuge in a once-bustling classroom turned shelter for displaced families. For her and others who had sought safety there, humanitarian aid provided by the Government of Canada and the Humanitarian Coalition became a lifeline, providing access to clean water, proper sanitation and hygiene supplies like soap and a dignity kit for her adolescent daughter.

But what followed was due to her own initiative.

Hawa became a leader. She organized weekly garbage collection campaigns, improving hygiene conditions at the school and inspiring others, especially women and girls, to take an active role in their community’s well-being.

This is what humanitarian aid looks like.

It is not only the delivery of life-giving essentials, but the chance for leadership to emerge – for communities to regroup, reconnect and reclaim their own strength.

At the heart of our work lies a simple conviction: that all people, regardless of geography, deserve to live in safety, with dignity and protection – and thanks to the generosity of Canadians, that belief was put into action around the world in 2024.

At a time when governments are stepping back from international aid, and turning away from those facing conflict and disaster, Canadians chose a different path by donating to the Humanitarian Coalition and its member organizations. They upheld the belief that standing with people in urgent need is a shared responsibility that knows no borders.

With this support, our member organizations responded to urgent needs in some of the world’s

most intractable crises. In Gaza and Lebanon, where war and forced displacement have uprooted millions, our members delivered emergency food, water, shelter, health care and protection, reaching more than one million people with lifesaving assistance. From floods in Colombia and Nigeria to an earthquake in Vanuatu and powerful storms in Honduras and the Philippines, among many other emergencies, the Humanitarian Coalition’s collective response also reached more than 1.5 million people – bringing relief and restoring hope where it was urgently needed.

We saw the best of humanity. In Myanmar, cyclone survivor Shwe Sin became a trusted leader – distributing aid, helping families and advocating for women and girls. In Gaza, Ali fled bombardment with his family and stepped forward to help coordinate food distribution in a crowded shelter, bringing bread and dignity to those around him. And in the Central African Republic, Jennah accessed reproductive health care for the first time and then used her voice to encourage other women in her village to do the same.

To every Canadian who gave generously, to every partner who stood with us and to every frontline worker who carried out this mission: you made this lifesaving work possible. Your compassion delivered food, shelter and safety. Your solidarity helped communities recover, rebuild and rise.

This work doesn’t end with one crisis. Nor does the courage of those living through them. As long as people face emergencies, we will be there. Just like Hawa, Shwe Sin, Ali, Jennah. And countless others.

We will keep showing up. With care. Resolve. And with each other in mind.

Andy Harrington,
Canadian Foodgrains Bank

Lauren Ravon,
Oxfam Canada

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The board of directors consists of the respective CEO or executive director of member agencies.



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WHO WE ARE

HUMANITARIAN
COALITION

The Humanitarian Coalition brings together 12 of Canada’s leading aid organizations to provide Canadians with a simple and effective way to help during international humanitarian disasters. Member agencies join forces to raise funds by mobilizing media, businesses and individual Canadians. Together, we are saving more lives.

OUR MISSION

The Humanitarian Coalition strives to maximize Canadian fundraising efforts in support of members’ humanitarian assistance programs for communities affected by international humanitarian disasters. By working together, members aim to increase the awareness of humanitarian needs, reduce the duplication of fundraising costs and take the guesswork out of giving for Canadians.

OUR VISION

During global crises, when lives and livelihoods are at stake, the Humanitarian Coalition unites Canadians to save more lives and protect livelihoods. Together, we are Canada’s first and trusted choice in times of need, responding with immediate lifesaving and other humanitarian assistance when and where it is needed the most.

OUR SHARED VALUES

- Trust, collaboration, collegiality and teamwork
- Creativity and knowledge-sharing
- Accountability and effectiveness
- Passion and commitment to the greater good

OUR IMPACT

In 2024 alone, the Humanitarian Coalition responded to 19 conflicts and disasters, reaching a total of nearly 1.5 million people. In the fall of 2023, we raised \$15.603 million from Canadians and Government of Canada matching funds for the crisis in Gaza, and throughout 2024 Canadians continued to donate to this crisis donating an additional \$398,979. As the conflict spread regionally in the fall of 2024, we raised \$9.443 million for Lebanon from Canadian donors and the Government of Canada’s matching funds.

Since 2009, the Humanitarian Coalition has raised more than \$258 million to meet the emergency needs of an estimated 12.9 million people affected by 155 crises. We have a proven track record of helping survivors of disasters rebuild their lives quickly, effectively and with dignity.

HISTORY

The Humanitarian Coalition emerged in the wake of the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami – a disaster that underscored the need for a more coordinated Canadian response to international emergencies.

What began as an informal collaboration among CARE Canada, Oxfam Canada, Oxfam-Québec and Save the Children in 2005 soon grew, with Plan International Canada joining shortly after.

The Humanitarian Coalition was formally incorporated in 2009. It expanded its membership in 2017 with the addition of Canadian Lutheran World Relief and Islamic Relief Canada. In 2019, Canadian Foodgrains Bank and World Vision Canada joined as full members, along with Action Against Hunger, Humanity & Inclusion Canada and Doctors of the World Canada (Médecins du Monde Canada) as affiliate members.

Over time, this shared vision evolved into a formal alliance of 12 leading Canadian organizations, working in 150 countries worldwide. Together, they form the Humanitarian Coalition – a unified effort to strengthen and streamline Canada’s response to global humanitarian crises.



WHY WE EXIST

Unprecedented times — humanitarian aid is needed more now than ever before

The humanitarian crises facing the world today are increasingly severe and deeply complex, fuelled by a convergence of climate shocks, conflict, displacement, disease outbreaks and rising hunger.

In 2024, 325 million people across 77 countries required humanitarian assistance — a sobering reminder that global crises are unrelenting and remain entrenched.

The depth and complexity of humanitarian crises is staggering. Official development assistance to the humanitarian sector dropped in 2024, and at time of publication for this report is on track to change dramatically in 2025, with anticipated global funding cuts of up to 45 per cent. Amid shifting global priorities and shrinking budgets, donor countries are rethinking their commitments, just as the scale of crises demands more, not less.

The injustice of fragile progress, deepening inequality and uneven access to aid persists. Humanitarian Coalition member organizations work with local partners to ensure that lifesaving assistance reaches those who are too often overlooked, providing support that is timely, coordinated and rooted in local realities.

WHY SUPPORT THE HUMANITARIAN COALITION?

Together our scale, reach and impact is unmatched

- When a large-scale disaster strikes, the Humanitarian Coalition agencies work together to raise awareness about the needs of survivors. We join forces with the media, businesses, the government and all Canadians to raise funds to enable a comprehensive response. By working together, we eliminate competition, reduce costs and make it easier for people to donate without having to choose one charity.
- The Humanitarian Coalition also responds to less visible and underreported crises through the Canadian Humanitarian Assistance Fund in partnership with the Government of Canada.
- The Humanitarian Coalition offers a unique value proposition to Canadians and the Government of Canada in terms of scale, speed, impact and integrity.
- Together, Humanitarian Coalition members work across the peace-building, humanitarian and development nexus, with combined annual operations exceeding \$1.1 billion. We reach up to 18 million Canadians through active and regular public engagement and communications and are supported by more than 2.5 million donors.
- The Humanitarian Coalition’s wide-reaching communications network – from personalized emails and social media to websites, member-led events and media outreach – offers a unique platform to engage Canadians, including youth and diaspora communities, in conversations about Canada’s global leadership in humanitarian action.
- Our member agencies are trusted partners of Global Affairs Canada (GAC). During major emergencies, the Government of Canada may provide a dedicated matching fund to the members of the Humanitarian Coalition.
- During many emergencies, the Humanitarian Coalition is supported by Canada’s major media networks, as well as leading corporate partners and donors.
- By working together, we reduce costs and streamline our efforts.

THE BENEFITS OF WORKING TOGETHER:

- Increased effectiveness:** During humanitarian emergencies, member agencies provide direct access to disaster and response information, coordinate spokespersons, share resources and work together to update Canadians in the most effective and efficient manner.
- Reduced competition:** By working together and pooling resources, the emphasis is shifted away from competing priorities and toward shared goals, delivering the most effective humanitarian response possible.
- Reduced fundraising costs:** A joint appeal allows member agencies to collectively devote a higher percentage of donated funds to relief activities, rather than running competing fundraising campaigns.
- Increased awareness and accountability:** By joining forces, experienced humanitarian agencies can further raise the profile of disasters, humanitarian needs and required responses, as well as increase accountability among peer agencies (for program quality, for example) and to the public.

WHAT WE DO

Our members design and deliver humanitarian assistance programs in the following program areas:

**Food assistance**

**Cash and voucher assistance**

**Health and nutrition services**

**Shelter and household items**

**Protection of the safety and dignity of affected communities**

**Water, sanitation and hygiene**

**Education in emergencies**



Total people assisted by the Humanitarian Coalition in 2024

1,497,293*

Previous years

2023	2022
2,898,473 people	1,445,814 people

*includes total number of people assisted in Gaza and West Bank, noting the appeal was launched in October 2023.



Total people assisted by the Humanitarian Coalition after less visible disasters through the Canadian Humanitarian Assistance Fund (CHAF) in 2024

233,785

Previous years

2023	2022
620,402 people	217,403 people

The number of people assisted is determined by the Humanitarian Coalition's final program reports.

In 2024, we responded to **two major humanitarian crises**: the ongoing devastating emergency in **Gaza**, continuing our urgent response from 2023, and the recent emergency in **Lebanon**, for which we launched a national fundraising campaign in October.

In total, including the matching funds from the Government of Canada, we raised more than **\$37 million** for these two emergencies to provide vital humanitarian assistance to more than **1.2 million people**.

