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The Humanitarian Coalition and
Global Affairs Canada respond
quickly to smaller emergencies

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HUMANITARIAN COALITION MEMBERS AND GLOBAL AFFAIRS CANADA RESPOND QUICKLY TO SMALLER EMERGENCIES

 1 earthquake

 2 conflicts

 4 floods

 1 cyclone

More than 125 million people worldwide are in need of urgent humanitarian assistance, compared to 32 million a decade ago. According to the High-Level Panel on Humanitarian Financing State's report released in January 2016, the humanitarian sector faced a funding gap of US\$15 billion in 2015, the largest ever.

Protracted conflicts and natural disasters are having a greater impact and have displaced millions of people. Although large crises are generally well publicized, a majority of disasters are highly localized and affect comparatively smaller populations. Unfortunately, these smaller scale disasters receive much less attention – both in terms of media coverage and funding. As a result, the humanitarian needs of those affected by small-scale disasters often go unmet.

More direct, predictable humanitarian financing is needed to reduce the impact these types of disasters have on women, men and children struggling to survive their aftermath. It is in this spirit that the Canadian Humanitarian Assistance Fund was created in 2014 as an innovative humanitarian funding mechanism between Global Affairs Canada and the Humanitarian Coalition and its member agencies.

With their collective presence in more than 120 countries, the Humanitarian Coalition member agencies are often already present in disaster areas and are able to leverage their local knowledge, community-level relationships, and program capacity to respond quickly once resources can be mobilized.

Following a successful 18-month pilot phase, the Canadian government extended its funding to the fund for an additional three years in September 2015 with a total budget of \$9.5 million.

The ability to quickly identify and then meet the needs of the most vulnerable following a disaster contributed to demonstrating the relevance and appropriateness for such a funding mechanism in Canada. Between September 2015 and March 2016, this fund was activated successfully for eight responses, further underlining the need for immediate financing following emergencies.

 **2.8 million total**
(\$2.1 million from Global Affairs Canada)
Funds allocated

 **Approximately 80,000**
Number of people reached

 **5.5 days**
Average time to mobilize funds

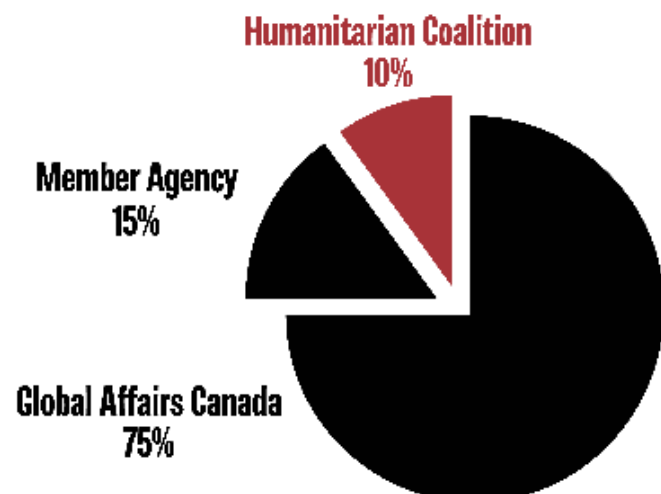


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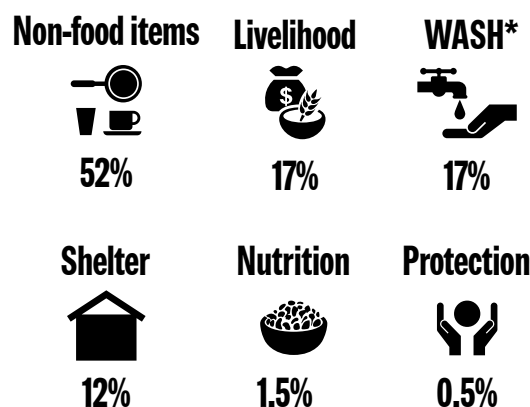
INTRODUCTION

This report presents a snapshot of projects funded through the Canadian Humanitarian Assistance Fund between September 1, 2015 and March 31, 2016. It includes projects that are completed as well as ongoing. As such, figures represent all funds disbursed, though some are for programs still underway.

