

## WIM ExCom 21

Agenda 13: Collaboration with the entities that form the funding arrangements, including the fund

# Central Emergency Response Fund

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# Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)

- Established in 2005 by the United Nations General Assembly as a fund for all, by all to promote early action and reduce loss of life, the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) is the world's largest pooled fund to support humanitarian action whenever and wherever crises strike.
- CERF is guided by the humanitarian principles of humanity, neutrality and impartiality, and resources are allocated in line with CERF's Life-Saving Criteria.
- The Emergency Relief Coordinator manages CERF on behalf of the UN Secretary-General and is supported by OCHA.
- Since its inception, and with donations from 130+ countries, the Fund has provided more than US\$9.1 billion to enable UN agencies and partners to deliver timely, coordinated, life-saving assistance in more than 110 countries and territories.
- CERF's unique added value is speed. The average time between a funding request and start of activities in 2023 was just 1.5 days.



**\$2.4 B**  
allocated to  
humanitarian  
climate action  
since 2006



Including  
**\$88 M**  
for AA ahead  
of climate  
shocks

# CERF allocations to climate-related emergencies 2006-2023

Between 2006 and 2023, CERF responded to four different climate-related emergencies: droughts, floods, heatwaves/cold waves and storms. CERF directed most of its climate-related funding to droughts (\$1.3 billion or 15 per cent of its total amount approved), followed by floods (\$667 million or 8 per cent), storms (\$369 million or 4 per cent) and heatwaves/cold waves (\$24 million or 0.3 per cent).

Top regions: Most of CERF's climate-specific spending went to:

- **Africa** (\$1.6 billion or 66 per cent of the total climate spending)
- **Asia** (\$559 million or 23 per cent)
- **Americas** (\$224 million or 9 per cent)
- **Oceania** (\$27 million or 1 per cent)
- **Europe** (\$4 million or 0.2 per cent)

# CERF-funded climate action in 2023

IN 2023, CERF:




Committed **\$71.5 M**  
in pre-arranged funding for  
**8 AA** frameworks for  
climate-related disasters



Disbursed **\$36 M**  
for early action based on weather  
forecasts and other analyses benefiting  
over **800,000** people

