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PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR SURVIVORS OF SMALLER DISASTERS

The Canadian Humanitarian Assistance Fund (CHAF) has become an indispensable tool in Canada's efforts to provide emergency assistance to survivors of smaller disasters worldwide.

This fund is an innovative humanitarian mechanism between Global Affairs Canada, the Humanitarian Coalition and its member agencies. It allows the member agencies to respond quickly and help people affected by smaller-scale, rapid-onset disasters. These often receive very little global media attention, leaving unmet needs or gaps where assistance is particularly difficult to finance.

Between April 1, 2016 and March 31, 2017, Humanitarian Coalition member agencies activated the CHAF 17 times and were able to provide life-saving assistance to approximately 191,000 people in 15 countries.

With their collective presence in more than 150 countries, the seven Humanitarian Coalition member agencies are often already on the ground in disaster areas. They are able to leverage their local knowledge, community-level relationships, and program capacity to respond quickly once resources can be mobilized.

Projects funded through this mechanism must significantly contribute to improved physical security; improved or maintained health; and/or improved or maintained household or community livelihoods.

This report presents a snapshot of projects funded through the CHAF as of March 31, 2017. It includes projects that are completed as well as ongoing. As such, funds are presented cumulatively, but reflect a combination of funds allocated and funds disbursed.

**FUNDING OVERVIEW
ON MARCH 31, 2017**

	Global Affairs	Member Agency	Humanitarian Coalition	Total Amount	Status
Ecuador (Jama and San Vicente)	\$300,000	\$60,000	\$40,000	\$400,000	Completed
Ecuador (Rocafuerte, Sucre, Portoviejo)	\$262,500	\$52,500	\$35,000	\$350,000	Completed
Sri Lanka	\$150,000	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$200,000	Completed
Bangladesh	\$262,500	\$52,500	\$35,000	\$350,000	Completed
Myanmar	\$234,000	\$46,800	\$31,200	\$312,000	Completed
India	\$225,000	\$45,000	\$30,000	\$300,000	Completed
Bangladesh	\$250,000	\$50,000	\$33,333	\$333,333	Completed
South Sudan/Uganda	\$278,400	\$55,680	\$37,120	\$371,200	Completed
Cuba	\$202,500	\$40,500	\$27,000	\$270,000	Completed
Haiti	\$281,250	\$56,250	\$37,500	\$375,000	Completed
Vietnam	\$168,750	\$33,750	\$22,500	\$225,000	Completed
Philippines	\$262,500	\$52,500	\$35,000	\$350,000	Ongoing
Central African Republic	\$262,500	\$52,500	\$35,000	\$350,000	Ongoing
Indonesia	\$112,500	\$22,500	\$15,000	\$150,000	Ongoing
Mozambique	\$150,000	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$200,000	Ongoing
Madagascar	\$150,000	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$200,000	Ongoing
Peru	\$262,500	\$52,500	\$35,000	\$350,000	Ongoing
Total Funds	\$3,814,900	\$762,980	\$508,653	\$5,086,533	

From Relief to Happiness in Bangladesh



Image: Plan International Canada

“I lost everything that I had because of the cyclone, but can’t you see how happy I am now looking at my smiling face?”

That’s what Jahanara said only a few weeks after Cyclone Roanu hit Bangladesh and forced 500,000 people to flee their homes in June 2016. Jahanara’s home, which she shares with her young grandson Rabbi, was damaged, their belongings were swept away and their makeshift latrine was destroyed.

Thanks to the Canadian Humanitarian Assistance Fund, Jahanara received a new latrine and a box of essential items, including hygiene products, from Plan International. The funding made a tangible difference for Jahanara, improving her standard of living, her sense of dignity and her safety.

“Earlier I had no bed cover and blanket to use. Now, I am using them happily and I can use the blanket in the upcoming winter season. I will not suffer in the cold.”

Jahanara also attended community awareness sessions offered by Plan International where she learned about better hygiene practices, accessing safe drinking water and how to handle and prepare food safely.

“We used to drink water from a nearby ditch connected to the river because the well is far. When I discovered that water collected from places like this is not safe to drink and can cause diarrhea or dysentery, I decided not to drink that water anymore. Now, I preserve water collected from the well for drinking.”