FUNDING SOURCE



FUNDING BY SECTOR



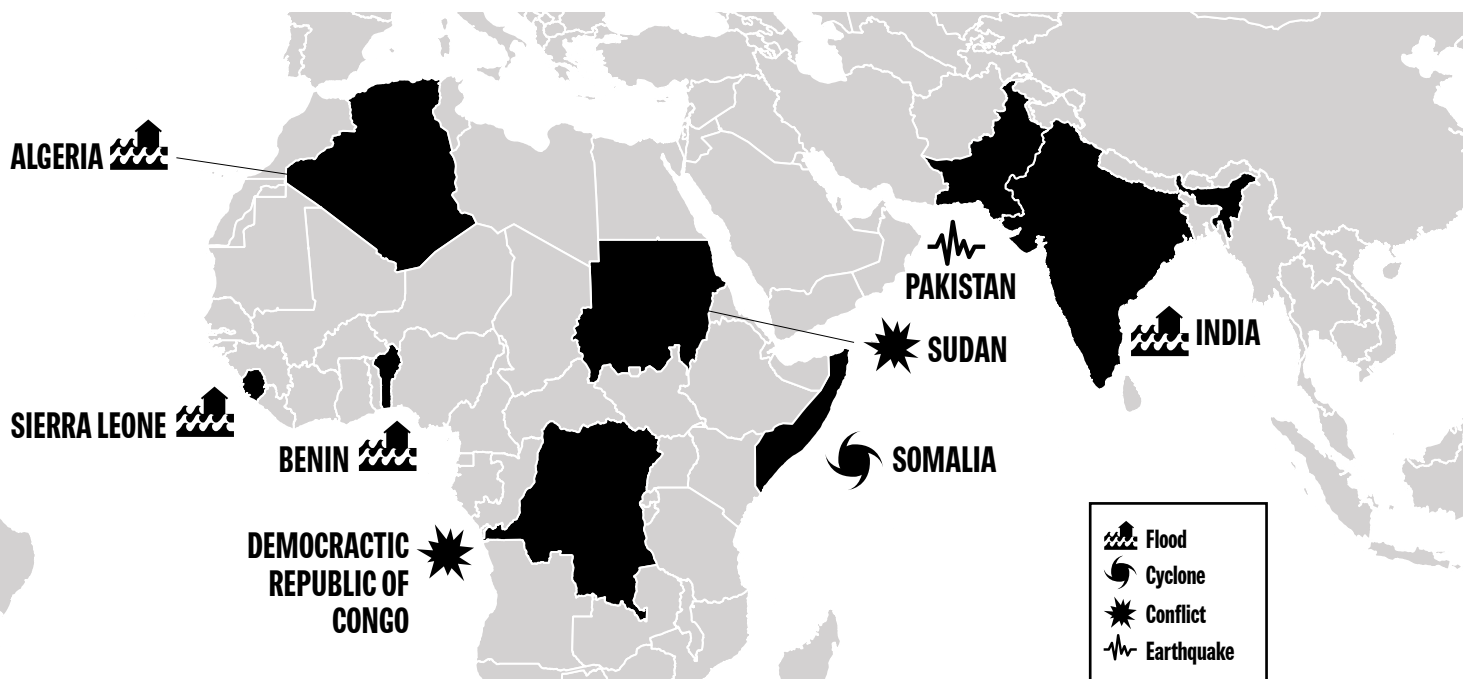
* Water, sanitation, hygiene

FUNDING OVERVIEW ON MARCH 31, 2016

	Global Affairs	Member Agency	Humanitarian Coalition	Total Amount	Status
Benin	\$201,861	\$40,000	\$26,667	\$268,527	Completed
Democratic Republic of Congo	313,500	62,700	41,800	418,000	Completed
Sierra Leone	281,250	56,250	37,500	375,000	Completed
Algeria	187,500	37,500	25,000	250,000	Ongoing
Pakistan	315,000	118,898	35,000	468,898	Ongoing
Somalia	225,000	45,000	30,000	300,000	Ongoing
India	\$06,250	41,250	27,500	275,000	Ongoing
Sudan	339,482	67,678	45,438	452,598	Ongoing
Total Funds	\$2,069,843	\$469,276	\$268,905	\$2,808,024	



INTRODUCTION



Benin – Floods in the north of the country (October 2015 completed):
CARE Canada initiated a \$268,527 project to meet the most immediate needs of approximately 12,000 people, through water, sanitation and hygiene assistance, cash and shelter kits.

Democratic Republic of Congo – Violence in the region of Beni (October 2015 completed):

Oxfam-Québec implemented a \$418,000 project to assist 16,200 displaced people through the distribution of essential household items/non-food items.

Sierra Leone – Floods in the Bo District (October 2015 completed):

Plan International Canada initiated a \$375,000 project to support 3,641 flood-affected people through water, sanitation and hygiene assistance, the distribution of shelter kits and education kits and through protection activities.

Algeria – Floods in Saharan refugee camps in Southern Algeria (November 2015 ongoing):

Oxfam-Québec implemented a \$250,000 project to

assist 15,000 affected refugees, through shelter and nutrition support.

Pakistan – Earthquake (November 2015 ongoing):

CARE Canada initiated a \$468,898 project to assist 6,500 people with shelter and winterization kits.

Somalia – Cyclone hitting the coastal areas of Puntland (November 2015 ongoing):

CARE Canada implemented a \$300,000 project to assist 12,000 people with water, hygiene, income opportunities, and non-food items.