Beyond these major emergencies, the Humanitarian Coalition and its member organizations also responded to **17 other disasters** across **15 countries**, including Afghanistan, Cuba, Myanmar, Nigeria, and the Philippines. These efforts addressed:

- **10 floods**
- **5 tropical storms (hurricanes, typhoons, cyclones)**
- **1 landslide**
- **1 earthquake**

While some of these crises received limited media attention, their impact on affected communities was devastating. With your support, we delivered emergency aid to more than **233,000 people** affected by these 17 lesser-known disasters, offering hope and relief when it was needed most.

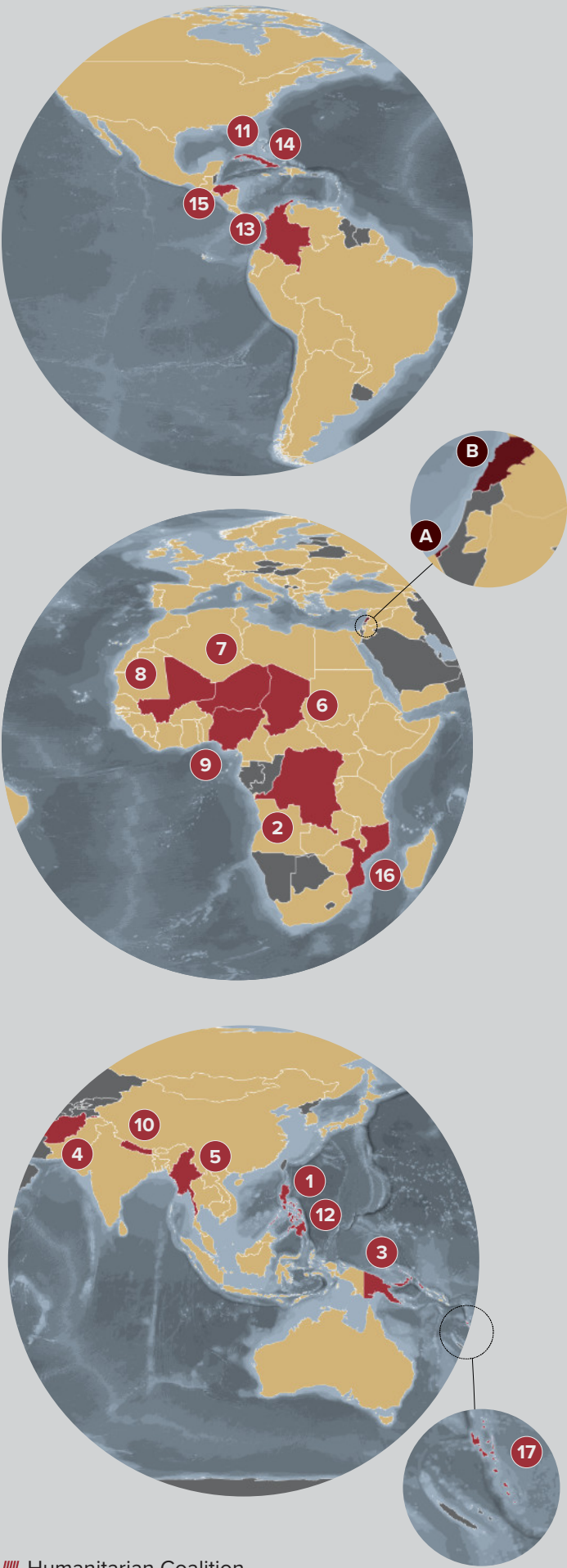


MAP LEGEND

Countries with major appeals

Project responses through the Canadian Humanitarian Assistance Fund (CHAF)

Additional countries where our members are positioned to respond in case of emergency



MAJOR APPEALS	
A	Gaza Humanitarian Emergency 1,071,956 people helped
B	Lebanon Emergency 191,946 people helped

CANADIAN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FUND (CHAF)	
1	Floods in the Philippines 20,107
2	Floods in the Democratic Republic of the Congo 36,094
3	Landslide in Papua New Guinea 910
4	Flash floods in Afghanistan 12,246
5	Floods in Myanmar 7,462
6	Floods in Chad 10,000
7	Floods in Niger 5,813
8	Floods in Mali 5,470
9	Floods in Nigeria 19,743
10	Floods in Nepal 14,702
11	Hurricane Oscar in Cuba 26,305
12	Severe Tropical Storm Trami in the Philippines 17,650
13	Floods in Colombia 30,045
14	Hurricane Rafael in Cuba 7,777
15	Tropical Storm Sara in Honduras 10,540
16	Cyclone Chido in Mozambique 5,776
17	Earthquake in Vanuatu 3,000

OUR IMPACT IN NUMBERS: 2024 IN REVIEW

The Humanitarian Coalition has a proven track record of helping survivors of disaster rebuild their lives. In times of crisis, we act quickly and collaboratively to meet urgent needs and support long-term recovery. In 2024, our coordinated response reached people in some of the world’s most vulnerable and overlooked situations.

MAJOR EMERGENCIES

Responded to two large-scale humanitarian crises:

- ↪ The ongoing emergency in Gaza (continuing from 2023)
- ↪ A new emergency in Lebanon, with a national fundraising campaign launched in October



More than
\$9.88 MILLION
raised (including Government of Canada matching funds) for Lebanon (\$9.433 million) and Gaza (\$398,979)



More than
1.263 MILLION
people reached with vital humanitarian assistance

BEYOND THE HEADLINES

Responded to 17 additional disasters in 15 countries, including Afghanistan, Cuba, Nigeria and the Philippines. Emergency response covered:

-  **10** FLOODS
-  **5** TROPICAL STORMS (hurricanes, typhoons and cyclones)
-  **1** LANDSLIDE
-  **1** EARTHQUAKE



More than
\$6.47 MILLION
raised, including Government of Canada funds leveraged by donors through the Canadian Humanitarian Assistance Fund



Delivered emergency aid to more than
233,000
people affected by these lesser-known crises

LEBANON EMERGENCY RESPONSE



In the fall of 2024, escalating Israeli military operations led to a humanitarian emergency in Lebanon and killed more than 3,100 people, injured more than 14,000 people and displaced more than one million. After a ceasefire agreement in late November 2024, about 90 per cent of people moved back to their home areas. Many found their houses damaged or destroyed, and severe humanitarian needs remain.

OUR RESPONSE

In 2024, the Humanitarian Coalition ran a national fundraising campaign to support relief efforts in Lebanon. The Government of Canada matched all eligible donations made during the campaign. Thanks to the generosity of Canadians and the Government of Canada, we raised more than \$9 million, including a \$5.17 million government match, to deliver lifesaving assistance.



All 12 member organizations of the Humanitarian Coalition are responding in Lebanon, with more than half (55 per cent) of their programming delivered with local partners, helping to strengthen capacity and ensure aid reaches the communities that need it most. Together, we are reaching more than 191,000 people, 52 per cent of those being women and girls.

KEY CHALLENGES

While a ceasefire was announced in late November 2024 and large-scale displacement has declined, many families remain unable to return to their homes. Needs remain high for food assistance, WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), health care, winterization materials and mental health support.



MEMBER ACTIVITIES TO DATE

With support from Humanitarian Coalition donors and the Government of Canada, the Humanitarian Coalition members are providing:

- › Emergency food and food vouchers
- › Cash-for-shelter assistance for households facing heightened risks
- › Dignity kits for women and girls
- › Water, Sanitation and Hygiene facilities (latrines, showers and handwashing stations)
- › Winterization support (blankets, hats, scarves,

gloves and vouchers to cover the cost of fuel for heating)

- › Hygiene kits, baby kits and kitchen supplies
- › Health services and medical equipment
- › Nutrition screening and therapeutic foods for children under five
- › Psychosocial support and mental health care
- › Rehabilitation and assistive devices for persons with disabilities

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*Water, sanitation and hygiene **Non-food Items

STORIES FROM LEBANON

FROM GRIEF TO GRACE

In Lebanon’s southern city of Tyr, Amal’s voice rises loudly, insistently, as if to say: I am still here.

Once displaced by war, she now stands as a pillar of strength and healing in her community. Through her leadership, Amal has become a source of hope for countless women navigating the aftermath of conflict.

Amal’s transformation was made possible through psychosocial support and gender-based violence awareness sessions which created a safe space for women to come together, process their trauma and rebuild their sense of self and solidarity.

“I found relief in attending the sessions,” she says. “They became more than just a place to learn; they became a safe haven.”

Amal learned Psychological First Aid, how to communicate through grief, and how to support her grandchildren – who were mourning the loss of their mother – with compassion and understanding.

“I learned how to overcome my fears and rebuild my relationship with my grandchildren,” she shares. “I wish schools had sessions like these for children. Our children are not okay. They suffered a lot, and they still do.”

When the conflict escalated in Lebanon in 2024, Amal’s family home in Tyr was struck and destroyed by an airstrike. Eleven members of her family were injured and her daughter-in-law was killed. Women, who made up more than half of displaced people in Lebanon, have played a pivotal role in providing aid, running shelters, hosting individuals who are displaced and fostering solidarity.

Women like Amal. Women who chose to lead.

This project was led by Canadian Lutheran World Relief, a member of the Humanitarian Coalition, with support from the Government of Canada.



FROM EMERGENCY TO STABILITY

“My son, Abdel Malek, is in good health now,” says Sofia Begom.

In the midst of a worsening humanitarian crisis in Lebanon, nutrition support helped Sofia protect her children’s health and learn new ways to care for them, even in extremely difficult conditions.

But that support came after a harrowing journey.

In the fall of 2024, Israeli military attacks escalated sharply in Lebanon. People were forced to flee their homes – the largest displacement the country has seen since the Lebanon War of 2006. Many families, including Sofia’s, sought refuge in Mount Lebanon Governorate, where needs quickly outpaced available support. Sofia left her home in Laylaki with her three-year-old son, Abdel Malek, and five-month-old baby, Mostapha. “Our life changed overnight,” she said. “We were very scared and left as soon as possible.”

In the aftermath of the crisis, keeping children healthy became a top priority. Sofia took part in infant and young child feeding counselling sessions, which focused on breastfeeding, complementary feeding and early childhood development. “I learned so much about feeding my baby and keeping him healthy, even in such difficult times,” she said.