Cash for Work: Humanitarian Aid for Flood-Affected Communities

BACKGROUND

The Cash for Work (CfW) community restoration program, initiated by Oxfam together with local partner Lanka Evangelical Alliance Development Service (LEADS) and funded by the CHAF, aimed to provide relief for Sri Lanka communities affected by the floods. The program was focused on empowering communities to recover from the floods. Low-income families were given the opportunity to clean flood affected areas and earn daily wages. A total of \$17,000 CAD was distributed as pay for their work.

CASH FOR WORK BRINGS MULTIPLE BENEFITS TO SRI LANKA FOLLOWING DISASTER

As cyclone Roanu swept across Sri Lanka, thousands of people were forced to evacuate to shelter camps.

Rising water not only destroyed homes, it carried debris and dirt from the municipal garbage dump into neighbourhoods.

Whole neighbourhoods remained flooded for more than 10 days, in some cases under eight feet of water. Residents who normally earn a daily minimum wage did not have paid work during the floods and so lacked disposable income to replace essential goods and tools.

Many residents lost all of their household items while schools and public spaces received extensive damage.

Thanks to Canadian funding from the Canadian Humanitarian Assistance Fund, Oxfam was able to implement a Cash for Work (CfW) program

that had multiple benefits: help residents recover lost income and replace essential items, invigorate the local market, clean up community spaces and allow children to return to school.

Approximately 500 people, the majority of them women, received the equivalent of \$35 CAD each to clean and disinfect affected public areas, including schools.

“We couldn’t have managed to re-open the school within such a short time had it not been for the support from the community people. We are thankful for making it possible,” said Mr. Bandara, a school principal in the town of Kuda Buthgamuwa.

This program enabled schools to re-open, religious and other public places to resume their usual activities and members of the communities to become self-resilient.