India – Floods in Chennai province (December 2015 ongoing):

Oxfam Canada implemented a \$275,000 project to assist 6,600 people affected with shelter-related items and cash.

Sudan – Violence in North of Darfur (February 2016 ongoing):

Oxfam Canada implemented a \$452,562 project to assist 21,690 people affected with water, sanitation and hygiene.



Fatmata received her education materials. She previously went to school without a uniform and spoke about how she was negatively received.

"Girls education is challenging here especially for some of us that have to walk five to six miles to come to the Agricultural Vocational Secondary School and return each day," said Fatmata. "I am now hopeful and courageous as a young girl. With all the challenges in our communities it is not easy to see a young girl go to university from here but I will. In fact, I want to work for Plan after my education."

Photo credit: Plan International

Following flooding in Sierra Leone in March 2015, Plan International provided support to school-going pupils through the Canadian Humanitarian Assistance Fund. The program ensured that children and young people affected were given the opportunity to continue their education and regain confidence in going back to school.

Plan International supported 750 school-going children in three chiefdoms with books, pens, pencils, rulers, bags and school uniforms. For 18-year-old Fatmata Swarray, from the Bo District, the school uniform was invaluable for keeping her in school.


"I was ashamed of myself coming to school with the same clothes every day and some of my friends also hissed at me. I lost confidence in myself and made up my mind not to come to school again. Such a situation gives a clear ticket for parents to send their children to trade, do extensive farming and unbearably to send into childhood marriage."

"We were thinking about borrowing money from money lenders for starting the mobile food stall when Oxfam came forward with financial support."

Following devastating floods in India, water remained around Lakshmi's, 40, house for days. Her husband, who is a cook, was unable to travel to nearby towns which were inaccessible for more than a week after the floods.

Food security became a challenge at home with five mouths to feed and caring for a daughter with special needs.

Thanks to the Unconditional Cash Transfer from Oxfam Canada, Lakshmi and her husband have started their own mobile food stall within their village, selling local delicacies and healthy snacks.

A photograph of a woman, Lakshmi, standing behind a mobile food stall. She is wearing a blue sari and is surrounded by large metal pots and cooking equipment. The stall is covered by a wooden roof and is situated outdoors with trees in the background.

Lakshmi, making preparations for an evening round of snacks at her mobile food stall.

Photo Credit: Sundara Raman / Oxfam India



What: **Benin flooding**
When: **October 2015**
People assisted: **12,000**
Funds provided: **\$268,527**
Assistance provided:
drinking water, hygiene,
unconditional cash, shelter



Heavy rains caused flooding in two communes on the banks of the River Niger in northern Benin in October 2015.

The most immediate needs were food, water storage and purification systems and non-food items. Education, livelihoods (fishing and agriculture) were also affected.

THE RESPONSE

12,000 people affected by the floods received multi-sectorial assistance to meet their immediate needs.

- Improve access to drinking water, sanitation and hygiene conditions
- Cover basic food needs via unconditional money transfers to vulnerable households
- Distribute shelter kits or cash for rebuilding shelters for vulnerable households



NON-FOOD ITEMS
30%



WASH
35%



SHELTER
35%



This project is a result of population movements due to attacks by the armed group ADF-NALU in the towns of Masulukwede/Ntoy and Mukida/Malet and subsequent offensives against this armed group on the part of the Armed Forces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in September 2015.

These armed attacks, accompanied by theft, rape, looting and massacres, prompted thousands of families to seek refuge. The town of Eringeti welcomed more than 16,200 people.

What: **Forced population displacement in Democratic Republic of Congo**

When: **October 2015**

People assisted: **16,200**

Funds provided: **\$418,000**

Assistance provided: **essential household and non-food items as well as gender awareness sessions**

THE RESPONSE

Through the distribution of essential household items/non-food items (NFI), 3,240 displaced families in Eringeti, 70% of which were female-headed households, benefitted from improved living conditions and could live safely and with dignity.

Through awareness sessions on gender-related inequalities, access and control of income in households, 60% of 3,240 homes improved their knowledge, attitudes and practices regarding gender equality.



NON-FOOD ITEMS 98%



PROTECTION 2%



Torrential rains in September 2015 caused extensive damage largely due to bursting river banks. The flooding caused widespread displacement and destruction across the country, with individuals and families seeking safety and shelter in large buildings as their homes were either destroyed or made uninhabitable.

What: Sierra Leone flooding

When: October 2015

People assisted: 3,641

Funds provided: \$375,000

Assistance provided: shelter, protection, education, hygiene, water access



NON-FOOD ITEMS

84%



WASH

14%



PROTECTION

2%

THE RESPONSE

Distributed shelter material to 140 flood affected families

Distributed 750 education kits to flood affected children

Distributed 420 hygiene kits to flood affected families

Provided villages with clean water

Provided psychosocial support and sensitization on protection issues



In October 2015, torrential rains hit five Saharan refugee camps in Southern Algeria. The severity and amplitude of the resulting floods was unprecedented for the region: more than 11,411 homes were either completely destroyed or made uninhabitable. In one of the camps, 100% of the homes are now uninhabitable.

