



**CERF**

**A SOUND HUMANITARIAN INVESTMENT  
THE CENTRAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND**

# **Improving performance and accountability**

**1991 - 2008**



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**2008**

# **A year of multiple crises**



**Asia  
37.7 %**

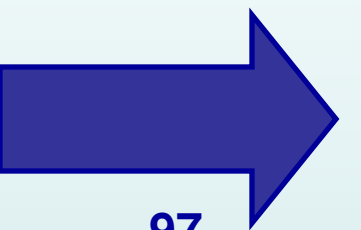
**Africa  
56.2%**

**Latin  
America/  
Caribbean  
6.1 %**



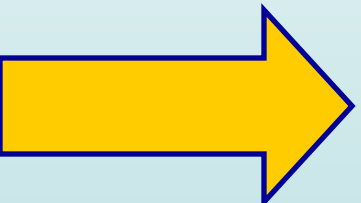
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# A Fund by all for all...

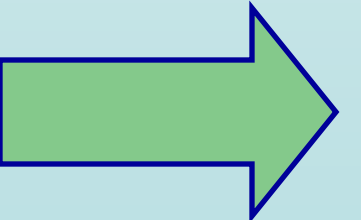


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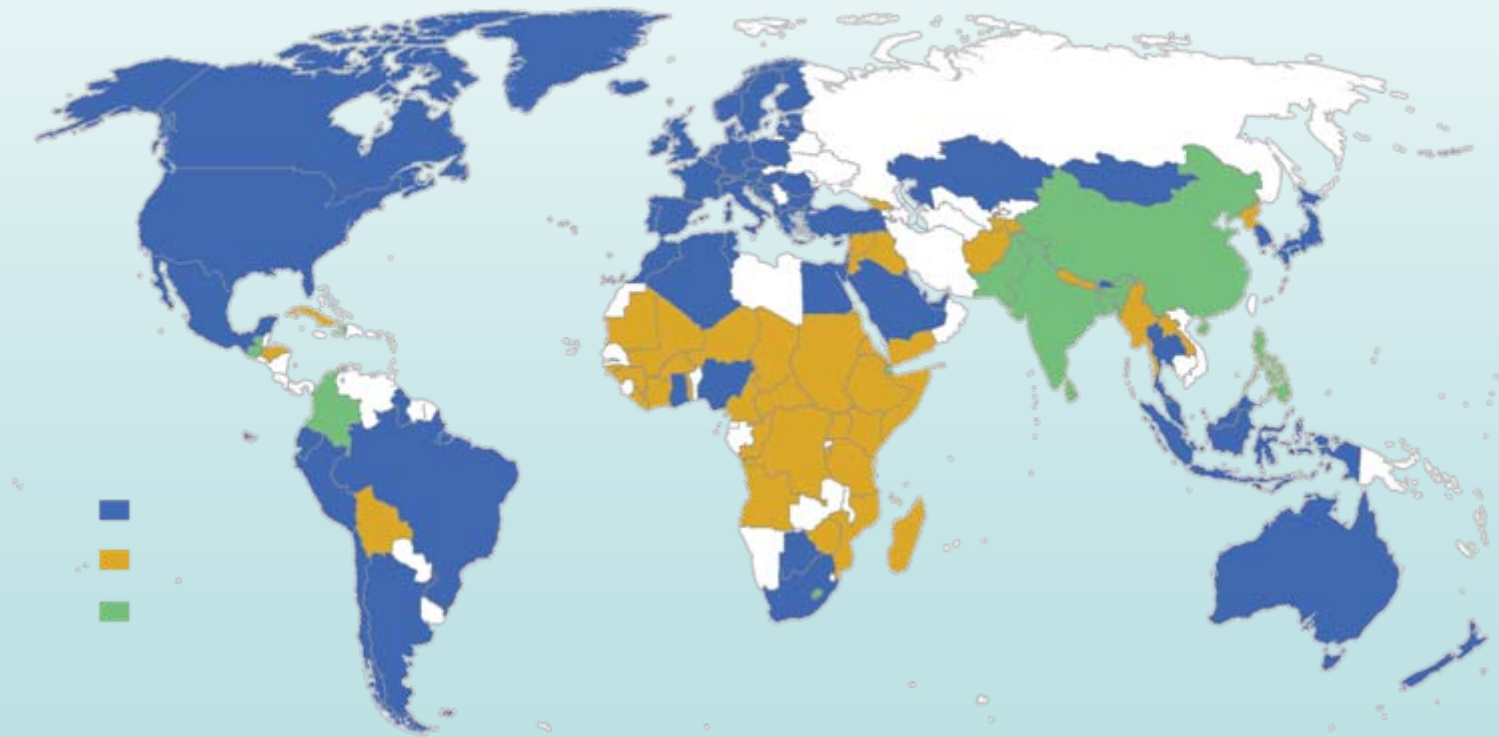
**Contributing  
Countries**



**67 Recipient  
Countries**



**17 Contributing and  
Recipient Countries**



**Since inception**

# Rapid response to destruction in the Caribbean/Latin America

- More than \$21.3 million allocated to the region
- ERC approved final projects on average within two and a half working days



In Honduras, WFP provided rations consisting of beans, corn and rice, to those who have been worst affected by the floods, © WFP/Hetze Tosta

# Impartial funding mechanism Sri Lanka

- Sri Lanka's appeal was not well funded at the time of the 2008 mid-year review
- CERF provided \$4 million in the second underfunded round
- Seven agencies received funds to assist IDPs who were re-displaced by renewed fighting in the North in June



Motorists wade through a flooded street near Colombo in the aftermath of two days of torrential rains in western Sri Lanka, May 2007.  
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# How have we done since inception?

- **Continue under current mandate and be allowed to expand**
- **Make quality of CERF-funded programmes more consistent; refine criteria for approval**
- **Strengthen capacity of the CERF Secretariat and OCHA field teams**
- **Clarify multiple lines of accountability**



# A global fund with global challenges

- **Greater needs**
- **Higher expectations**
- **Fewer Resources**



High food prices have left poor families in Mozambique's urban areas struggling to find enough food to eat. Beatriz and her daughters collect empty cans and bottles to sell for recycling to feed themselves and their children.

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**Thank you for 2008...  
and we hope for 2009**