With some 24 million people in Yemen in urgent need of humanitarian assistance and protection, Yemen faces the worst humanitarian crisis in the world. For almost four years, OCHA-managed pooled funds have helped partners to coordinate and deliver the most critical assistance for millions of Yemenis facing conflict, deepening food insecurity and an economy on the verge of collapse.

Over the past year alone, over US$353.7 million in closely coordinated grants from the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) and the Yemen Humanitarian Fund (YHF) helped the humanitarian community act quickly, maintain critical operations and ensure delivery of life-saving aid for millions of people.

With a more anticipatory approach based on forecasts and improved early warning, funding allocations have focused on ensuring early humanitarian action and delivery of a stronger collective response. For example, strategic allocations from the YHF helped partners to quickly scale up food support as soon as warning signs pointed to deepening food insecurity and CERF strengthened the overall response with key allocations for improved logistics, access, security, telecommunications and safe transportation of critical goods and humanitarian staff.

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*YHF First Standard Allocation in 2019 process ongoing

Almost 12 million people targeted for assistance (cumulative)*

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**Allocations Timeline**

- **Dec 2017**: $31.7M CERF Rapid Response Allocation to scale up common services and bolster the overall response including logistics, UN Humanitarian Air Service and emergency telecommunications
- **Jan 2018**: $49.9M CERF Rapid Response allocation (the largest single CERF allocation ever) to jump-start emergency response to the recent escalation in conflict and to address acute food security and nutrition needs in 27 prioritized districts
- **Feb 2018**: UN Secretary-General convenes high-level pledging event in Geneva, raising $2B for humanitarian action in Yemen
- **Mar 2018**: Integrated Phase Classification (IPC) confirms 20.1M Yemenis food insecure – including 240,000 people in IPC Phase 5 (Catastrophe)
- **Apr 2018**: Military escalation in western Yemen, mainly in Al Hudaydah, Hajjah and Taizz governorates
- **May 2018**: Air strike hits school bus in Sa'ada, killing dozens
- **Jun 2018**: Economic crisis intensifies, including rapid depreciation of Yemeni rial
- **Jul 2018**: Military escalation in western Yemen, mainly in Al Hudaydah, Hajjah and Taizz governorates
- **Aug 2018**: Economic crisis intensifies, including rapid depreciation of Yemeni rial
- **Sep 2018**: UN Security Council considers Yemen under the "conflict and hunger" agenda established by resolution 2417
- **Oct 2018**: Integrated Phase Classification (IPC) confirms 20.1M Yemenis food insecure – including 240,000 people in IPC Phase 5 (Catastrophe)
- **Nov 2018**: Parties adopt Stockholm Agreement and ceasefire enters into force in Hudaydah
- **Dec 2018**: UN Security Council endorses Stockholm Agreement
- **Jan 2019**: $84.0M Third YHF Reserve Allocation to provide cash assistance for displaced families in Al Hudaydah facing harsh winter conditions
- **Feb 2019**: $742.4 million allocations to Yemen by CERF and YHF since 2014* 
  - $180.3M CERF
  - $562.1M YHF* 

* includes YHF First 2019 Standard Allocation for which process is ongoing

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94.2
109.1
151.6
242
111.7


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YEMEN - CERF and YHF support in 2018 and 2019 - As of 18 February 2019

Country-Based Pooled Funds, such as the YHF, are funded by voluntary contributions from Governments and private donors. In 2018, donors contributed a record $209 million to the fund (compared to $176 million in 2017 and $107 million in 2016), making it the largest CBPF in the world.

In 2018, CERF received a record $555.3 million in unearmarked contributions from UN member states and observers, regional authorities and private donors. Of the $500.5 million that was allocated from CERF in that year, $49.9 million, or some 10 per cent, went to Yemen.

YHF DONORS IN 2018

United Kingdom | $56.8M
United States | $9.2M
Germany | $12.1M
Saudi Arabia | $2.7M
Norway | $2.7M
Belgium | $2.7M
Kuwait | $0.1M

CERF DONORS IN 2018

United Kingdom | $114.3M
Germany | $109.6M
Sweden | $85.1M
Norway | $65.5M
Belgium | $44.7M
Australia | $14.1M

* This amount does not include project support costs, management, audit fees from 2018 and the $80M from 2019 since the process is ongoing
** For a complete overview of CERF donors, go to: http://bit.ly/CERFDONORS

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* Belgium, Canada, Norway, Switzerland, Korea (Republic of), Spain, Qatar, France, Luxembourg, Portugal, Colombia, Cyprus, Malta, Lithuania, Montenegro, Philippines, and Andorra

** CERF contributions are unearmarked. The numbers are deduced by applying donor’s share of 2018 total contribution to CERF 2018 allocations to Yemen