

# Regional Humanitarian Funding Update

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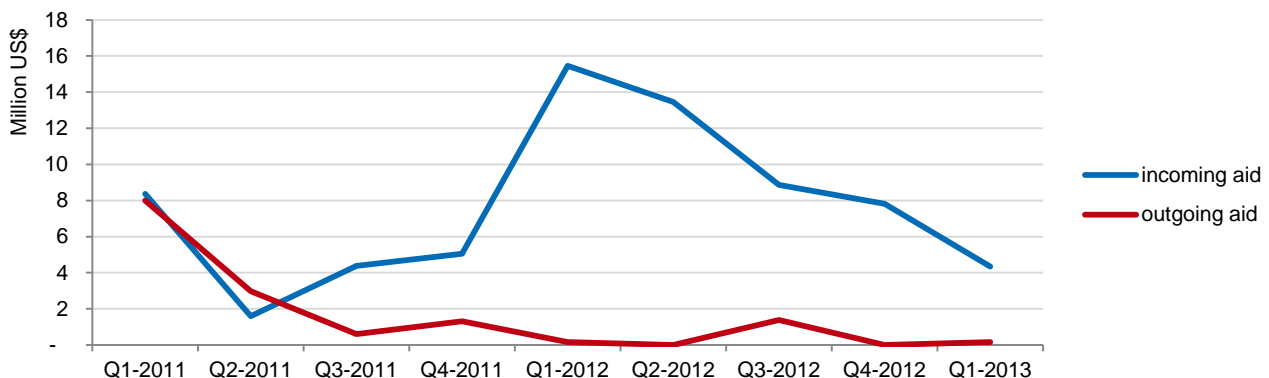
## Highlights

- Donors give US\$4.4 million in multilateral aid to the Caucasus and Central Asia.
- Countries in the Caucasus give \$155,000 in aid also through multilateral channels.
- IFRC allocates DREF funding to respond to small-scale emergencies in Kazakhstan and Georgia.
- Tajikistan Consolidated winter assistance plan for earthquake-affected populations 2012 seriously underfunded.

## Humanitarian aid flows continue to drop

Since the beginning of 2012, humanitarian aid to the Caucasus and Central Asia has been continuously decreasing. In the first quarter of 2013, incoming aid levels reached \$4.4 million – the lowest in the past five quarters. Aid provided by countries in the region stands at \$155,000, a slight growth from the previous quarter. During the reporting period, all three countries in the Caucasus provided multilateral humanitarian assistance, while Central Asian countries provided no aid.

Humanitarian aid flows in and out of the Caucasus and Central Asia by quarter, January 2011 – March 2013



### Humanitarian funding flows into the region

In January – March 2013, donors gave \$4.4 million to countries in the Caucasus and Central Asia. Kyrgyzstan received \$3.2 million to strengthen food security and disaster risk reduction. The World Food Programme, with support from the Government of Russia, continues helping people in Kyrgyzstan to cope with the aftermath of the past cold winter. UNDP in Kyrgyzstan also secured funding from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) aimed to advance disaster response and risk assessment capacities at the national and regional levels.

Armenia received \$1 million from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) to strengthen decentralized rescue system in the country. To improve the work of Armenia's Rapid Response Teams, SDC is working with several partners, including the Swiss Rescue Service, Armenia's Ministry of Emergency Situations, the Crisis Management Academy and the Armenian Rescue Service.

### Allocations from IFRC's DREF in Georgia and Kazakhstan

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) allocated \$286,348 (CHF270,170) from its Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to help 2,000 people affected by extreme winter temperatures in Kazakhstan. Although no stranger to cold winters, some power lines in the northern and eastern Kazakhstan broke down as temperatures plummeted to - 45 degrees Celsius. At least 5,000 vulnerable people, including stranded truck drivers, street children, and homeless people, suffered as a result. The Kazakh Red Crescent Society provided hot meals to 2,000 people and taught them what measures one should take in such situations.

In Georgia, the Red Cross Society (GRCS) used \$100,000 in (CHF94,093) DREF funding to help 1,125 people whose houses were damaged by the 24 March strong winds in the east and west of the country. Older people, single mothers, people with disabilities and families with small children received sleeping bags, tarpaulins, bed items, hygiene and kitchen sets.

### Humanitarian funding flows out of the region

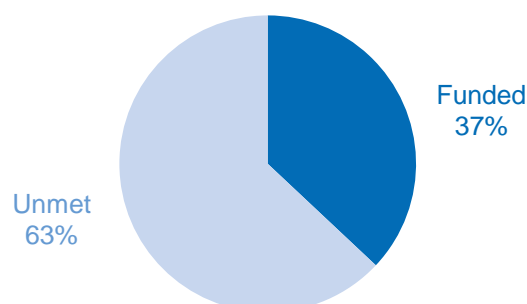
During the reporting period, countries in the Caucasus provided \$155,000 through multilateral channels such as the UN Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF), the Emergency Response Fund for Syria and the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees (UNRWA). It is still rather uncommon for the region to engage in multilateral mechanisms, as 81 per cent of all assistance from countries in the Caucasus and Central Asia in 2006 – 2012 was provided bilaterally, i.e. directly to affected governments.

Country	Recipient	Recipient country	Description	Amount
Armenia	CERF	To be allocated	Unearmarked funding	\$5,000
Azerbaijan	UNRWA	occupied Palestinian territory	Assistance to refugees	\$100,000
Georgia	Syria Emergency Response Fund	Syria	Assistance to affected people	\$50,000

## Tajikistan Rasht Earthquake Assistance Plan 2012

### Tajikistan Consolidated Winter Assistance Plan for Earthquake-Affected Populations 2012

**US\$625,832** requested



As of 5 April, Tajikistan Consolidated Winter Assistance Plan for Earthquake-Affected Populations 2012 is 37 per cent funded, according to the Rapid Emergency Assessment and Coordination Team (REACT). The Plan aims to help people recover from the earthquake that shook the Rasht Valley in May 2012.

The humanitarian community in Tajikistan estimated that \$625,832 was necessary to cover needs in shelter (fuel for heating and cooking, provision of new door and window sets), water, sanitation and hygiene (water filters, construction of latrines) and education (reconstruction of damaged schools).

To date, humanitarian partners have provided fuel for heating and cooking, and managed to reconstruct one of the damaged schools. However, other needs of the affected people remain unmet. Families are still drinking water from ditches used for irrigation; some 45 families do not have access to latrines, and their houses lack proper window sets and plastic sheeting that would keep them warm.

All humanitarian partners, including donors and recipient agencies, are encouraged to inform OCHA's Financial Tracking Service (FTS - <http://fts.unocha.org>) of cash and in-kind contributions by e-mailing: [fts@un.org](mailto:fts@un.org)

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