

This report reviews funding allocated to West and Central Africa countries by the United Nations Central Emergency Fund. It covers the period from January to December 2011.

CERF allocates \$13.9 million within the last quarter of 2011

The CERF has allocated US\$ 13.9 million in response to humanitarian emergencies in seven West and Central Africa countries: Benin, Chad, Congo, Guinea, Mauritania, Niger and Togo.

Niger received \$6 million to provide life saving assistance to vulnerable communities, likely to be further affected by a food crisis in 2012. The funds were allocated as follows: UNICEF (\$ 19 million) and to World Food Programme (\$ 3.3 million) to respond to Severe Acute Malnutrition affecting at least 42,000 children under five and to strengthen population's livelihoods. \$ 1.4 million was also allocated to Mauritania to assist populations affected by food insecurity and malnutrition.

The CERF also granted \$1.3 million to the Republic of Congo, in response to the cholera outbreak which has prevailed since early July 2011. Togo, Guinea and Benin, received \$ 614,332, \$ 390,012 and \$ 105,930 respectively to meet protection needs of Ivorian refugees.

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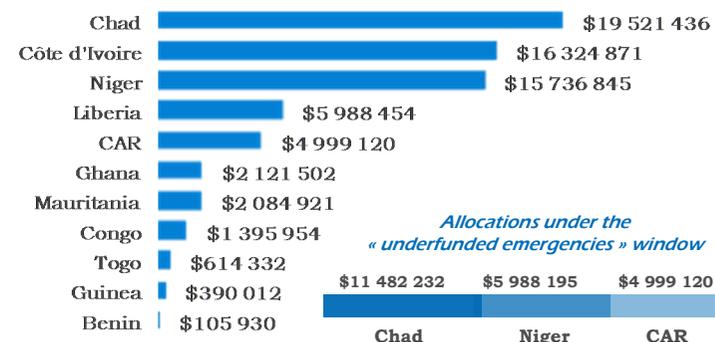
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CERF allocates over \$ 69 million for humanitarian emergencies in West and Central Africa in 2011

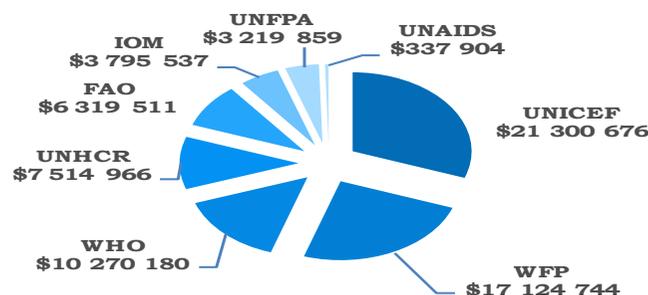
In 2011, the United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) has allocated **\$ 69.2 million to 11 West and Central Africa countries** to meet various humanitarian crises, including 19 million granted under the « under-funded emergencies » window.

With \$ 19.5 million, **Chad was the largest recipient of CERF** in the region, followed by **Côte d'Ivoire** which received \$ 16.3 million. In Chad, these funds were mainly used to respond to the needs of internally displaced populations in the East and South of the country and to deal with outbreaks. In Côte d'Ivoire the CERF grant helped meet humanitarian needs caused by the post-election crisis. Niger, which recorded a high number of returnees from Libya is the third largest recipient of CERF totalling \$ 15.7 million.

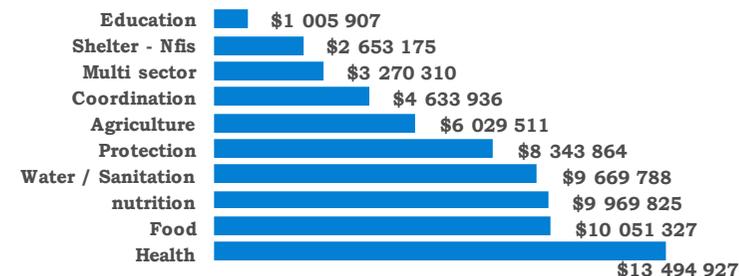
CERF funding by country (As of 31 décembre 2011)



Unicef and WFP are the largest beneficiaries in 2011



Health, food and nutrition better funded sectors in 2011



Response to the post-election crisis in Cote d'Ivoire received the highest CERF funding at \$ 25.5 million - 30% of total allocations granted to the region. While \$ 21.8 million was granted to emergencies related to food security and nutrition crises, and \$ 7 million in response to cholera epidemics. Overall, the CERF has allocated more than \$ 421 million throughout the world in 2011. Since its inception in 2006, more than \$ 366 million have been injected in West and Central Africa.