IN 2023, CERF RESPONDED  
TO CLIMATE-RELATED EMERGENCIES BY ALLOCATING

 APPROXIMATELY **\$202M** OR

**1/3** OF ITS FUNDING TO



**11** UN AGENCIES  
AND THEIR HUMANITARIAN PARTNERS,  
HELPING TO ASSIST



**10M** AFFECTED PEOPLE



IN **19** COUNTRIES

## CERF FUNDING TO CLIMATE-RELATED DISASTERS



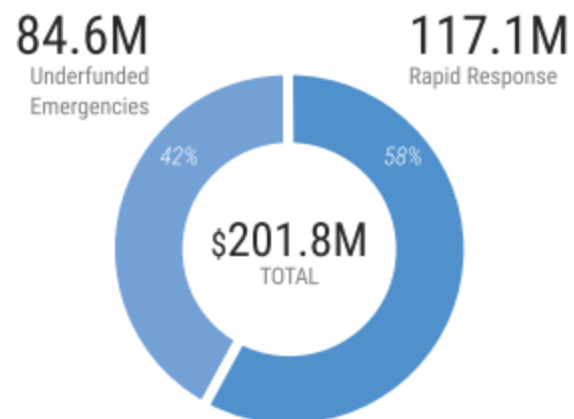
APPROXIMATELY

**\$202M**

TOTAL CERF FUNDING TO  
CLIMATE-RELATED DISASTERS

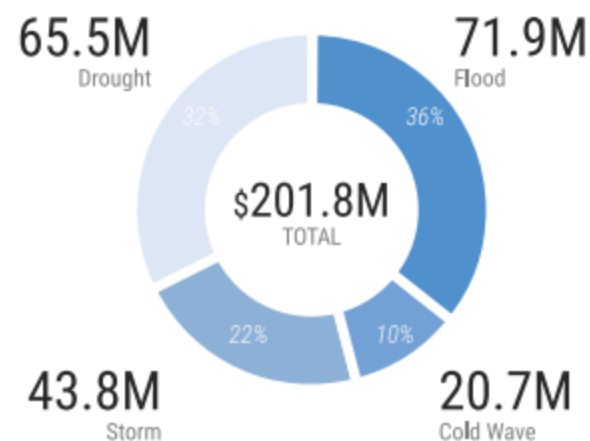
### BY FUNDING WINDOW

In US\$



### BY TYPE OF CLIMATE EMERGENCY

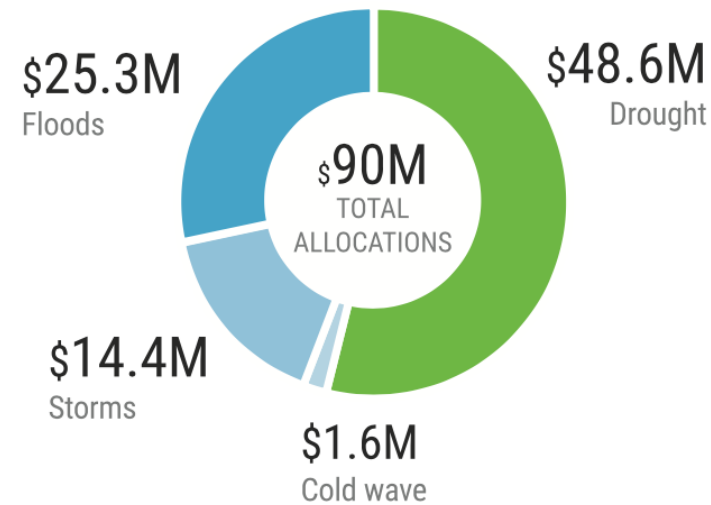
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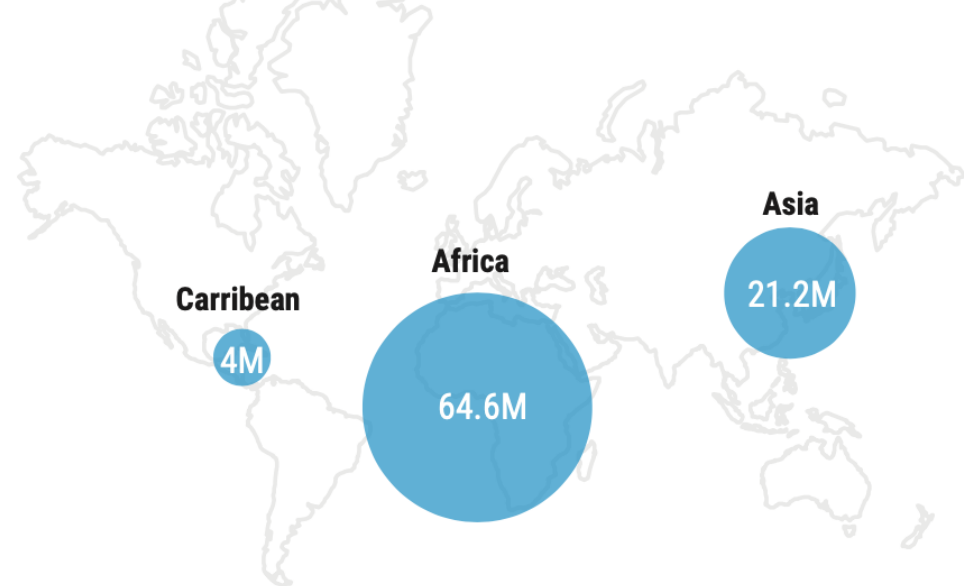
# 2024 CERF-FUNDED CLIMATE ACTION

January-August\*

Allocations by disaster type *in US\$*



Distribution of climate funding across regions *in US\$*



# CERF Climate Action Account

- CERF Climate Action Account was launched at COP28.
- The new income window of CERF allows donors, including States, companies, philanthropists and ordinary people, to channel additional finance through the coordinated humanitarian system to reach the world's most vulnerable communities suffering from climate-related crises.
- Compared to traditional climate funds and funding arrangements, CERF Climate Action Account has an added advantage of quick and efficient disbursements.
- Over \$6 million received so far for the CERF Climate Action Account, from early movers Ireland, Latvia and Luxembourg. OCHA has been rallying donor support for additional commitments ahead of COP29.



The **Climate Action Account** will:

- Support adaptation and resilience,
  - Scale anticipatory action and
  - Boost responses
- ... to climate disasters.



**\$2.4 B**

in response to climate disasters since 2006



Some **\$90 M**

provided for humanitarian anticipatory action for predictable climate shocks since 2020



**1.5 days**

Average time between a funding request and start of activities in 2023. For anticipatory action, CERF disburses funding based on forecasts and early warnings.

