Funding update – Humanitarian Action for Children (HAC) 2016

As of 25 October, 2016 HAC with a total funding requirement of $3.17bn is 49 per cent funded based on the revenue received in this current year. With the carry-forward from 2015, the HAC is 69 per cent funded. PPD funding projections/pipeline indicate an additional $580m from the public sector for UNICEF’s emergency response.

The original 2016 HAC ask has increased from $2.83bn to $3.15bn. Since the beginning of the year, the following HACs have been created and/or revised to reflect increased funding requirements: Angola, EAPRO, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Haiti, Iraq, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Pacific Islands, South Sudan, Swaziland, Zika, and Zimbabwe.

The largest funding gaps remain with El Nino affected countries in Southern Africa such as Angola (81%), Madagascar (78%), and Zimbabwe (85%) and the Lake Chad Basin crisis (Nigeria 70%, Cameroon 70%, Niger 70%, and Chad 53%). While resource mobilization efforts are ongoing at the country and regional levels, PPD in close collaboration with PFP, EMOPS and DOC will continue to support these and other key emergencies such as Syria, Iraq, and Haiti and any other countries that requires HQ support (e.g. “forgotten/silent” crises such as DPRK and Eritrea) to ensure adequate funding levels are reached.

Update on resource mobilization efforts for Funding priorities for countries with extreme vulnerabilities document

The extreme vulnerabilities document was prepared in August by COs, EMOPS and PPD at the request of OED to prioritize crises with urgent funding needs. As a result, a total urgent funding need of $262.6m for life-saving activities in Northeast Nigeria, South Sudan, Yemen, Syria/Aleppo, Iraq/Mosul, Jordan/Berm and Malawi was identified. In the period August - October, due to the collective fundraising efforts, $233m was received for these country HACs (not exclusive to the activities outlined in the extreme vulnerabilities document but against the entire HACs). In addition, $170m is in the pipeline which will further reduce the funding gap of these crises.
Emergency specific updates in support of resource mobilization

**Haiti - Hurricane Matthew Response**
In line with the Haiti HRP, the Hurricane Matthew Flash Appeal and the National Cholera Response Plan, UNICEF has revised its Haiti HAC from $13.4m to $36.6m to meet the humanitarian needs of children and women in Haiti until the end of the year. UNICEF has declared Haiti a L2 emergency, taking affect from 19 October, Hurricane Matthew.

With the additional funding, UNICEF will be able to sustain the level of surveillance and rapid response required for each case of cholera and increase it in those areas affected by Hurricane Matthew, ensure nutritional surveillance and treatment of children suffering from SAM, assist vulnerable children and restore access to basic health and nutrition services in the areas affected by Hurricane Matthew. As of 25 October, a total of $4m was received from Australia, CERF, Italy and Mercury Fund, while additional financial support is also expected from ECHO, DFID, Japan, Sida, and OFDA (approx. $10m).

**Cuba - Hurricane Matthew Response**
UN has also launched the Plan of Action for response to Hurricane Matthew in Cuba with a total funding requirement of $26.5m. UNICEF’s ask is $4.5m with focus on WASH ($2.8m in total with a funding gap of $1.8m) and education sector ($1.7m in total with a funding gap of $1.4m).

**Syria and Iraq crisis Winter Appeal**
As part of the HAC, UNICEF is targeting 2.5 million children for winterization efforts inside Syria and Iraq as well as those who have taken refuge in Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan and Egypt. UNICEF winterization programme requires $82m and with this funding, the COs will be able to distribute winter clothing kits and shoes, provide cash assistance and vouchers to the most vulnerable children, as well as provide heaters and fuel for schools.

**Ethiopia**
In October, UNICEF has revised its 2016 requirements from US$106 million to US$124 million to meet the increased humanitarian needs in Ethiopia as a result of the impact of El Niño associated drought, flooding and disease outbreaks. The funding targets have been increased for WASH (from $35m to $51m) and Health (from $17.5m to $19.5m) sectors. To date UNICEF has received US$100.4 million (including US$26.9 million as carry forward from 2015) or 81 per cent of the revised requirement.

**Malawi**
Malawi HAC was also revised earlier this month from $13m to $22.7m to reflect the drastic change in the humanitarian needs and vulnerability of women and children in the country. Additional funding is urgently needed to support the national response which includes scaling-up treatment of acute malnutrition, strengthening WASH interventions due to the critical water shortages and expanding interventions in other sectors.
A **cholera outbreak** was confirmed by the Ministry of Health in Yemen in October, with 31 confirmed cases in 6 governorates, and overall 7.6 million people living in affected or at risk areas. Additional funding requirements of $13.5m for WASH, Health and C4D to respond to the outbreak, with a funding gap of $12.2m, has been requested.