Water, Sanitation, Hygiene



Livelihood



Non-food items



Shelter



Protection



Other

CHAF RESPONSES



Image: Oxfam-Québec

**Number of people reached**

Approximately 191,000



6 storms



3 earthquakes



6 floods



1 conflict



1 population displacement

Assistance provided

Water, Sanitation, Hygiene 49%



Protection 12%



Livelihood 5%



Non-food items 13%



Shelter 9%



Other 12%

**Average time to approve funds**

4 days

**Funds allocated**

\$5.1 million total

\$3.8 million from Global Affairs Canada

Equivalent of \$27 per person helped

**Fund breakdown**

Global Affairs Canada: 75%

Responding Member Agency: 15%

Humanitarian Coalition Donors: 10%

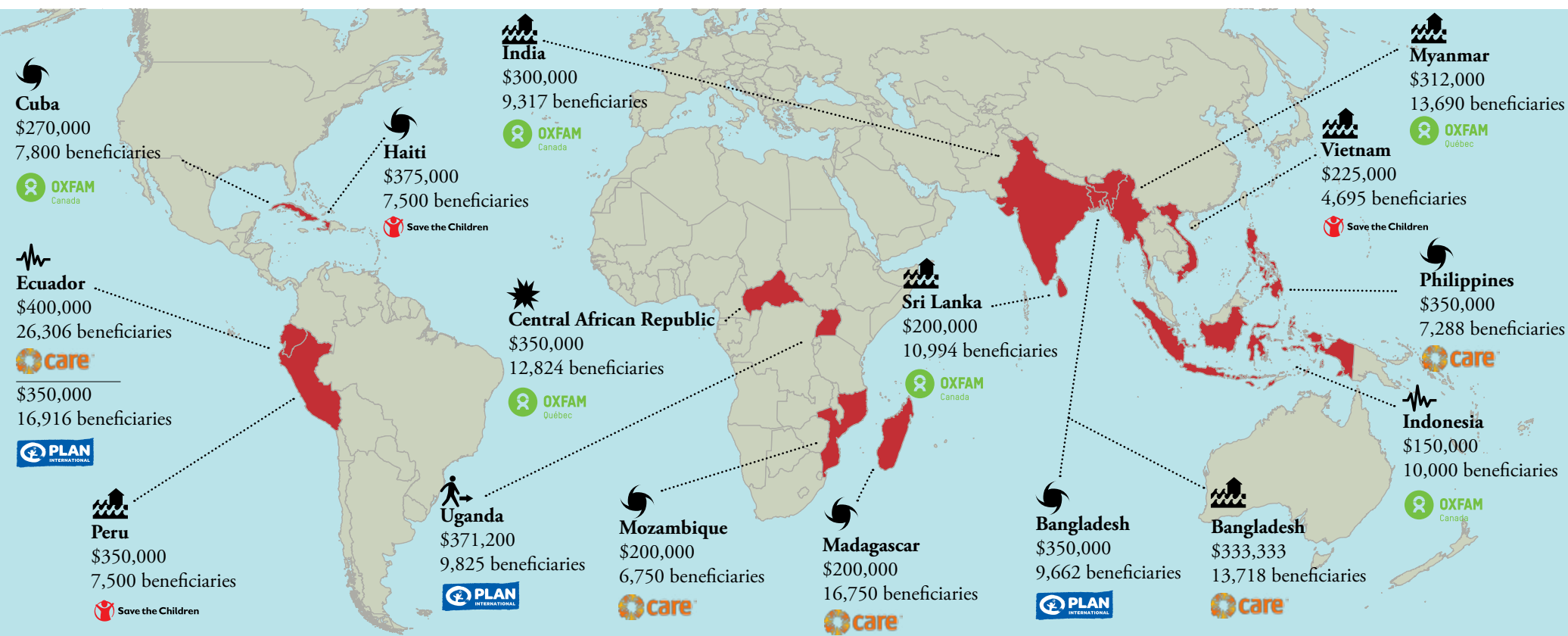


Image: Plan International Canada



EARTHQUAKE - ECUADOR

A 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck northern Ecuador on April 16, killing 650 people and injuring another 12,000. More than 700 aftershocks followed, with the strongest one being a magnitude of 6.3, occurring on Wednesday, April 20.

April 2016

\$400,000



\$350,000



Assistance Provided



- › Water, sanitation and hygiene support.
- › Hygiene kits to 2,800 vulnerable households.
- › Tents to 400 vulnerable families.
- › Materials for safe and secure temporary shelter, including tarps, other non-food items, and financial and technical support to rebuild or repair their houses.
- › Hygiene education and training to community volunteers.





Image: Oxfam Canada

FLOODS - SRI LANKA

Heavy rains in May 2016 caused the worst flooding in Sri Lanka in the last 25 years. The floods and accompanying landslides killed more than 1,000 people and displaced more than 21,000 from their homes.

May 2016

\$200,000



Assistance Provided



- › Set up water tanks for drinking and hand washing.
- › Collect garbage and increase hygiene awareness.
- › Provide disinfection kits to families to help them clean their homes.
- › Provide cash for work programs to support early livelihood recovery.



Image: Plan International Canada



CYCLONE - BANGLADESH

More than 500,000 people were forced to evacuate their homes when tropical cyclone Roanu hit in May 2016. Torrential rains resulted in floods and landslides, which affected more than 700,000 people, approximately half of whom are children. More than 100,000 homes were destroyed or damaged from the storm surges.

May 2016

\$350,000



Assistance Provided



- › Repair and disinfect wells and test water quality.
- › Repair household latrines.
- › Distribute hygiene kits to affected families.
- › Provide hygiene education through community mobilization.





Image: Oxfam-Québec

FLOODS - MYANMAR

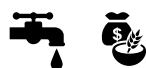
Heavy rains during most of July and August caused massive flooding in Myanmar during the monsoon season. Water levels reached dangerous levels quickly, causing widespread flooding and damage in 24 vulnerable farming communities.

July 2016

\$312,000



Assistance Provided



- › Repair drinking water sources and school latrines.
- › Provide cash for work initiatives to help clean up communities.
- › Distribute hygiene kits and water filters to affected families.
- › Support agriculture through distribution of seeds and tools and the development of nurseries.
- › Train individuals and build capacity for agriculture recovery initiatives.
- › Provide livestock to affected families.
- › Provide fishing nets to affected families.
- › Support families to restart their small businesses.