Living under a fragile ceasefire, Sofia remains focused on caring for her children and hopes to build a safer future for them. “We are still scared,” she says. “But I dream of rebuilding our life and giving my children the stability they deserve.”

This project was led by Action Against Hunger, a member of the Humanitarian Coalition, with support from the Government of Canada.



HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY IN GAZA



On October 7th, 2023, Hamas and other armed Palestinian groups launched a deadly attack in Israel, killing 1,200 Israeli and foreign nationals and capturing 240 hostages who were forcibly taken into Gaza. By the morning of October 8th, the Israeli government began a relentless bombardment of the Gaza Strip from the air and, eventually, the ground.

The impacts of the ongoing conflict have been immense. At the time of publication, more than 61,000 Palestinians have been killed, and more than 154,000 Palestinians injured. At least 1.9 million people – or about 90 per cent of the population – across the Gaza Strip have been displaced because of the conflict; many have been displaced repeatedly, some 10 times or more.

The conflict has also led to unprecedented security conditions for humanitarian workers, with at least 412

aid workers killed in Gaza since the beginning of the conflict. Several Humanitarian Coalition members and their local partner organizations have had staff or family members killed in the conflict.



Infrastructure has been severely damaged — including health facilities, sanitation facilities, homes, roads, power systems, education facilities, and water supply networks — leaving many Palestinians without access to their basic needs. The World Food Program reports that 100 per cent of people in Gaza face acute levels of food insecurity.

Hostilities are also escalating in the West Bank. At the time of publication, more than 950 Palestinians — among them at least 200 children — were killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. Settler attacks and mass demolitions by Israeli forces have been intensifying.

WHERE WE STAND

The Humanitarian Coalition is deeply alarmed by the continued escalation of violence and the devastating impact on civilians.

Our response has been directed toward areas of greatest and most urgent, unmet humanitarian need — primarily in Gaza, but also in the West Bank. No formal request for international humanitarian support has been made by Israel.

We reiterate our urgent call for all parties to establish a permanent ceasefire and work towards a permanent, just and lasting peace — one that allows every person in the region, regardless of where they live, to fully realize their rights and potential. Additionally, we call for unfettered and safe humanitarian access, the release of all unjustly detained people and remaining hostages, and the upholding of International Humanitarian Law.

Even in the face of active conflict, we remain steadfast in our commitment to the four core principles of humanitarian action:

- › **HUMANITY** — The first priority of aid is to alleviate suffering by providing support to those in need.
- › **NEUTRALITY** — The Humanitarian Coalition and its members will not endorse positions taken by either side in the conflict and will confine their activities solely to providing aid where needed.
- › **IMPARTIALITY** — Aid will be provided to those in need, regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, age and sexual orientation.
- › **INDEPENDENCE** — Humanitarian organizations are bound to follow International Humanitarian Law and can refuse to take part in activities that violate the principles of these laws.

As we respond to the immense needs in Gaza and beyond, these principles guide every action we take.



APPEAL

The Humanitarian Coalition launched its national fundraising campaign for Gaza in October 2023 and continued implementing programs and receiving donations throughout 2024. Thanks to the generosity of Canadians and the matching support from the Government of Canada, more than \$28 million was raised to provide lifesaving aid. This response involved 11 member agencies working with local partners to deliver coordinated, needs-based assistance. Through 2024, we continued to receive donations from generous Canadians and were able to program an additional \$398,979.



KEY CHALLENGES

Humanitarian Coalition members delivering aid in Gaza face significant challenges. Ongoing military attacks and restrictions on movement and importing humanitarian aid severely limit humanitarian access. The destruction of infrastructure, including roads, hospitals and warehouses, hampers relief efforts. Security concerns, including attacks on aid workers, pose serious risks to humanitarian operations. Additionally, blockades have led to critical shortages of food, water, fuel and medical supplies, exacerbating the humanitarian crisis. Despite these constraints, Humanitarian Coalition members provided lifesaving assistance to more than one million people in Gaza and West Bank.

LEARNING THROUGH A REAL-TIME REVIEW IN GAZA, WEST BANK AND LEBANON

A real-time review is a way to learn how humanitarian programs are working while they are still underway, so organizations can make changes to improve the response as it unfolds. The Humanitarian Coalition worked together with the UK-based Disasters Emergency Committee to support a real-time review of our humanitarian response in Gaza, West Bank and Lebanon. Led by researchers from the Humanitarian Impact Institute who are based in the affected areas, the real-time review included focus groups and in-depth interviews with 161 project participants impacted by the conflict.

📄 **Read more about the findings and recommendations from the real-time review [here](#) or watch a summary video [here](#).**

MEMBER ACTIVITIES TO DATE

With support from Humanitarian Coalition donors and the Government of Canada, the Humanitarian Coalition members have provided lifesaving humanitarian assistance to the most vulnerable people affected by the crisis. Highlights of results include:

HEALTH

-  Humanity & Inclusion’s emergency rehabilitation team led 2,094 occupational and physiotherapy sessions for people with injuries and disabilities. They also delivered wound dressing kits, hygiene kits and assistive devices.
-  World Vision supplied lifesaving medical equipment and supplies to 45 primary health centres in the West Bank, and trained 200 frontline medical staff in advanced first aid for people injured by the conflict.

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

-  CARE supported 100,000 people with water trucking so families living in collective shelters had access to clean drinking water.
-  Canadian Lutheran World Relief reached 46,039 people through repairs to water and sanitation infrastructure to improve their access to working hygiene facilities.
-  Oxfam installed five solar-powered water desalination units, distributed foldable drinking water jerrycans, and built 72 mobile handwashing stations, reaching more than 52,000 people.
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-  Save the Children installed 33 communal latrines with toilets, handwashing stations, water tanks and showers in 12 different shelters, benefiting more than 30,000 people.

FOOD SECURITY

-  Canadian Foodgrains Bank’s partners distributed 27,038 food parcels in nine rounds of distribution to 148,539 people. A typical food parcel contained items like rice, lentils, tomato paste, olive oil, bulgur, yeast and canned meat.
-  Action Against Hunger distributed fresh food including oranges, potatoes, eggplants and peppers to 4,214 families with women who are pregnant or breastfeeding, helping to ensure a healthy balance of vitamins and nutrients.
-  Islamic Relief Canada distributed food parcels, fresh food packs and ready-to-eat meals to 190,500 people.

PROTECTION

-  CARE distributed winter clothing kits to 1,000 women and girls who were displaced, ensuring they could maintain their safety and dignity during harsh weather.
-  Humanity & Inclusion led awareness sessions on explosive ordnance risk education and child protection, reaching 11,419 children affected by the conflict.
-  Islamic Relief Canada used play therapy and creative expression through art, music, dance and storytelling to support mental health and psychosocial support for more than 95,000 girls and boys affected by the conflict.
-  Oxfam distributed 2,213 dignity kits including winter clothes, underwear and rain protection for women and girls living in tents.
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-  World Vision repaired 28 safe community spaces in the West Bank which had been damaged in the conflict. These spaces are now used for community groups to plan, prepare and lead emergency response. More than 15,000 children participated in psychosocial support sessions, delivered by trained community-based facilitators.

SHELTER AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

-  CARE provided essential shelter items like bedding sets, tarpaulins, plastic sheeting and winter clothing, reaching 25,906 people. CARE also supported Al-Awda Hospital in North Gaza with bedding sets benefitting over 3,000 patients.
-  Islamic Relief Canada improved the living conditions in shelters for 54,000 people through providing hygiene kits, mattresses, blankets and seasonally appropriate clothing. Each hygiene kit included items like shampoo, soap, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrush, sanitary pads, diapers, wipes, laundry powder and garbage bags.

CASH AND VOUCHER ASSISTANCE

-  Action Against Hunger, Canadian Lutheran World Relief, Save the Children and World Vision all provided cash and voucher assistance to people affected by the conflict so they could meet their basic needs. The amount of cash was based on the recommendation of a team of aid organizations that work together to make sure people affected by crises get cash or vouchers in a fair, coordinated and effective way. Surveys after the distribution with people who receive the cash indicate that the majority used their cash primarily to purchase food.
-  Canadian Lutheran World Relief
-  Save the Children
-  World Vision

STORIES FROM GAZA AND THE WEST BANK

BREAD AND DIGNITY

Before the war, Ali* led a quiet life.

He lived in Al Atatra, northern Gaza, a vibrant agricultural community where farmers planted their food and were self-sufficient, producing strawberries that were so exceptional that they were exported worldwide. Ali worked as a lawyer, handling small legal matters such as land sales, marriage contracts and inheritance disputes.



When the bombs fell on Al Atatra, Ali and his family fled their home, leaving behind their belongings and their memories, believing they would return in days. More than a year later, they remain displaced, far from the life they once knew.

When Ali and his family arrived at a shelter in Deir Al Balah, pitching a tent on the playgrounds of a secondary school alongside hundreds of other families, they struggled to find food, clean water or formula for the children. At first, they could find what they needed at the market, but soon, their savings ran out. They asked relatives for assistance, but they, too, were struggling and could not help.

When prices in the market soared, Islamic Relief Canada provided flour so that families – including Ali’s – could make bread. When the local market sold nothing but canned food, they delivered fresh vegetables.

Ali has since joined the committee that manages food distribution in the school. He explains that Islamic Relief Canada and its local partners have provided critical support to the community gathered at the school, providing mattresses, blankets and clothes —

all the things families had left behind when they fled their homes. "Their efforts really saved our lives and helped us live in dignity," says Ali. "They made us feel like in our houses in the north of Gaza. They gave us everything we needed."

This project was led by Islamic Relief Canada, a member of the Humanitarian Coalition, with support from the Government of Canada.



REHABILITATION AND RECOVERY

In July 2023, Khaled’s* life changed forever.