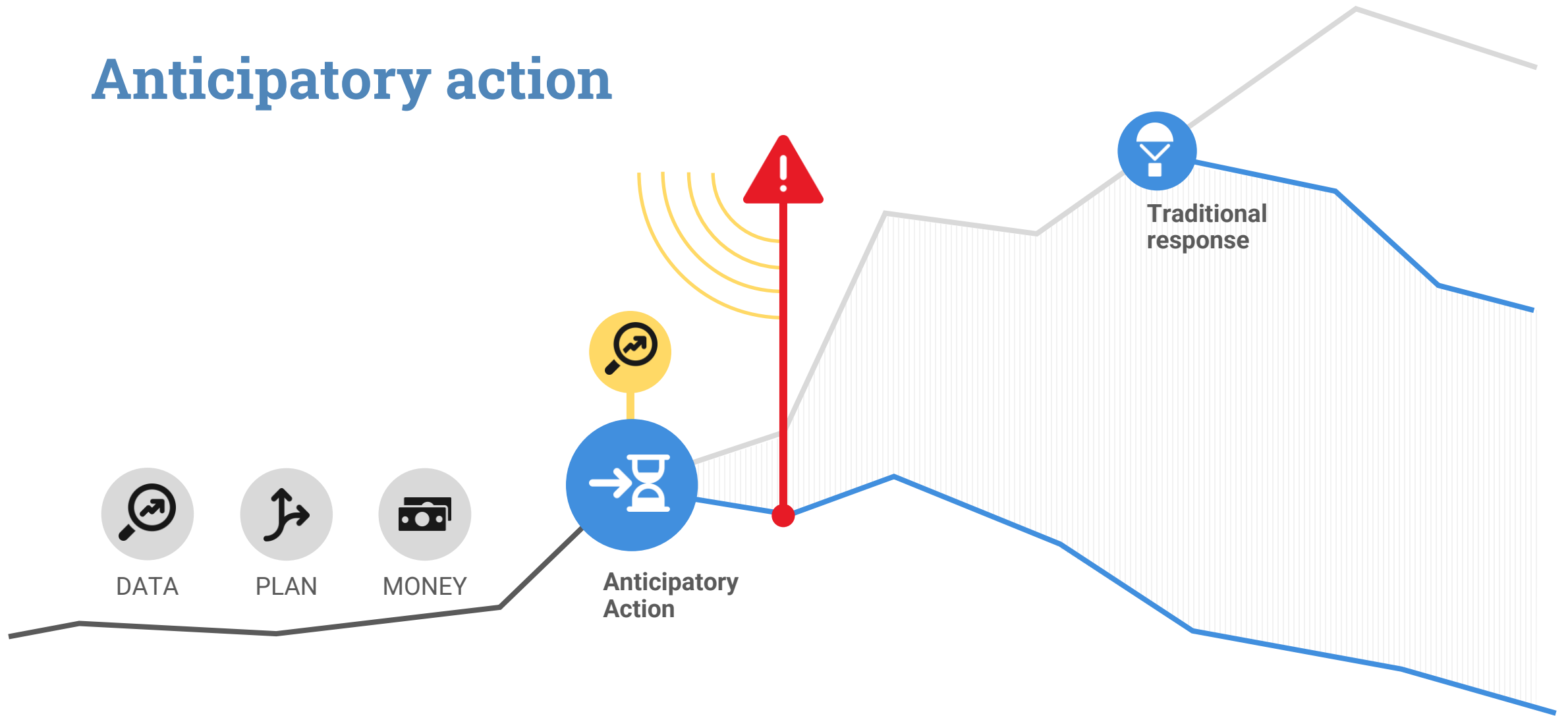
# Dedicated climate funding envelope

## CERF Underfunded Emergencies Window

- The Emergency Relief Coordinator (ERC) has decided to commit an additional funding envelope of up to \$10 million for climate action, complementing the regular \$100 million envelope for the second CERF underfunded emergencies (UFE) allocation of 2024.
- The objective of the thematic climate envelope is to build on CERF's UFE allocation, which targets chronically underfunded complex crises, to drive individual responses and the wider humanitarian system towards climate smart life-saving humanitarian action that also supports people's adaptive capacity and resilience to climate shocks and stresses.
- To be eligible for funding, activities will need to be in line with CERF's life-saving mandate, and fall within CERF's distinct niche in the climate financing landscape.



# Anticipatory action



# OCHA-facilitated anticipatory action portfolio

The map displays the following countries and disaster types:

- El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua:** Droughts
- Haiti:** Tropical cyclones
- Burkina Faso:** Droughts
- Niger:** Droughts/floods
- Chad:** Droughts/floods
- South Sudan:** Floods
- Yemen:** Floods
- Ethiopia:** Droughts
- Somalia:** Droughts
- Democratic Republic of the Congo:** Cholera
- Malawi:** Dry spells
- Madagascar:** Plague
- Mozambique:** Cholera, Storms
- Nepal:** Floods
- Bangladesh:** Cyclones, Floods
- Philippines:** Typhoons
- Fiji:** Tropical cyclones

**Framework**

- Activated
- Endorsed
- In development

**OCHA**

## Droughts

## Tropical cyclones

**Burkina  
Faso**  
Droughts

Droughts/  
floods

Droughts/

Floods

Floods  
**Ethiopia**  
Droughts

## Floods

Cyclones  
Floods

## Typhoons

## Tropical cyclones

**Republic  
of the Congo**  
Cholera

## Dry spells

## Plague

Cholera  
Storms☒ Activated Endorsed

 In development



# Complementarity and coherence

*Decision 1/CP.28 and 5/CMA.5: Operationalization of the new funding arrangements, including a fund, for responding to loss and damage referred to in paragraphs 2–3 of decisions 2/CP.27 and 2/CMA.4*

"The Fund should operate in a manner that promotes **coherence and complementarity** with new and existing funding arrangements for responding to loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change across the international financial, climate, **humanitarian**, disaster risk reduction and development architectures."



# Complementarity and coherence

- There is opportunity for the CERF and the new FLD to work in complementary ways.
- There is a critical financing gap between immediate life-saving response to a climate disaster and recovery. Consequently, communities are left dependent on humanitarian assistance and vulnerable to future climate shocks.
- The FLD can help fill this gap by financing early and longer-term recovery.
- The FLD could invest in anticipatory approaches that are complimentary to CERF's portfolio.
- CERF and the FLD could share data, good practice, guidance and learning to improve the coordinated response to climate-related shocks.



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