Image: Oxfam-Canada

FLOODS - INDIA

The Assam province in India was heavily hit by flooding during the monsoon season with continuous rain for most of July and August. The water reached dangerous levels quickly, causing widespread flooding in 21 of 27 districts. More than 1.6 million people were affected.

August 2016

\$300,000



Assistance Provided



- › Provide emergency shelter materials to 1,750 households.
- › Transfer cash, as identified through consultations, to 300 of the most vulnerable households to assist them with their immediate needs.





Image: CARE

FLOODS - BANGLADESH

Bangladesh was heavily hit by flooding during the monsoon season with continuous rain for most of July and August. More than 3.7 million people were affected in what was the worst flooding to hit the country in almost 20 years.

August 2016

\$333,333



Assistance Provided



- › Provide emergency shelter materials to 2,000 of the most marginalized and vulnerable displaced families.
- › Provide unconditional cash support to 10,000 people to enable them to cover major and critical family needs.



Image: Plan International Canada

REFUGEE RESPONSE - SOUTH SUDAN / UGANDA

Renewed fighting over the course of July and August in South Sudan forced thousands of people to flee into Uganda's West Nile Region. The unprecedented and unexpected influx of people into Uganda left the country and aid agencies overwhelmed. Women and children made up 87% of new arrivals, requiring increased protection services.

August 2016

Assistance Provided



\$371,200



- › Support the establishment of four Child-Friendly Spaces to facilitate age and gender appropriate protection and psychosocial activities.
- › Identify vulnerable children and provide them with relief items and refer them to appropriate agencies for further support.
- › Establish and support three community-based child protection committees in one of the new refugee settlements (Bidibidi).
- › Ensure availability of safe drinking water to the new refugee settlements.
- › Build temporary pit latrines equipped with hand-washing facilities.
- › Train volunteers in each settlement area to promote and educate refugees on proper hygiene practices.





Image: Oxfam Canada

HURRICANE MATTHEW - CUBA

In October 2016, Hurricane Matthew swept through eastern Cuba, in particular Guantanamo province. Heavy rains caused severe flooding in low-lying coastal areas, seriously affecting agricultural crops in the region. The risks of water-borne diseases, such as cholera, increased. Close to one million people were evacuated, and more than 176,000 were isolated due to the heavy road damage and fallen bridges in some areas.

October 2016

\$270,000



Assistance Provided



- › Distribute non-food items to 1,393 families (tarps, rope, cutter, etc.).
- › Provide hygiene and water kits (including water purification tablets), provide educational materials and conduct informational sessions for 1,393 families on good hygiene practices.





Image: Save the Children

HURRICANE MATTHEW - HAITI

On October 4, 2016, Hurricane Matthew swept through Haiti, killing more than 800 people and leaving thousands displaced and living in temporary shelters. The category 4-strength storm caused massive damage to infrastructure, homes and crops in many communities, increasing the risk of waterborne diseases. The country was still vulnerable to disasters, not having fully recovered from the 2010 earthquake and subsequent cholera epidemic.

October 2016

Assistance Provided



\$375,000



- › Distribute hygiene kits to residents of high occupancy shelters and baby kits to households with young children.
- › Provide potable water to shelter residents, and rehabilitate damaged latrines.
- › Increase awareness of and ability to deal with child protection risks, and negative coping mechanisms.
- › Set up Child-Friendly Spaces in identified shelters to provide children with an opportunity to interact, play and remain safe at all hours.
- › Support the rehabilitation of damaged schools and identify possible alternative education options.





FLOODS - VIETNAM

Three tropical storms (including two typhoons) caused heavy rain and widespread flooding in Vietnam over a one-week period in mid-October. More than 30 people died because of the storms, and approximately 650,000 people were affected, including 182,000 children, in five central provinces.

October 2016

\$225,000



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Assistance Provided



- › Distribute unconditional multi-purpose cash grants to the most vulnerable families in order for them to meet their basic needs.
- › Rehabilitate water points and latrines in local schools.
- › Promote hygiene activities to affected communities, primarily related to preventing the spread of waterborne communicable diseases.