A bullet to his neck left him paralyzed, wiping away his memory of the event and anchoring him in a haze of loss. It came just a month after his brother's tragic death, deepening his family's grief. His last recollection before slipping into a two-month coma was ordinary: a trip to the market to buy food for his dog.

When he awoke in a hospital bed, the world as he knew it had changed. His body was immobilized, and he could not move. Over six months, Khaled participated in 32 rehabilitation sessions — half focused on physical therapy, the other half on occupational therapy — as part of his recovery.



"Despite the adversities I've faced, I choose to stay hopeful," says Khaled. "Maintaining high spirits is essential to my rehabilitation journey."

*Names changed for security and privacy reasons

This project was led by Humanity & Inclusion, a member of the Humanitarian Coalition, with the support of the Government of Canada.



RECLAIMING CHILDHOOD

In the village of Zif, nestled in the hills of the southern West Bank, a once-quiet kindergarten has come back to life. Classrooms, once worn and bare, now burst with colour, fresh paint and activity, a rebirth of what this space was always meant to be: a place where children feel free to grow, explore and belong.

Nour, a longtime educator and the kindergarten’s principal, had dedicated her life to building a safe environment for children in her community. But over the past year, escalating violence, economic collapse and severe movement restrictions brought many dreams to a halt. Families lost income, enrolments dropped, and Nour began to wonder whether the school could survive. The kindergarten — once full of life — had begun to feel like a place that the community could no longer have the audacity to believe in.

Then came change.

Nour’s kindergarten was fully rehabilitated: classrooms were repaired, new furniture was

provided, the garden was made accessible and a proper playground was installed, complete with canopies to shield the children from the sun. Training sessions offered to Nour and other educators introduced new ways to support young learners through play, sports and creative expression — essential tools in a time of stress and uncertainty.



More families are now enrolling their children, and Nour is once again able to collect a small fee to help sustain the kindergarten. “They not only helped me rebuild my kindergarten,” she said, “but also empowered me to dream bigger for the future.”

This project was led by World Vision Canada, a member of the Humanitarian Coalition, with support from the Government of Canada.



▶ **FIELD INSIGHTS:** Watch Humanitarian Coalition board members, Béatrice Vaugrante and Lauren Ravon, in the West Bank.



SPOTLIGHT ON CASH ASSISTANCE



In times of crisis, cash assistance offers people the dignity and flexibility to meet their own needs. Instead of receiving pre-selected goods, individuals and families are supported with cash resources to decide what matters most: food, medicine, shelter or other priorities.

What are cash assistance programs?

Cash programs provide direct financial assistance to people affected by humanitarian crises, particularly when livelihoods and income sources have been disrupted. Governments, international and local NGOs, UN agencies and civil society organizations implement these programs.

The value of cash assistance lies in its flexibility: people can spend the money on what their family

needs most. Additionally, cash is a powerful tool to support recovery while also strengthening local markets and restoring autonomy. It can be one of the most effective and efficient ways to support people in crisis.

Misconceptions about cash assistance programs

Misconceptions about cash assistance persist, particularly the concern that recipients may misuse the funds. In reality, evidence shows that families use the assistance responsibly, prioritizing essentials such as food, household items and protecting their livelihoods. The humanitarian sector has rigorous guidelines and best practices to ensure accountability and minimize risks of diversion or misuse.

CASH FOR WORK: FROM RUBBLE TO RECOVERY

Purne was at home with his wife, Lila, when the earthquake struck in Nepal.

"We were scared to death when the ground started to shake," recalls Purne, who has had mobility, hearing and speech impairments since birth. "I thought we both will die as I did not have faith in myself to pull my disabled wife out of the rubble."

Purne and Lila managed to escape the crumbling house, but the destruction was immense. Their home, along with all their possessions, was buried beneath the rubble. With limited resources and no immediate way to rebuild, they faced the harsh reality of living in a tent exposed to the cold winter air.

For Purne – who received items like a tarpaulin, blankets and kitchen supplies – these items were a lifeline.

"It was such a relief for us to receive the items. I could save my wife from the cold. Immediately we set up the tent in the field, changed our muddy clothes to warm ones and used the plates, spoons and cups to eat warm food," he explains.

Purne built a temporary shelter through a cash for work project. Construction materials like corrugated sheets and toilet pans were provided and local masons were hired to help construct the shelter. In just 45 days, Purne and Lila moved into their new temporary home.

For now, the new shelter offers more than just protection – it brings hope for a more stable future after terrible loss.

This project was led by Plan International Canada, a member of the Humanitarian Coalition, with the support of the Government of Canada.



CASH ASSISTANCE: FROM DEVASTATION TO DETERMINATION

"The flood came to us unaware in the middle of the night," remembers Marwa. "It was terrifying."

The 50-year-old mother of five and grandmother of eight was among those hardest hit when floods tore through Garissa County, Kenya, displacing more than 70,000 people in May 2024. For Marwa, the disaster marked the end of the small business she had relied on to support her family. But it also marked the beginning of a transformative journey.

Through a cash assistance program, she received 12,109 Kenya shillings (roughly \$130) over two months, giving her and her family members the means to rebuild their lives.

"For me, it was like a light at the end of a dark tunnel," Marwa says. With the funds, she purchased a donkey cart, turning it into a new source of income. "Now, I at least get 700 shillings (approximately \$8) every day from the donkey cart business, which helps me feed my family. It's not only me who works using the donkey cart; sometimes I hire it out and get 400 shillings (approximately \$4.7)."

Marwa's decision to invest in a sustainable livelihood highlights the importance of equipping people with the tools they need to recover and pave the way for long-term stability. The cart became more than just a tool for survival, allowing Marwa to become a provider once again, feeding her grandchildren and stabilizing her family's future.

This project was led by Oxfam Canada, a member of the Humanitarian Coalition, with support from the Government of Canada.



PREVIOUS APPEALS THAT CLOSED IN 2024

CRISIS IN EAST AFRICA 2023: CONFLICT, CLIMATE AND HUNGER

In 2023, conflict, climate-related disasters and hunger put millions of lives at risk in countries across East Africa. Rival military factions in Sudan began fighting in mid-April 2023. The conflict forced millions of people to flee their homes to escape the fighting. The exodus put an added strain on neighbouring countries including the Central African Republic, Chad and South Sudan – increasing the burden for humanitarian response.



At the same time, three years of drought, exacerbated by climate change, caused repeated crop failures in Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia. The situation then changed dramatically when torrential

rains triggered flash flooding and the drought-damaged soil was unable to absorb the water. These floods destroyed property, killed livestock and forced thousands of people to leave their homes in search of food, shelter and medical care.

Very quickly the number of people facing high levels of acute food insecurity in East Africa reached the highest level since recording began, including in the Democratic Republic of the Congo where a quarter of the country's population are food insecure. Conflict is still the biggest driver of hunger, with 70 per cent of the people in the world who are hungry living in areas affected by war and violence.

Overview of the humanitarian response

Together with our members, the Humanitarian Coalition launched a fundraising campaign in June 2023 to respond to this urgent situation. Thanks to the generosity of Canadians, we raised more than \$5 million — donations that were matched by the Government of Canada, resulting in a total of \$10 million for humanitarian response.

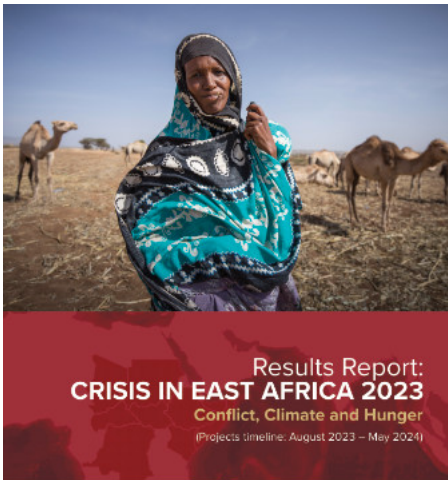
In the months that followed, the funds were used to provide food, cash, health services, nutrition, water, sanitation and hygiene support, and protection services in the Central African Republic, Chad, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan and Sudan.

All 12 members of the Humanitarian Coalition responded to this crisis.

A total of 363,322 people benefited from Humanitarian Coalition projects across the eight countries.

Overall, 61 per cent of participants were women and girls and 39 percent were men and boys; 37 per cent of participants were children.

