



Title: *Data and Trends: Financing to Meet Needs*
A Presentation of the Global Humanitarian Assistance Report 2017
and the Global Humanitarian Overview Status Report 2017

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Date and Time: Wednesday 21 June 2017, 18.00 – 19.15

Room: Room XXIII, Palais des Nations, Geneva

This side event of the 2017 ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment is in keeping with segment's theme this year: *Restoring Humanity and Leaving No One Behind: Working together to reduce people's humanitarian need, risk and vulnerability.*

Background and objectives

Humanitarian needs as well as funding requirements have increased over the last decade due to a number of factors including the number and magnitude of protracted crises, more frequent and severe natural disasters including effects of climate change and unpredictable weather, renewed intensity of conflicts with rising displacement, and increased costs per affected person (partly linked to crises occurring in middle-income countries). As of June 2017, the GHO is appealing for US\$23.5 billion targeting 101.2 million people (a vast increase from 2007's figure of \$5.1 billion targeting 27 million people). Famine or risk thereof in four countries have added to the urgency of meeting current needs, preventing deterioration and safeguarding livelihoods of the most vulnerable people.

The side event will present up-to-date trends in humanitarian financing drawing upon key findings from the Global Humanitarian Assistance 2017 Report and the Global Humanitarian Overview 2017 Status Report, and setting the context for the current state of global needs and funding to inform the discussions of the presenters and respondents in the audience.

The event will draw on the latest data and analysis, highlighting key trends and patterns in order to provide insights on investments needed for the remainder of 2017 and beyond—both inside and outside the UN-coordinated interagency appeals—in order to better serve people in need. The convened group will also acknowledge the generosity of donors who are making strides to meet the unprecedented level of humanitarian need.

The event will also identify possible approaches for addressing the funding gap—both in terms of mobilizing additional resources and using the resources that are available more effectively—in line with the

recommendations on humanitarian financing that emerged from the World Humanitarian Summit and with the Grand Bargain commitments, exploring different financing sources, modalities and mechanisms.

Discussion points

Against this backdrop, the side event will focus on the following suggested questions and discussion points:

- *What existing and planned funding modalities are available to further the new approaches to funding humanitarian response identified in the World Humanitarian Summit and the Grand Bargain?*
- *What is the evidence base for possible efficiency gains and predictability of funding including from increased volumes of early financing, multi-year and un-earmarked funding?*
- *What roles do other actors play in addressing the financing gap? What lessons can be drawn from the engagement of the private sector or multilateral development banks to date?*

Intended outcomes/conclusions/recommendations

The expert presenters and key respondents from the audience will draw on available data and evidence to outline how the humanitarian funding resource base can be broadened and expanded to help fill the funding gap whilst maintaining harmonious and coordinated humanitarian action, how resources can be used more effectively, and what wider financing flows should be deployed to achieve collective outcomes for people affected by crises.

The event will seek to provide insights on priorities to invest for the remainder of 2017 and beyond, based on donor behaviours, funding patterns, and high-risk priorities in order to better serve the needs of people in need.

Format

Chair and Moderator:

- *Ms. Heather Jeffrey, Director General, International Humanitarian Assistance, Global Affairs Canada*

Panel composition/ Presenters:

- *Mr. Stephen O'Brien, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator*
- *Ms. Sophia Swithern, Head of Research and Analysis, Development Initiatives*

Key Respondent:

- *Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, Senior Vice President for the 2030 Development Agenda and Partnerships, World Bank*

Background Material

<http://www.unocha.org/globalhumanitarianoverview/>

<http://devinit.org/post/global-humanitarian-assistance-2017/>

<https://fts.unocha.org/>

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