Image: CARE Canada

TYPHOON HAIMA - PHILIPPINES

Super Typhoon Haima struck the northernmost parts of the Philippines in October 2016. Extremely strong winds and torrential rain caused flooding and landslides in many areas within the affected regions. At least 15 people died, more than 380,000 persons were affected and approximately 14,000 homes were damaged.

November 2016

\$350,000



Assistance Provided



- › Distribute conditional cash grants for construction materials like lumber and other materials and for paying labour expenses.
- › Teach “Building Back Safer” principles and techniques to beneficiaries to help them rebuild safely and securely.





Image: Oxfam-Québec

POPULATION DISPLACEMENT - CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (CAR)

Increased fighting between armed groups in the Central African Republic forced thousands to flee their homes at the end of November. More than 10,000 people found shelter at an improvised site inside the UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA). An estimated 1,200 other families found shelter with host families in nearby neighbourhoods.

December 2016

Assistance Provided



\$350,000



- › Deliver and disinfect water for displaced persons at the MINUSCA site.
- › Improve and restore water sources in host neighbourhoods.
- › Construct sanitation facilities (latrines, showers, waste management) in the displacement site.
- › Distribute hygiene kits to displaced people at the site and in host neighbourhoods.
- › Set up activities to strengthen prevention mechanisms and reduce risk for civilians, primarily through awareness campaigns and separate meetings with residents and displaced people.





Image: Oxfam Canada

EARTHQUAKE - INDONESIA

A 6.4 magnitude earthquake hit Indonesia on December 7, 2016, killing at least 102 people, injuring more than 600 and displacing more than 80,000 people. Estimates showed the earthquake damaged more than 11,500 houses, 160 store houses, 64 mosques, 94 meunasah (community gathering areas), 10 government offices and 16 education facilities.

December 2016

Assistance Provided



\$150,000



- › Provide clean water to people housed in temporary evacuation centres.
- › Clean and rehabilitate wells.
- › Set up emergency latrines and rehabilitate existing facilities in 5 affected villages.
- › Provide cash vouchers to survivors so they can purchase hygiene materials locally and therefore support the local economy.
- › Conduct community outreach and education sessions on safe sanitation practices to reduce risks of waterborne diseases.
- › Provide emergency shelter materials (tarps, tools), cleaning kits (shovel, broom, etc.) and tool kits.
- › Provide training on earthquake resistance house construction.





Image: CARE Canada

CYCLONE - MOZAMBIQUE

Tropical Cyclone Dineo slammed into coastal districts of Mozambique on February 15, 2017, bringing heavy rain, a storm surge and winds reaching 130 km/h. The storm claimed the lives of 9 people and affected close to 700,000 people.

February 2017

\$200,000 

Assistance Provided



- › Distribute hygiene kits to the most-affected households taking into account special consideration for the needs of women and girls.
- › Rehabilitate a health clinic and include risk reduction measures to prevent damage from future cyclones or heavy rainfall by building stronger roofs.



Image: CARE Canada



CYCLONE - MADAGASCAR

A deadly, Category 4 cyclone hit the northeast coast of Madagascar on March 7, 2017, causing extensive damage. Cyclone Enawo, with winds gusting to 300km/h, killed more than 80 people and affected close to 45,000 others.

March 2017

\$200,000 

Assistance Provided 

- › Provide cash transfers to 1,000 of the most vulnerable households affected by the cyclone, prioritizing the most vulnerable.
- › Support 2,350 households with cash for work activities.





Image: Save the Children Canada

FLOODS - PERU

Heavy rain began falling on Peru in December 2016 and continued into most of February, the result of the natural phenomenon El Nino Costero. The rains caused extensive flooding across the country, killing close to 100 and affecting more than 750,000 people, with approximately 810 towns and cities declaring a state of emergency. (Because of the magnitude of the disaster, aid had not yet reached all of the people in need.) The disaster put the wellbeing of over 450,000 children and 170,000 women at risk. More than 100,000 people were reported to be in need of immediate humanitarian aid.

March 2017

Assistance Provided



\$350,000



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- › Organize community engagement activities and sensitize community members on key gender equality messages and promote women's empowerment.
- › Distribute hygiene kits and household kits to affected families.
- › Support activities aimed at preventing the spread of diseases transmitted by insect bites.
- › Set up Child-Friendly Spaces for children to recover and develop.



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