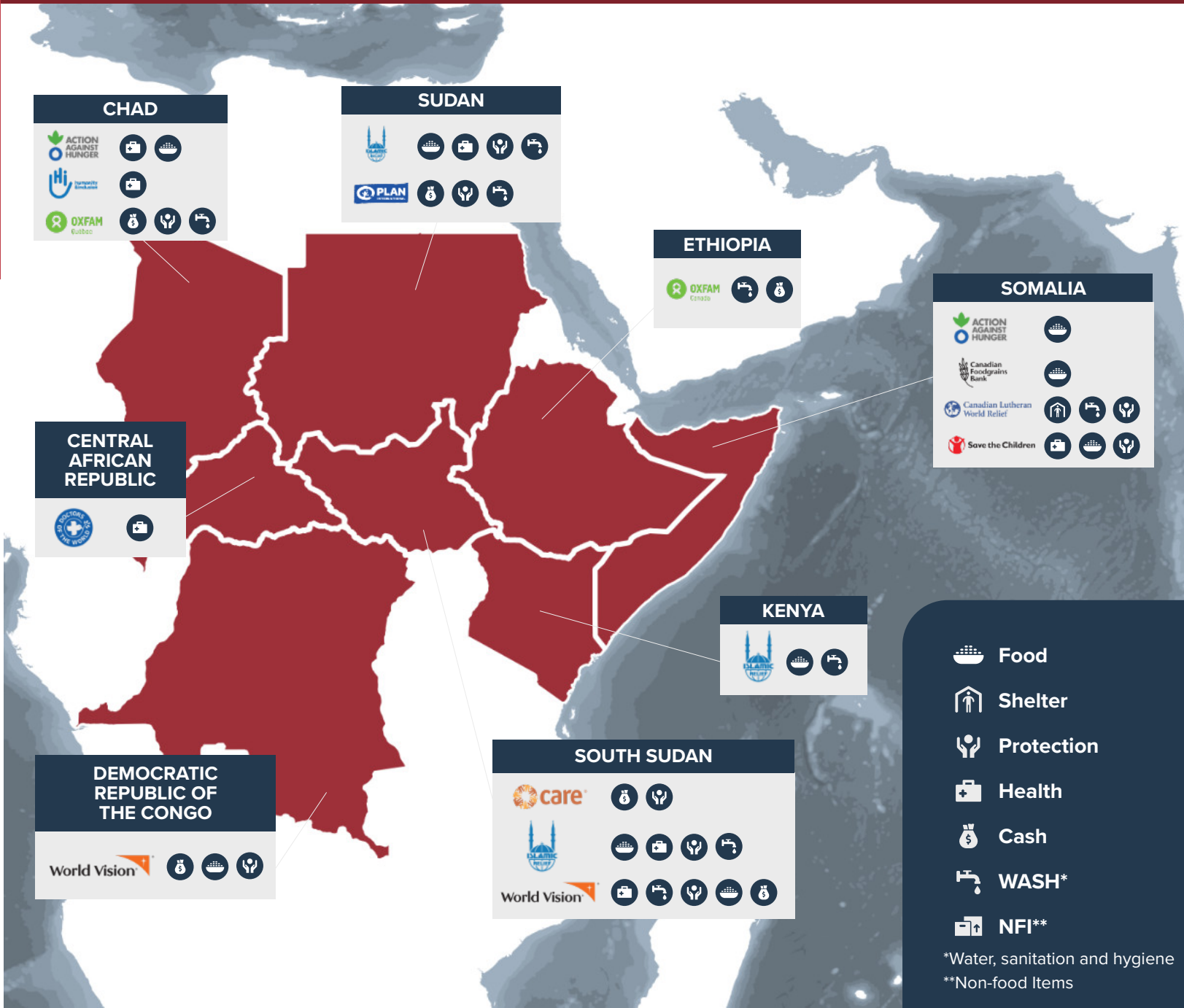
Read the full report on the results of our members' response to this crisis:



KEY CHALLENGES

Challenges met by our member organizations in delivering aid in during this emergency included:

- › Growing unmet needs: the demand for humanitarian support far exceeds the resources at the disposal of humanitarians, partly due to the unpredictable flow of people who were newly displaced within their home countries.
- › Difficulty accessing operating areas: floods destroyed or cut off road networks, making the delivery of emergency supplies and essential food items to some project operating areas difficult. This was particularly relevant for program activities in Somalia, but also in Kenya and South Sudan.
- › Limited pool of qualified technical staff: a short supply of skilled experts, particularly in health and mental health, makes recruitment challenging.
- › Rising protection risks: several members of the Humanitarian Coalition reported rising safety risks in the project operating areas linked to active conflict and increased displacement.



STORY FROM THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

BREAKING BARRIERS TO HEALTH

Jannah was worried. Her menstrual cycle had changed suddenly – she was bleeding two or three times a month. But in her small village of Bomia in the Central African Republic, accessing healthcare was challenging. The local health facility wasn't equipped to meet Jannah's needs, and there were dangerous armed groups between her and the nearest hospital.

When a traditional birth attendant visited her village to provide advice and education about family planning, Jannah was intrigued by the depth of her knowledge and the possibility that she might have advice on her changing periods. Jannah invited the birth attendant to her home for a private consultation.

"A few hours later, she came to see me," recounts Jannah. "I explained to her that I had menstrual issues. She listened to me, reassured me, and explained that with a visit to the hospital, my menstrual problems could be checked and treated."

With a referral from the visiting traditional birth attendant, Jannah made her way to a local health facility. Thanks to training and supplies from Doctors of the World Canada, the facility was now offering family planning and sexual and reproductive health services. At the facility, Jannah was warmly welcomed by the matron, who listened intently to her concerns. The matron explained the benefits of contraceptive methods and recommended the pill to

address Jannah's menstrual irregularities. Though initially apprehensive and fearing the myths surrounding contraception in her community, namely that birth control makes women sterile, Jannah decided to trust the matron's guidance.

Three months later, Jannah's life had transformed. Her irregular cycles have normalized, and she feels healthier and more energetic. Jannah became an advocate for modern contraception in her community.

The program has improved Jannah's health and empowered her to become a leader among the women in her village — a testament to the far-reaching impacts of bringing care closer to those people who need it most.

This project was led by Doctors of the World Canada, a member of the Humanitarian Coalition, with support from the Government of Canada.



FIELD INSIGHTS: Watch Andy Harrington, executive director at Canadian Foodgrains Bank, while visiting South Sudan



"I was reminded of the fundamental truth that every human being is equally human. No one, regardless of where they live, is more human than another. There is no "other" – there is only us. Any of us could find ourselves in their shoes. In a time when empathy is increasingly treated as a vice, we must not turn our backs on the world's most impoverished. To claim to be compassionate is meaningless if we do not act. And the time to care and to act is now."

PREVIOUS APPEALS THAT CLOSED IN 2024

AFTER THE EARTHQUAKES: OVERVIEW OF OUR RESPONSE IN TÜRKIYE AND SYRIA

On February 6, 2023, two powerful earthquakes struck southern Türkiye near the border with northwest Syria, causing catastrophic loss and widespread destruction. More than 50,000 people were killed and more than 100,000 injured, with millions displaced across the region.

In Syria, the disaster compounded an already dire humanitarian situation following 13 years of conflict and displacement. At least 8.8 million people were affected, with approximately 6,000 lives lost and more than 12,000 injured. More than 100,000 families were displaced, and more than 10,000 buildings were either destroyed or severely damaged.

Concurrent crises – conflict, economic collapse and natural disaster – have converged and deepened the suffering of Syrian families. With the emergence of a new transitional government, this moment could represent a turning point for generations of Syrians who continue to dream of peace and dignity.

The Humanitarian Coalition continues to call on all parties and the international community to uphold the rights of all Syrians, ensure unimpeded humanitarian access and support a peaceful and just future for the people of Syria.

Appeal

Thanks to the generosity of donors, members of the Humanitarian Coalition quickly launched targeted projects to address critical gaps in aid after the earthquake. These initiatives delivered lifesaving support, ranging from shelter, food and hygiene supplies to winterization items and educational assistance.

In Syria, more than 1.9 million people across five governorates received support, with women and girls making up 52 per cent of those reached and men and boys accounting for 48 per cent. Notably, children made up 44 percent of all participants. In Türkiye, an additional 55,440 people benefited from assistance programs.

All 12 members of the Humanitarian Coalition took part in this appeal.

Humanitarian Coalition members responded to the urgent humanitarian needs of more than 1.9 million earthquake-affected people in northwest Syria and Türkiye.

Read the full report on the results of our members' response to this crisis:





STORY FROM SYRIA

SUPPORT IN SYRIA HAS BEEN INVALUABLE TO US

For Omar, life after the earthquake in Syria in February 2023 has been hard. The thirty-five-year-old is the sole breadwinner for a family of 11 that includes his wife and nine children. Five of the children have disabilities.

Omar earns what he can when he can, but work is hard to find — he can find one day of work every ten or so days. As a result, the family's financial situation is dire.

"If it were not for this project, the situation could have been even worse as we normally barely afford bread," he said.

Prior to the earthquake, Omar and his family lived in their own home. When the earthquake struck, it severely damaged their house.

At first, they found refuge with relatives. Later, Omar borrowed a used tent that he set up in front of their damaged house for his family to live in.

The support from Save the Children eased their immediate financial burden. Omar was able to use cash assistance to address the medical needs of his children. The money "has been invaluable to us and has eased our financial burden considerably," he said.

The money enabled recipients to address urgent needs such as food, repayment of loans and hygiene products. Ninety-six percent of beneficiaries said they were very satisfied with the assistance provided.

"I hope the project continues," said Omar. "The living conditions are very difficult."

This project was led by Save the Children, a member of the Humanitarian Coalition, with support from the Government of Canada.



FIELD INSIGHTS: Watch Michael Messenger, president and CEO at World Vision Canada, while visiting Türkiye



"You know an earthquake only lasts for a couple of minutes, but its impact can go on for years, even generations in places like this. When the people here needed it the most, Canadians responded. We came together to garner and fundraise for critically needed resources to meet humanitarian needs here. Two million people benefited from Canadian aid. With emergency shelter, food, supplies, education and psychosocial support. And the work is ongoing."



A focus group discussion with Syrian women who live in a refugee camp in Hatay Province, southern Türkiye, who were sharing their experience of the earthquakes and its impact with Bren Melles, humanitarian program specialist, Humanitarian Coalition (second from left), and Barbara Grantham, president and CEO, CARE Canada (far left).

"In Türkiye and Syria, what stayed with me were the stories of fear, resilience and quiet determination. Even in the rubble, people spoke of rebuilding – with strength, dignity and hope. This is the impact of humanitarian support."

Bren Melles,
humanitarian program
specialist, Humanitarian
Coalition

EIGHT REASONS TO SUPPORT THE HUMANITARIAN COALITION



1 12 AGENCIES WITH ACTIVE OPERATIONAL PRESENCE IN 150 COUNTRIES

With their extensive geographic coverage of development and humanitarian programs across approximately 150 countries, the Humanitarian Coalition's 12 members, along with their respective international alliances and local partners, are uniquely positioned to respond quickly with humanitarian assistance.

2 MUTUAL TRUST, TRANSPARENCY AND PROFESSIONALISM AMONG THE MEMBERSHIP

The Humanitarian Coalition maintains a strong relationship with each of its member agencies, having built an understanding of the agencies' capacities in humanitarian response and established a history of mutual trust, transparency and professionalism.