More than 90,000 vulnerable Saharan refugees, mainly those living in the Dakhla camp, were affected by the flooding. The flooding destroyed the refugees' homes, lodgings and shelter.

What: Flooding in Algeria

When: October 2015

People assisted: 15,000

Funds provided: \$250,000

Assistance provided: shelter, nutrition

THE RESPONSE

Reduce the impact of flooding on the Saharan refugee population with adapted and coordinated emergency assistance for both shelter and food security.

- Provide safe and weather resistant shelters to at least 112 of the most vulnerable families (560 people)
- Provide supplementary food rations to 15,000 people.

The response included training members of the population on improved construction techniques, consistent with Oxfam's innovative approach introduced with its partners over the last few years.

In this instance, funds earmarked for the nutrition portion of the response will be funded solely by Oxfam-Quebec, while Global Affairs Canada and the Humanitarian Coalition funds go towards shelter.



SHELTER
85%



NUTRITION
15%

What: Earthquake in Pakistan

When: November 2015

People assisted: 6,500

Funds provided: \$468,898

Assistance provided: shelter, winterization kits



On October 26, 2015, a powerful earthquake struck major cities of Pakistan, including the northern areas with a magnitude of 7.5 on the Richter scale.

Vulnerable people in remote and hilly areas lost their homes, assets and livelihoods. Vulnerable groups, such as women, children and elderly people, found it hard to cope with the freezing temperatures.

The earthquake caused widespread damage, leaving more than 280 dead, 1,982 injured, over 98,000 houses and 497 schools damaged. An estimated one million people were in urgent need of assistance.

THE RESPONSE

Increase access to emergency shelter and improve living conditions for affected households that meet the specific needs of men, women, boys, and girls.

- Identify and register beneficiaries
- Transport and distribute shelter and toolkits, and train communities in building shelters
- Provide winterization kits (includes quilts, bedding, lights, shawls and plastic sheets)



NON-FOOD ITEMS

100%

What: Cyclone in Somalia

When: December 2015

People assisted: 12,000

Funds provided: \$300,000

**Assistance provided:
water, hygiene, cash for work,
non-food items**



In November 2015, a sudden onset tropical storm and a cyclone hit the coastal areas of Puntland in Somalia causing widespread damage to homes and local infrastructure.

The cyclone resulted in a loss of livelihood for low income households and extensive damage/destruction to critical infrastructure. Food insecurity and lack of clean water were areas of key concern.

Approximately 50,040 people in 24 settlements in Bari region were affected.

THE RESPONSE

Improve access to water, hygiene services, income opportunities and non-food items to vulnerable cyclone-affected families.

- Rehabilitate shallow wells
- Distribute water and hygiene kits
- Provide cash-for-work initiatives to 240 households
- Provide non-food items kits to 175 families



NON-FOOD ITEMS
11%



WASH
32%



LIVELIHOODS
57%



More than a week of sustained rain in the Chennai province of India resulted in flooding in several districts in January 2016. The floods killed more than 300 and affected over 2 million people.

Within the affected communities, women, children, the elderly, persons with disabilities, and/or who are socially excluded were the most vulnerable as they have less contingency resources to draw on for support.



THE RESPONSE

Provide shelter related material (e.g. tarpaulins, groundsheets, kitchen sets, mosquito nets, etc.) to 1,100 families.

Assist the 300 most vulnerable households with unconditional cash transfers of INR 10,000 (approximately CAD \$210) per beneficiary.

What: Flooding in India

When: January 2016

People assisted: 6,600

Funds provided: \$275,000

**Assistance provided:
shelter-related items and unconditional cash**



NON-FOOD ITEMS

67%



LIVELIHOODS

33%





Thousands of people in North Darfur fled military operations near their villages and sought refuge elsewhere in the country in March 2016.

Their most urgent needs were access to safe water and sanitation services.

What: Internally displaced people in Sudan

When: March 2016

People assisted: 21,690

Funds provided: \$452,597

Assistance provided: water, sanitation and hygiene

THE RESPONSE

Truck in water, rehabilitate existing and drill new hand pumps, build 200 emergency temporary latrines, distribute hygiene kits to 1,000 households and create awareness for proper hygiene practices.

Monitor and assess the market situation and, if appropriate, provide cash transfers to 500 households.



WASH
52%



LIVELIHOODS
48%



HOW THE CANADIAN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FUND WORKS



Populations struggle against effects of natural disasters and other catastrophes



Funding is limited and humanitarian needs are pressing



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