The Sudan Humanitarian Fund (SHF) collects donor contributions to make funding directly available to humanitarian partners working on the ground so they can deliver timely and effective life-saving assistance and protection to the most vulnerable people in need.

**AT A GLANCE**

The Sudan Humanitarian Fund (SHF) is a multi-donor country-based pooled fund managed by OCHA Sudan under the leadership of the Humanitarian Coordinator.

It receives unearmarked contributions from donors – mainly governments – into a single fund. The funds are used for ongoing humanitarian operations and to respond to new emergencies. This is done through Standard Allocations and Reserve for Emergency Allocations.

The SHF reinforces and relies on existing coordination structures, which allows for evidence-based prioritization and complementarity with humanitarian, development and peacebuilding funding mechanisms. A positioning paper is developed every year which highlights the strategic focus and guides allocations for that year.

**OVER FIFTEEN YEARS OF LIFE-SAVING AID**

Since 2006, the SHF has received over $1.4 billion from 15 donor countries and private donors. The SHF is trusted by donors due to its effectiveness, coordinated approach and established accountability systems – employing an exceptionally robust and reliable online Grant Management System. Contributions to the SHF are managed by the UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office (MPTF).

Donors to the Sudan SHF, 2006-2020, in US$ million

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**About Country-Based Pooled Funds (CBPFs)**

There are currently 19 active CBPFs globally. Following the 2016 World Humanitarian Summit, the UN Secretary-General stressed the critical role of CBPFs, and called on donors to increase the proportion of HRP funding channeled through CBPFs to 15 per cent.

**INVEST IN HUMANITY**

The SHF is an opportunity for donors to pool their contributions to deliver a stronger and more coherent response in Sudan. Investments in the Fund will allow partners to reach the most vulnerable people and will help ensure maximum impact of limited resources:

**SHF is timely and flexible:** The Fund supports the delivery of an agile response in a fluid and rapidly changing environment, allowing operational partners to act quickly knowing that resources are available immediately for the most urgent life-saving activities.

**SHF supports leadership, coordination and a needs-based response:** Under the leadership of the HC, a wide range of relief partners jointly assess and prioritize the most urgent needs through an inclusive and transparent process, fostering collaboration and collective ownership of the emergency response.

**SHF is efficient and accountable:** The Fund minimizes transaction costs and provides transparency, accountability and robust risk-management. Recipient organizations are thoroughly assessed, and relief projects are monitored with regular reporting on achievement and impact.

**SHF offers value for money:** It ensures the most strategic, effective and efficient use of limited resources in difficult and often dangerous circumstances, making taxpayer’s money go as far as it can to save lives and reduce the suffering of women, girls, boys and men caught up in the crises.

**How to donate?**

Donors that wish to contribute should contact the SHF at shfsudan@un.org. For more information. Individuals, corporations and foundations can also donate online on https://crisisrelief.un.org/sudan-crisis
**EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION**

**Governance structure**

The Humanitarian Coordinator (HC) for Sudan oversees the fund and its allocations. The HC is supported in making funding decisions by the SHF Humanitarian Financing Unit in the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), the SHF Advisory Board and IASC coordination structures.

The SHF Advisory Board represents the views of donors, UN agencies and international and national NGOs and provides strategic advice to the HC on SHF allocations, policies and governance. It is a forum to share information on funding gaps and coverage, ensuring the transparency and relevance of SHF allocations, reviews the operational activities of the fund and undertakes periodic risk analysis.

The SHF is governed by an Operational Manual, that is within the framework provided by the Operational Handbook which describes the rules that apply to all CBPFs.

**Standard Allocations**

Standard allocations support the Humanitarian Response Plan. To receive grants, SHF partners apply for funding and undergo a rigorous selection process. Their interventions are assessed against prioritized needs, activities and geographical locations, ensuring a highly strategic and coordinated use of funds. Standard Allocations take place at least once a year covering around half of the SHF allocated funds.

**Reserve Allocations**

Reserve for emergency allocations fund life-saving humanitarian interventions to new and deteriorating emergencies. Using the Emergency Rapid Response Mechanism (ERRM) which can release funds to partners within a week of the emergency, Reserve for Emergencies Projects (RfEP), and prepositioned stock, the SHF enables the Humanitarian Coordinator to provide an immediate and effective humanitarian response.

**Frontline Partners**

SHF funding is available to international and national NGOs, organizations of the Red Cross and Red Crescent movement and UN organizations that have passed due diligence and capacity assessments. To receive grants, these organizations have to meet performance targets and provide financial reports. SHF has around 30 international and 20 national NGO's as partner. The SHF prioritizes funding for NGOs as front-line responders, in line with World Humanitarian Summit commitments. Partnerships with and support for national NGOs facilitate a humanitarian response in areas with limited access and they help build national capacity.

**Management of the SHF**

The SHF Humanitarian Financing Unit handles programmatic and financial aspects of the Fund and provides management support to the HC, which includes oversight of allocations, contracting, programmatic and financial monitoring and reporting, and other accountability processes.

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**IDENTIFYING HUMANITARIAN NEEDS**

Aid workers identify the most urgent types of humanitarian assistance such as shelter, food, clean water and medicine.

**DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS**

Donors contribute to SHF before urgent needs arise.

**REQUESTING SHF FUNDING**

Humanitarian partners work together to prioritize urgent relief activities and request SHF funding through standard allocation rounds or as needs arise.

**MANAGING FUNDS**

SHF pools these donations into a single fund.

**ALLOCATING FUNDS**

Based on expert advice from aid workers and Advisory Board guidance, the Humanitarian Coordinator distributes SHF funding.

**HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE**

Organizations use the money for urgent aid operations. They track spending and results, report back to SHF and return funds that are not used.

**EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION**

**ALLOCATIONS 2020**

- **75 US$ million**

**CONTRIBUTIONS 2020**

- **72.6 US$ million**

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- cbpf.data.unocha.org

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