3 UNPARALLELED CONNECTION TO 18 MILLION CANADIANS

Humanitarian Coalition members work across the humanitarian, development and peace-building nexus, with combined annual operations exceeding \$1.1 billion. The Humanitarian Coalition reaches up to 18 million Canadians.

4 PROVEN PARTNERSHIP RECORD WITH GOVERNMENT OF CANADA FOR EFFECTIVE AND TIMELY EMERGENCY RESPONSE

All Humanitarian Coalition member agencies have a proven track record of partnership with the Government of Canada for effective and timely emergency responses. All members hold current approved institutional profiles with Global Affairs Canada.

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5 DEMONSTRATED COMMITMENT TO HUMANITARIAN PROGRAM QUALITY STANDARDS

All Humanitarian Coalition members continue to demonstrate their commitment to meeting the highest standards in their programs. This commitment stems from their agreement to mutual accountability and evaluation against established sector standards. Humanitarian Coalition membership criteria require adherence to the Core Humanitarian Standard on Quality and Accountability and the Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations in Disaster Relief.

6 PROVEN PUBLIC RECORD OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY IN MANAGEMENT OF FUNDING

The Humanitarian Coalition has a proven track record of accountability and transparency in managing humanitarian program funding. Initially formed in 2005, members incorporated the Humanitarian Coalition as an independent legal entity in 2009.

7 ESTABLISHED OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR RAPID DECISION-MAKING AND COORDINATION

Unparalleled in Canada, the Humanitarian Coalition has negotiated and documented agreements among its members, enabling rapid decision-making and coordination between agencies to improve the quality and quantity of humanitarian responses.

8 STRONG COMMITMENT TO LOCALIZATION

In keeping with Canada's international commitments, the Humanitarian Coalition fully supports partnership models that contribute to capacity building, local ownership of project outcomes and the empowerment of communities affected by disasters. Currently, at least 50 percent of Humanitarian Coalition-supported projects are delivered with or through local partners.

RESPONDING TO DISASTERS THROUGH THE CANADIAN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FUND

In 2024, the **Canadian Humanitarian Assistance Fund (CHAF)** responded to 17 less visible, smaller-scale emergencies. An alarming number of them were water-related crises – including floods, typhoons and landslides – across 15 countries. These climate-driven disasters not only displaced tens of thousands of people but also disrupted access to safe water and sanitation, thereby compounding public health risks.

Through the fund, Humanitarian Coalition members supported more than 233,000 people with clean water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) interventions, alongside shelter, cash assistance and protection. Whether through emergency water trucking, latrine installation or hygiene kits, these efforts helped prevent disease, restore dignity and bring immediate relief to communities facing the devastating convergence of climate shocks and water insecurity.

These responses may not make headlines, but they remain lifesaving. When climate shocks strike, the Humanitarian Coalition is there, around the clock and around the world.



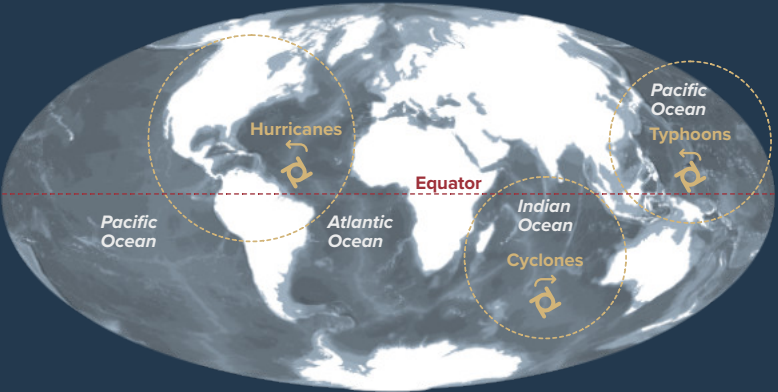
The Canadian Humanitarian Assistance Fund (CHAF) was created in 2014 to help Humanitarian Coalition members respond quickly and effectively to lesser-known international disasters. Funded by the Government of Canada with additional support from public donations, the most recent phase, CHAF 4, ran from 2021 to 2024.

 [Read more about CHAF 4 results here.](#)

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A HURRICANE, A TYPHOON AND A CYCLONE?

Location! Hurricanes are tropical storms that form over the North Atlantic Ocean and Northeast Pacific. Cyclones originate over the South Pacific and Indian Ocean. Typhoons begin their life over the Northwest Pacific Ocean.

They all form a cluster of thunderstorms that suck up the warm, moist air and move it high into Earth's atmosphere



TROPICAL STORMS: HURRICANES, TYPHOONS, CYCLONES



When Tropical Cyclone Chido struck Mozambique in December 2024, it left devastation across Cabo Delgado Province, destroying homes, schools and health facilities. Oxfam Canada was there. Working with local partners, they mobilized quickly to distribute emergency cash assistance to vulnerable families and provide nearly 6,000 women and girls with dignity kits and support services.

Whether it's Mozambique, Myanmar, the Philippines or beyond, our members stand with communities to deliver the urgent aid they need – when they need it most.

Crises like Cyclone Chido are becoming more frequent and more severe. In 2024, global temperatures reached the highest levels ever recorded, making it the hottest year in human history. This dramatic rise, driven by climate change, contributed to more frequent and intense extreme weather events around the world, including floods, tropical storms and droughts. These events have

deepened existing humanitarian crises, destroying homes, displacing families and making it even harder for people to access food, shelter and health services. Among the most urgent needs in these emergencies was access to clean water, either because floods had contaminated local sources or because prolonged drought had depleted them.

In response, Humanitarian Coalition members prioritized water-related interventions, restoring damaged water systems, trucking in safe drinking water, distributing hygiene kits and building latrines and handwashing stations. These efforts helped prevent the spread of disease, preserved dignity in overcrowded shelters and ensured that families had access to one of the most essential elements for survival. Alongside water interventions, members also delivered shelter and winterization kits, cash assistance and food baskets, repaired health centres and created child-friendly spaces offering psychosocial support.



STORY FROM MYANMAR RISING FROM THE STORM

It was after the cyclone that Shwe Sin found her voice. In the wake of Cyclone Mocha's devastation in Myanmar's Rakhine State, Myanmar, the 25-year-old volunteer played a crucial role in her community's recovery.

A cyclone, the most powerful storm to hit the region in more than a decade, left 27 villages in Maungdaw and Buthidaung townships struggling with damaged infrastructure and displacement. For families like Shwe Sin's, aid in the form of the shelter kits, hygiene supplies, water purifiers and multi-purpose cash assistance was a lifeline, allowing families to prioritize their needs and make their own choices — whether it was for materials to fix their homes, food or medicine.

In addition to receiving aid, Shwe Sin became deeply involved in the relief efforts. Despite her family's difficult circumstances, she volunteered to help coordinate aid distributions in her village. Through awareness training, Shwe Sin learned about the

prevention of sexual harassment, exploitation and abuse, as well as child protection, nutrition awareness and livelihood activities. She began delivering public education to groups of 30 women daily, but soon word spread throughout the community, and up to 50-60 people would join her for the sessions.

"Before receiving trainings, I feared to stand in front of people, even as a volunteer in my community for six years," she says. "Public presentation was one of my big challenges — I was afraid and nervous. I am completely different from the previous Shwe Sin. I have now improved my knowledge and am more confident in providing community services."

This project was led by CARE Canada, a member of the Humanitarian Coalition, with the support of the Government of Canada.



1
Hurricane Oscar
CUBA
People assisted: **26,305**
Total spend: **\$388,888**
Project timeline: Nov. 11, 2024 – May 19, 2025



Non-food items



Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)

4
Tropical Storm Sara
HONDURAS
People assisted: **10,540**
Total spend: **\$389,683**
Project timeline: Dec. 19, 2024 – Apr. 18, 2025



Multi-purpose cash

2
Tropical Storm Trami
PHILIPPINES
People assisted: **17,650**
Total spend: **\$393,644**
Project timeline: Nov. 18, 2024 – May 18, 2025



Non-food items



Protection



Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)



Multi-purpose cash

5
Cyclone Chido
MOZAMBIQUE
People assisted: **5,776**
Total spend: **\$389,683**
Project timeline: Dec. 29, 2024 – Jun. 19, 2025



Shelter



Protection



Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)

3
Hurricane Rafael
CUBA
People assisted: **7,777**
Total spend: **\$166,666**
Project timeline: Dec. 4, 2024 – Jun. 4, 2025



Health



Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)



Protection

FLOODS



When severe flooding struck Colombia’s Chocó Department in late 2024, Canadian Lutheran World Relief was there. As rivers overflowed and landslides swept through communities, they mobilized quickly to help 30,000 people with emergency shelter, safe water, hygiene kits and multi-purpose cash assistance. In communities where water sources were contaminated and disease risks ran high, awareness sessions helped families stay safe.

Colombia was not alone. In the wake of devastating floods caused by torrential rains and overflowing rivers, communities around the world faced urgent humanitarian emergencies, grappling with displacement, contaminated water and critical infrastructure damage. In 2024, our members responded to significant flooding in 10 countries: Afghanistan, Chad, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mali, Myanmar, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria and the Philippines.



The response to flooding in Colombia was led by Canadian Lutheran World Relief, a member of the Humanitarian Coalition, with the support of the Government of Canada. Read more about this project [here](#).