**Situation Reports published in October**

CEE/CIS – Refugee and Migrant Crisis in Europe, Turkey  
EAPR – DPRK, Philippines Tropical Cyclone Haima  
ESAR – Angola, Burundi; Burundi Refugees (Tanzania and Rwanda), Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, South Sudan, Swaziland, Uganda, Zimbabwe  
LACR – Ecuador, Haiti Hurricane Matthew, Peru, Zika  
MENA – Iraq, State of Palestine, Sudan, Yemen, Yemen, Cholera Outbreak;  
ROSA – Afghanistan  
WCAR – CAR, Chad, DRC, Nigeria, Niger

**Humanitarian financing updates**

**CERF**  
With an annual envelope of $450m and expected to increase to $1bn, the **Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)** is a strategic partner of UNICEF. UNICEF is the second largest recipient of CERF funds annually, with $113.9m received in CERF grants in 2015 and $93.5m received so far in 2016. In 2015, UNICEF reached the $1bn mark in terms of funding received from CERF. UNICEF attends specific sessions of the CERF Advisory Board meetings open to recipient agencies, twice a year. The last CERF Advisory Board meeting was held on 27-28 October 2016 in Geneva.  

UNICEF has been under the CERF Advisory Group scrutiny on the issue of late disbursements to implementing partners for years, with an implementation rate considerably slower than other UN agencies. Despite some progress made between 2014 and 2016, UNICEF is still disburseing >60% of CERF grants to implementing partners late (first payment to IP > 1 month after allocation of CERF grants). Calls with ROs and COs will be scheduled in the coming months to further analyze the bottlenecks to timely disbursements. By the next meeting in March 2017, PPD and EMOPS will work to find solution to this issue.

**Grand Bargain update**  
UNICEF is co-convening with Canada on the multi-year planning and funding work stream, including through co-chairing the system-wide discussion to increase collaborative humanitarian multi-year planning and funding, and exploring scope and implications of multi-year financing. Focusing efforts on multi-year planning and funding should in turn contribute to realize other Grand Bargain commitments (e.g. will help bridging the humanitarian development nexus through more predictable response system; will allow more intensive capacity building of local and national partners through longer-term commitments; will help increasing the use of cash through multi-year safety-net programmes). An action plan will be developed by the co-conveners.

UNICEF is also providing technical support to the Steering Committee for Humanitarian Response (SCHR), the co-convener of the ‘Participation Revolution: include people receiving aid in making the decisions which affect their lives.’
Past and upcoming events

- 3-7 October - Regional Director ESARO mission to Brussels, Sweden, Finland and Denmark
- 5 October – EU and the Government of Afghanistan co-hosted the Brussels Conference on Afghanistan. This conference brought together 75 countries and 26 international organizations and agencies. Participants endorsed the ambitious reform agenda presented by the Afghan government and the international community committed the sum of US$15.2 billion towards stability, peace and development
- 11 October - Strategic dialogue with the UK
- 14 October – PPD Deputy Director mission to Switzerland and Sweden
- 17 – 22 October PPD Director mission to Spain and Germany for NatCom annual meeting
- 24 – 28 October – Somalia Rep joint donor mission with WFP to US
- 26 October - Japan hosted WEOG meeting on UNICEF’s humanitarian action and related reporting
- 27 – 28 October - CERF Advisory Board Meeting, Geneva
- 27 – 28 October – Annual consultations with USAID Food For Peace, New York
- 27 October – Annual consultations with Norway, New York
- 1 – 3 November – ESAR RMT, Zambia
- 8 – 9 November – PPD Director mission to Germany for donor consultations in Berlin
- 9 November – Member States Briefing on Burundi organized by OCHA, Geneva
- 25 November – Donor conference on Mosul co-hosted by ECHO and OCHA, Brussels
- 6 December – DED Justin Forsyth mission to Brussels – ECHO/UNICEF event on the #EmergencyLessons joint communication campaign
- December – Netherlands Annual Consultations, New York

Upcoming Pledging Conferences

- 17 November - CAR Donors Pledging Conference in Brussels
- 24 or 26 January (TBC) launch of the Syria Crisis 3RP and Syria HRP, in Finland
- Last week of January (date TBC) – Launch of UNICEF HAC in Geneva
- Early 2017 (date TBC) – Lake Chad Pledging Conference in Germany, to be co-sponsored by OCHA, EU, and African Union.
- February (date TBC) – Yemen Conference, to be hosted by EU and OIC
- First quarter 2017 (date TBC) – Follow up to the “Supporting Syria and the Region” conference held in London, to be hosted either by Qatar or UAE

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