The Yemen Humanitarian Pooled Fund (HPF) is a country-based financing mechanism for humanitarian organisations under the oversight of the Humanitarian Coordinator (HC). The HPF mobilises and channels resources to humanitarian partners to respond to the critical needs of millions of people affected by the devastating humanitarian crisis in Yemen.

**MAIN OBJECTIVES**

- **Support**: life-saving and life-sustaining activities
- **Promote**: needs-based assistance
- **Strengthen**: coordination and leadership
- **Improve**: the relevance and coherence of humanitarian response
- **Expand**: the delivery of assistance to hard-to-reach areas

**ABOUT THE YHPF**

The HPF uses the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) as a planning tool for allocating funding, with clusters advising the Humanitarian Coordinator in defining critical needs and gaps in response to be prioritised for funding.

Depending on the evolution of the humanitarian situation, the Humanitarian Coordinator, in consultation with the HPF Advisory Board, has the authority to release the standard or reserve windows, allowing a rapid allocation of funds, sometimes within days of new needs being identified.

In 2015 more than two thirds of the HPF funds were allocated directly to implementing partners through coordinated and diligently prioritised reserve allocation processes, in support of the urgent humanitarian response across six life-saving humanitarian sectors.

HPF funding was allocated in 2015 in support of seven UN agencies (20.6 per cent), sixteen international NGOs (62.2 per cent) and seven national NGOs (17.2 per cent).

**Who are our partners?**

Funding under the HPF is accessible to national and international non-governmental organisations (NGOs), the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, UN agencies and IOM. Given the importance of broadening partnerships in order to reach people in need in the most underserved areas, the HPF prioritises the allocation of funds to NGOs, especially national partners who have access to remote areas. In accordance with its accountability principles, all NGO partners have to undergo an eligibility process prior to accessing funding.

**How is the HPF managed?**

The Humanitarian Coordinator is responsible for the strategic and operational direction of the HPF and is ultimately accountable for its management. An Advisory Board, comprised of members of the humanitarian community representing NGOs, UN agencies and donors, supports the HC in policy and strategy-setting for the HPF. The cluster system at the national and regional level feed into the identification process of priority needs and target sectors, geographical areas, and activities. Finally, the OCHA Humanitarian Financing Unit (HFU) supports the overall management of the Fund.
The humanitarian partners work together to prioritise relief activities. The Humanitarian Coordinator releases funding to partners as need arise.

Un-earmarked contributions are made by different donors before urgent needs arise.

Organisations who would like to become partners to the HPF, or donors wishing to contribute to the Pooled Fund can contact the Humanitarian Financing Unit (HFU): yemenhpf@un.org. For any detailed information on the HPF, including all our publications, please visit our website: http://www.unocha.org/yemen/about-hpf-yemen.

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