1

Floods

PHILIPPINES

People assisted: 20,107

Total spend: \$416,521

Project timeline: Feb. 23, 2024 – Aug. 23, 2024

OXFAM Canada

Shelter

Protection

Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)

Multi-purpose cash

4

Floods

MYANMAR

People assisted: 7,462

Total spend: \$388,907

Project timeline: Sep. 8, 2024 – Feb. 4, 2025

Save the Children

Multi-purpose cash

Protection

2

Floods

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

People assisted: 36,094

Total spend: \$411,765

Project timeline: Mar. 4, 2024 – Sep. 2, 2024

Care

Protection

Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)

5

Floods

CHAD

People assisted: 10,000

Total spend: \$388,888

Project timeline: Sep. 15, 2024 – Mar. 15, 2025

OXFAM Québec

Multi-purpose cash

Protection

Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)

3

Flash Floods

AFGHANISTAN

People assisted: 12,246

Total spend: \$603,256

Project timeline: Jun. 1, 2024 – Nov. 30, 2024

Islamic Relief

Shelter

Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)

Protection

6

Floods

NIGER

People assisted: 5,813

Total spend: \$388,888

Project timeline: Oct. 1, 2024 – Mar. 31, 2025

OXFAM Québec

Multi-purpose cash

Protection

Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)

7

Floods

MALI

People assisted: 5,470

Total spend: \$393,341

Project timeline: Oct. 1, 2024 – Feb. 28, 2025

PLAN

Non-food items

Multi-purpose cash

Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)

9

Floods

NEPAL

People assisted: 14,702

Total spend: \$393,644

Project timeline: Oct. 25, 2024 – Apr. 30, 2025

OXFAM

Canada

Multi-purpose cash

Protection

Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)

8

Floods

NIGERIA

People assisted: 19,743

Total spend: \$388,888

Project timeline: Oct. 7, 2024 – Feb. 7, 2025

Save the Children

Health

Protection

Nutrition

Multi-purpose cash

10

Floods

COLOMBIA

People assisted: 30,045

Total spend: \$393,644

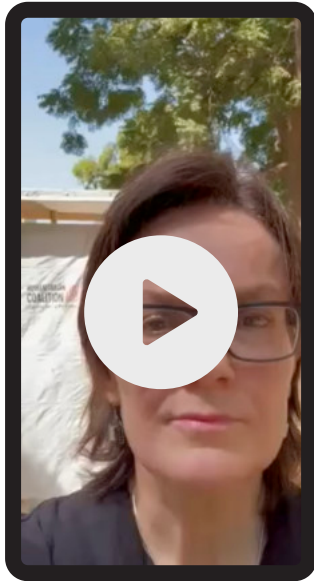
Project timeline: Dec. 15, 2024 – Jun. 14, 2025

Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Multi-purpose cash

Non-food items

Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)



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FIELD INSIGHTS:

Watch Béatrice Vaugrante, executive director, Oxfam-Québec

“Chad is a forgotten crisis. Entire villages were flooded, sweeping away everything in their path: homes, food, fields and livestock. It’s the impact of climate change, which will become more and more frequent. This community will be forced to return to their place of origin, even though nothing remains. They would need a starter kit with at least seeds and a bit of money to be able to start over on their own and rebuild.”

LANDSLIDES



When devastating landslides struck Papua New Guinea’s Southern Highlands in fall 2024, more than 10,000 people were impacted, including over 2,000 people displaced from their homes. In response, CARE Canada mobilized to address urgent needs for safe water, sanitation supplies and household items for people most affected by the crisis.

Landslides are sudden and devastating natural disasters caused by the collapse of soil, rock and debris down a slope. While they can be triggered by intense rainfall, earthquakes or volcanic activity, their frequency and intensity are increasingly amplified by human activity. Deforestation strips the land of vegetation that helps anchor soil, while climate change fuels heavier rains and prolonged wet seasons. Together, these forces make landslides more likely — and more destructive, particularly in mountainous or densely populated areas with limited infrastructure.



1

Landslides

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

People assisted: 910

Total spend: \$411,765

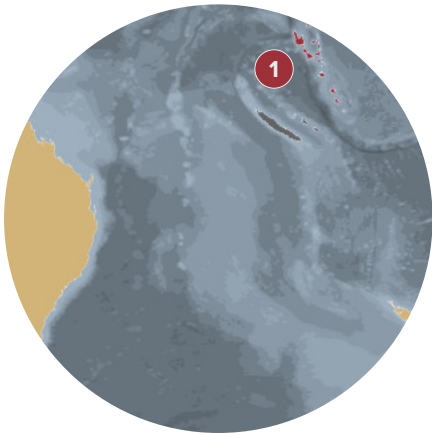
Project timeline: Jun. 17, 2024 – Dec. 16, 2024

CARE

Protection

Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)

EARTHQUAKES



1

Earthquake

VANUATU

People assisted: 3,000

Total spend: \$390,388

Project timeline: Dec. 20, 2024 – Jun. 19, 2025

Save the Children

Shelter

Protection

Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)



The Government of Canada continued its longstanding partnership with the Humanitarian Coalition in 2024, providing more than \$12,186,085 in lifesaving support to both large humanitarian crises and small-scale emergencies, further exhibiting Canada’s global leadership in humanitarian response.

In addition to funds from the Government of Canada, our generous corporate, community and media partners provided critical support in both our efforts to raise awareness and to raise funds for humanitarian emergencies. Media partners allow us to reach Canadians by amplifying our efforts with in-kind donations of media space and airtime, and corporate and community partners provide grants and leverage their networks to help us raise awareness. We give thanks to the following partners:



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Giving monthly to the Humanitarian Coalition is not just beneficial for you, it also has a profound impact on the lives of those who need it most and enables us to do more. Here’s how.

1 YOU MULTIPLY YOUR IMPACT

We know you care about making a difference. When you choose to make a monthly gift, you boost your impact. Recurring donations add up over time, creating a more significant impact in the long run. Even a modest monthly contribution will build up to substantial support over a year, or several years.

2 IT'S EASIER ON YOUR BUDGET

Monthly contributions can be more affordable and easier to budget than larger one-time gifts. By breaking the donation into smaller increments, you can provide meaningful support without straining your finances.

3 YOU FEEL MORE ENGAGED AND YOU KNOW MORE ABOUT THE DIFFERENCE YOU'RE MAKING

As a monthly donor, we’ll keep you in the loop so you can hear about all the good you’re doing each month. You’ll hear about future crises we’re responding to, receive updates on current ones, and we’ll share stories about real people whose lives you’ve made a difference in.

4 IT'S FLEXIBLE AND CONVENIENT

You set up your gift, and then you don’t have to do anything until you want to make changes. You’re in control. You can change the amount, the time of the month, your payment information, or stop at any time. Giving monthly also means you get one consolidated receipt at the end of the year – much easier to manage than multiple one-time gifts!

Why giving monthly is better for us

5 IT LOWERS OUR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

Automated monthly donations require fewer administrative tasks associated with one-time gifts, such as issuing receipts. But beyond that, with each new monthly donor, we reduce the need to seek out multiple donors individually. Reducing our costs means more of every dollar goes to work where it matters the most.

6 IT PROVIDES US WITH A RELIABLE SOURCE OF FUNDING

When we have a predictable flow of reliable revenue, we can respond more quickly, frequently and effectively to disasters as they emerge. Monthly donors enable us to work even harder to fulfil our mission.

Why giving monthly is better for the world

7 TOGETHER, WE SAVE MORE LIVES

It’s that simple. No matter where or when a disaster strikes, working together with you, our 12 member agencies and their local partners means we can bring lifesaving assistance quickly and provide the necessities to start rebuilding communities.

By choosing to give monthly, you become an essential part of transforming lives, alleviating suffering and fostering hope. Together, we save more lives and create a world where compassion knows no bounds.

Click here to give monthly



HOW TO HELP

MAKE A DONATION

Your gift will enable us to respond quickly and effectively when the next disaster strikes.

To donate, go to: 

START A FUNDRAISER

Get involved. Invite your friends. Boost staff engagement. Make change happen.

BECOME A CORPORATE PARTNER

Businesses play an important role in encouraging Canadians to care and to give.

DONATE SECURITIES

A donation of securities or mutual funds allows you to give more and get more.

BECOME A MONTHLY DONOR

When you choose to make a monthly gift, you boost your impact. Recurring donations grow over time, creating a more significant impact in the long run. Even a modest monthly contribution will build up to substantial support over the course of a year, or several years.

ORGANIZE AN EVENT

Consider raising awareness and funds by holding a special event in your community, school or workplace.

LEAVE A LEGACY

What does your will say about you? Leave a gift that will impact generations to come.



GET IN TOUCH

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Richard Morgan
Executive director

“Every page of this Annual Report is fundamentally a celebration of hope.

In humanitarian crises around the world, you will find our local partners and colleagues doing everything they can to help their neighbours recover from devastating earthquakes, storms, landslides and violence. They are not only hoping for a better tomorrow, they are making it real.

And here at home, thousands of Canadians are also making hope real. In every province, territory and corner of the country, they are choosing compassion over apathy, and action over helplessness. By donating in support of humanitarian relief. By advocating for our shared humanity. By raising a voice for those being ignored.

Thank you for being one of these people! We are so grateful that you have chosen to be part of the work of the Humanitarian Coalition, and for helping to make hope real.”

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2024, with comparative information for 2023.

