

## OVERVIEW 2009 UNDERFUNDED ROUND 1

During the first underfunded emergencies (UFE) round in 2009, the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) allocated US\$75 million to 14 countries. In accordance with Secretary-General's Bulletin (ST/SGB/2006/10), the Emergency Relief Coordinator (ERC), in close consultation with the participating agencies, is responsible for setting priorities for the use of the CERF UFE window and for selecting the countries to receive allocations.

### Country Selection (Phase I) and Allocation of Country Envelopes (Phase II)

Taking into account agencies' recommendations of non-CAP countries as well as the level of funding for CAP countries in 2008, the ERC decided to select five CAP countries and nine non-CAP countries.

The countries receiving the largest allocations were DPRK, Ethiopia, Somalia and Zimbabwe; followed by Colombia, Haiti and Yemen (See *Box 1 for details*).

### Submission of Grant Requests and Approval (Phase III)

#### Agencies

Following an in-country prioritization of sectors and projects, RC/HCs submitted grant request packages within the scope of each allocated UFE envelope. The largest recipient agencies of ERC-approved grants were WFP, UNICEF, FAO and UNHCR (See *Box 2*).

Box 1: Allocated and Approved Funding per Country			
COUNTRIES	ERC-Allocated Envelope (US\$ million)	Of total UFE amount percent	Approved amount (US\$)
Burkina Faso (CAP)	2	3	1,997,535
Burundi	4	5	3,956,773
Colombia	5	7	4,999,979
Cote d'Ivoire (CAP)	2	3	2,000,003
Djibouti	2	3	1,996,905
DPRK	10	13	9,999,909
Ethiopia	10	13	9,666,134
Eritrea	2	3	1,999,999
Haiti	5	7	4,995,766
Myanmar (priority non-delta regions)	3	4	2,998,439
Niger (CAP)	4	5	3,976,342
Somalia (CAP)	10	13	9,999,999
Yemen	5	7	4,705,281
Zimbabwe (CAP)	11	15	9,982,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>73,275,064</b>

Box 2: Recipient Agencies		
AGENCY	US\$	Of total percentage
WFP	25,017,545	34.1
UNICEF	20,136,530	27.5
FAO	9,026,288	12.3
UNHCR	7,102,156	9.7
WHO	5,509,194	7.5
UNFPA	2,170,931	3.0
IOM	1,980,495	2.7
UNDP	1,265,585	1.7
UNOPS	1,000,000	1.4
UNIFEM	66,340	0.1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>73,275,064</b>	<b>100</b>

#### Sectors

The sectors receiving the largest share of grants were food; health-nutrition; health; and agriculture (See *Box 3*).

#### Project size

The average approved project amount was approximately \$ 800,000.

#### Approval rate

A total of 92 projects were received, most of which,

underwent revision by the field following review by the CERF Secretariat. Of the 92 projects, 88 projects were accepted and four projects rejected due to incompatibility with the CERF Life-Saving Criteria.

<b>Box 3: Recipient Sectors</b>		
<b>SECTOR</b>	<b>US\$</b>	<b>Of total Percentage</b>
<b>Food</b>	17,867,779	24.4
<b>Health-Nutrition</b>	13,487,676	18.4
<b>Health</b>	10,748,482	14.7
<b>Agriculture</b>	9,485,307	12.9
<b>WASH</b>	8,647,647	11.8
<b>Coordination/ Support Services</b>	4,800,029	6.6
<b>Protection</b>	4,306,653	5.9
<b>Shelter/NFIs</b>	2,020,911	2.8
<b>Multi-Sector</b>	1,735,100	2.4
<b>Education</b>	175,480	0.2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>73,275,064</b>	<b>100</b>

**Overall approved amount**

Following adjustments of project amounts in the review process and rejection of four projects an overall amount of \$ 73,275,064 was approved, against a \$ 75 million set aside for this UFE round.

**Timeliness of approval**

The average number of days that passed between the final submissions of a (revised) project to the CERF Secretariat; and final approval by the ERC, was approximately five working days.

**Surge**

Surge support from OCHA Regional Offices, Agencies and/or the CERF Secretariat was deployed to five countries: Zimbabwe (OCHA RO); Djibouti (OCHA RO and FAO); Yemen (UNHCR); Myanmar (OCHA RO); and Haiti (UNICEF and CERF Secretariat). Surge capacity was effective in raising awareness on the CERF application process and in improving the quality of proposals submitted.

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