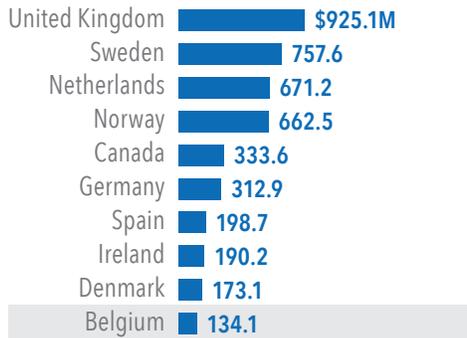


# Belgium's humanitarian aid through the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)

## Belgium's funding overview

As the **tenth-largest donor** to CERF since 2006 and ninth-largest in 2016, Belgium is a strong and consistent political and financial supporter to the fund, contributing a total of **\$134.1 million (EUR 107 million)** since 2006. On average, Belgium has contributed **\$11.2 million each year**, which is approximately **2.7 per cent** of the total contribution CERF has received in the past 12 years.<sup>1</sup> Belgium's **multi-year commitment** provides CERF with **predictability of funding**, enabling large-scale support to **underfunded crises in the beginning of the year**.

## CERF top 10 donors since 2006 in US\$ million<sup>1</sup>



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## Belgium's contributions trend in EUR million<sup>1</sup>

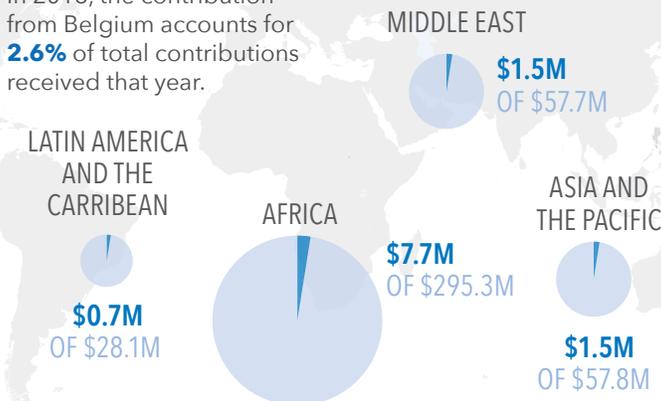


## Belgium's global reach through CERF in 2016

CERF offers donors high value for their money and fosters increased efficiency by providing timely and coordinated humanitarian support across the globe at **low transaction costs**. Belgium's emergency aid, through CERF, has reached crisis-affected people across **47 countries in 2016**.

### Allocations by region attributed to Belgium's contribution in 2016

In 2016, the contribution from Belgium accounts for **2.6%** of total contributions received that year.



### Belgium's contribution to CERF proportionally attributed to top 5 allocations in 2016 in US\$ million



## Estimated number of people reached with Belgium's contribution to CERF in 2016

As CERF is a fully unearmarked humanitarian pooled fund, the contributions from individual donors cannot be tracked directly to specific allocations and results. However, to illustrate the impact of Belgium's contribution to CERF in terms of people assisted, its share of 2016 contributions received can be applied to the number of people CERF reaches on average each year.<sup>2</sup>

### BELGIUM'S CONTRIBUTION TO CERF IN 2016 HAS PROPORTIONALLY HELPED PARTNERS DELIVER:



Critical **health care** to **530,000** of the total **20 million** people reached



**Water and sanitation** to **330,000** of **13 million** people



**Food assistance** to **230,000** of **9 million** people



**Agriculture support** to **120,000** of **5 million** people



**Protection** to **120,000** of **5 million** people

..and much more.

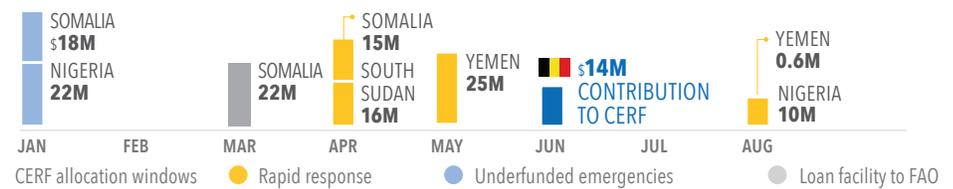


**Women and girls** make up **more than half** of all **CERF's beneficiaries**

## Belgium's support to famine prevention through CERF

In 2017, CERF was one of the **first responders** to the warning signs of famine in **north-east Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan and Yemen**. By end-August, CERF had released **\$128 million** to support the most critical early action and famine-prevention activities prioritized by the humanitarian teams on the ground, making it one of the largest funding sources for the four affected countries in the early stages of the response. This would not have been possible without **Belgium's contribution to CERF in 2017, received in June**.

Timeline: CERF's famine-prevention funding and Belgium's contribution to CERF in US\$ million



### People targeted by CERF funding for famine prevention\*



## Belgium's support to protracted and neglected humanitarian emergencies through CERF

Twice a year, CERF allocates **one third of its funds for underfunded life-saving activities** in protracted or neglected humanitarian emergencies to promote a more equitable humanitarian response around the globe.

In January 2017, CERF released **\$100 million** to sustain aid operations in nine neglected emergencies - **Cameroon, DPRK, Libya, Madagascar, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Somalia and Uganda**. These allocations will reach more than **6 million people** in these crises where levels of vulnerability are alarmingly high but funding

remains critically low. Such large-scale disbursements are possible early in the year due to the predictability of funding ensured by multi-year commitments. **Belgium's multi-year commitment** to CERF enables the fund to provide large-scale support to severely underfunded crises in the beginning of the year.

On 29 August, CERF released **\$45 million** for the second round of underfunded emergencies, which is expected to reach **1 million people** across four ongoing conflict and displacement crises in

**Afghanistan, Central African Republic, Chad and Sudan.**

*"CERF is a lifeline for people caught up in crises that don't make the headlines but where needs are just as urgent. This funding is crucial so that UN and partners can continue assisting people who need our help so desperately."*

*UN Secretary-General, António Guterres*



### Grand Bargain

CERF is well-aligned with Grand Bargain priorities. CERF is flexible and un-earmarked; it facilitates a collective and strategic humanitarian response by country-level actors; it provides cash programming with no specific conditions for eligibility; it is cost-effective - lower management cost - and enhances leadership and coordination. In addition, CERF is transparent, publishing all grants decisions in real-time; Accountability to Affected People has been fully integrated into CERF's application and proposal review; and CERF has a light reporting framework that focusses on the overarching strategic results achieved and on capturing key lessons.



### Displacement

In 2015 and 2016, close to 70 per cent of CERF's total contributions were channeled to operations targeting displaced people and the communities hosting them. Belgium provided **\$22.3 million** to CERF in these two years, of which **\$15.6 million** (70 per cent) can be proportionally attributed to life-saving assistance for **internally displaced persons, refugees and asylum seekers**, as well as **host communities**. For more information please see CERF publication on displacement:

2016 CERF in Action Global Displacement. <http://www.unocha.org/cerf/displacementbooklet>



### Local Responders

Belgium provided **\$11 million** to CERF in 2015. Taking the proportional approach of the contribution received in 2015\*, it can be derived that 26 per cent or **\$2.9 million of Belgium's contribution that year**, was implemented by **NGOs and local responders**, helping to 'localize' humanitarian response and build the capacity of national actors in crisis-affected countries.\*\*

\*The latest available data - CERF funding allocated in 2015 was implemented by the fourth quarter of 2016 and reported on by the end of 2016.

\*\*In 2015, 26 per cent of \$120 million of CERF funds were sub-granted by recipient UN agencies to 648 implementing partners, of which more than half went to 505 national or local responders.