OPERATION AND NET ASSETS		2024	2023
REVENUE		\$	\$
Global Affairs Canada		12,186,085	37,884,718
Appeals		1,270,040	3,741,136
Emergency response fund		1,470,662	1,057,738
Coalition members contributions		410,000	463,685
		15,336,787	43,147,277
EXPENSES			
Salaries and employee benefits		845,191	759,198
Operations		334,007	359,168
Program funding		13,194,744	41,775,321
Communications and fundraising		212,527	321,479
		14,586,469	43,215,166
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses		750,318	(67,889)
Net assets, beginning of year		1,151,784	1,219,673
Net assets, end of year		1,902,102	1,151,784
FINANCIAL POSITION		2024	2023
ASSETS		\$	\$
Current			
Cash		3,142,735	6,634,356
Term Deposits			1,012,247
Trade and other receivables		75,500	225,318
Prepaid expenses		3,244	3,128
		3,221,479	7,875,049
LIABILITIES			
Current			
Trade and other payables		125,513	3,555,395
Deferred contributions		1,193,864	3,167,870
		1,319,377	6,723,265
NET ASSETS			
Unrestricted		1,902,102	1,151,784
		3,221,479	7,875,049





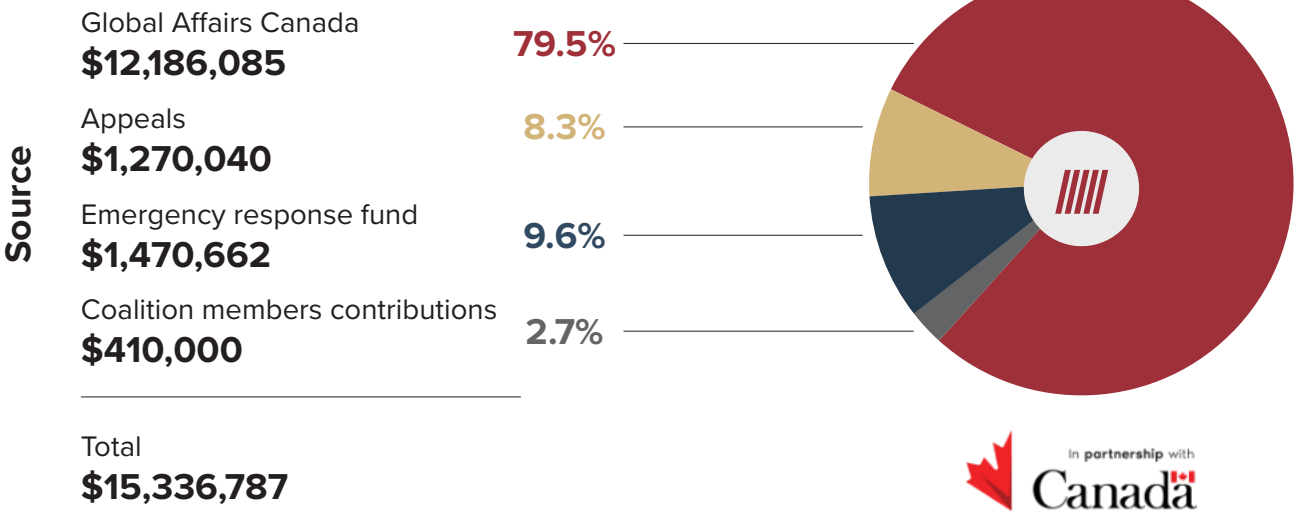




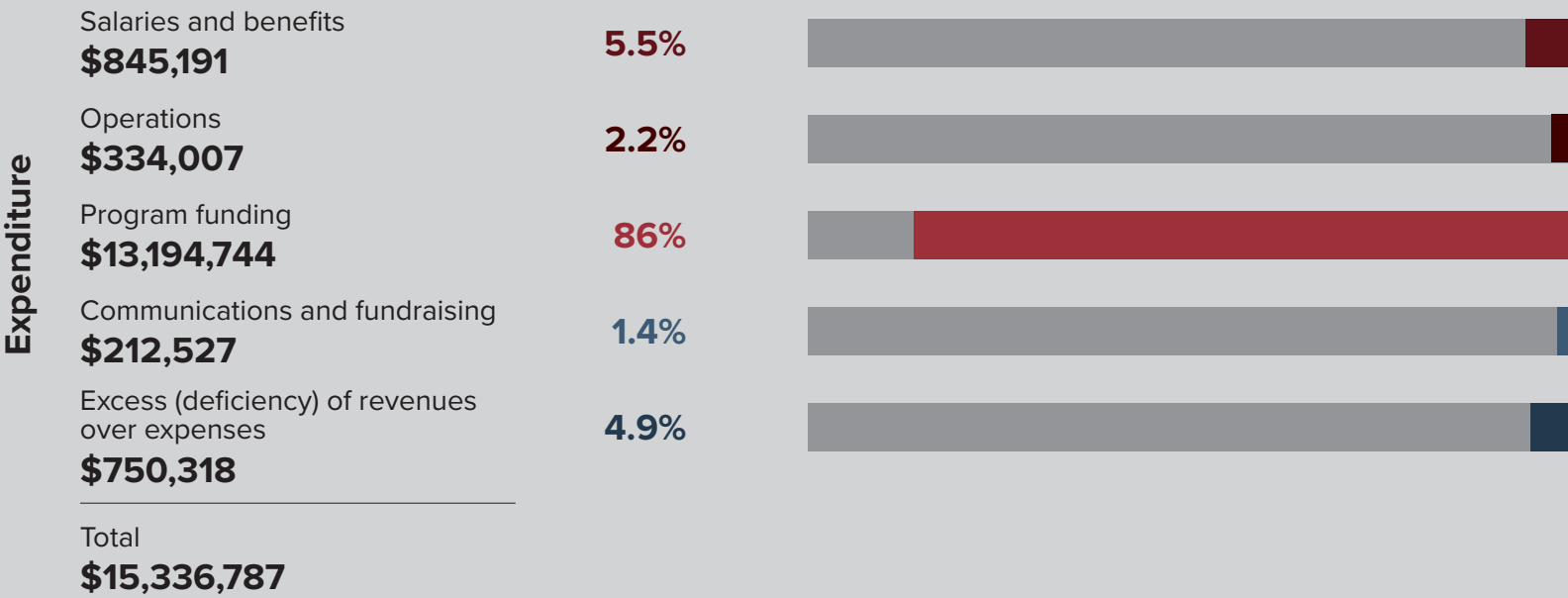
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UNDERSTANDING HUMANITARIAN COALITION FUNDS AND SPENDING IN 2024

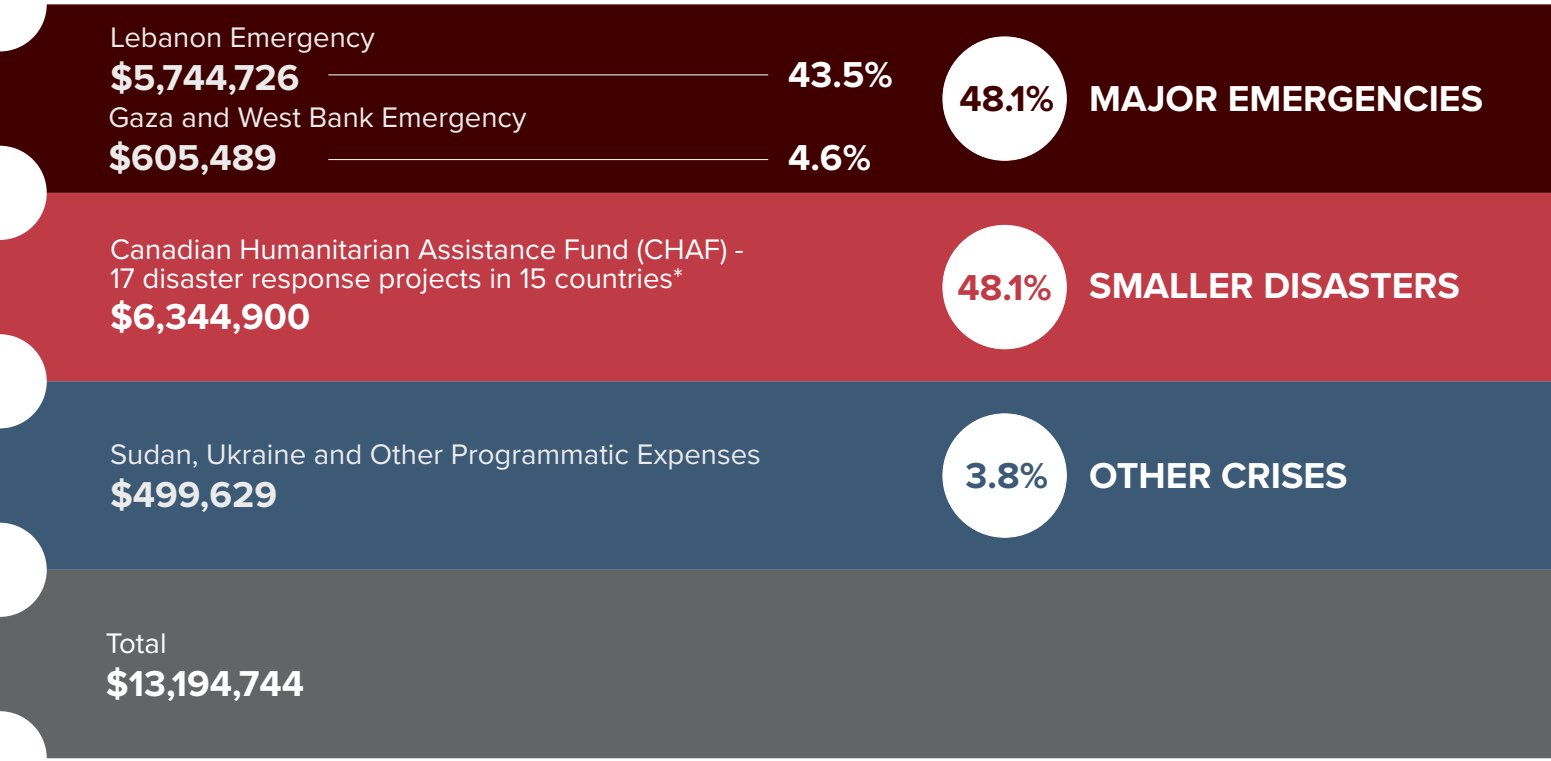
WHERE DID FUNDS COME FROM IN 2024?



HOW WERE FUNDS SPENT IN 2024?



HOW WERE PROGRAM FUNDS SPENT IN 2024?



*Does not include Humanitarian Coalition member contributions (10% of each project value)

HOW DID 2024 PROGRAM SPENDING COMPARE TO PREVIOUS YEARS?

MAJOR EMERGENCIES

Lebanon, Gaza and West Bank

SMALLER DISASTERS

17 disaster response projects in 15 countries

\$13,194,744

2024

Türkiye-Syria Earthquake, East Africa Crisis, Gaza Humanitarian Emergency

26 disaster response projects in 18 countries

\$41,775,321

2023

Ukraine Crisis, Hunger Crisis, Pakistan Floods

12 disaster response projects in 9 countries

\$19,961,131

2022

THANK YOU

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