

FLASH APPEALS



What is a Flash Appeal?

- Part of the Consolidated Appeals Process, the humanitarian sector's main tool for coordination, strategic planning and programming.
- A tool that provides an overview of urgent life-saving needs, within a week of the emergency's onset.
- Contains rapid needs assessment information, a common humanitarian action plan, and specific sectoral response plans and projects.
- Addresses acute needs for up to six months (and can be developed into a consolidated appeal if the emergency continues beyond six months).

GA Resolution 46/182 :

“For emergencies requiring a consolidated response, the Secretary-General should *ensure* that an initial Consolidated Appeal covering all concerned organizations of the system, prepared in consultation with the affected State, is issued within the shortest possible time...”

Who is involved?

- Resident Coordinator / Humanitarian Coordinator (leading the process, with OCHA's support)
- UN Agencies
- Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement
- NGOs (international and local)
- Donors (field office reps)



- Affected country government. (The appeal is done in consultation with the government.)

Sector leads have a crucial role :

- Leading rapid needs assessments
- Setting sectoral strategy and priorities
- Gathering project proposals inclusively (including NGOs), but also...
- Vetting projects ‘ruthlessly.’

ALL VERY FAST

Your job as Sector leads re appeal projects :

- Get all actors to the table.
- Identify highest-priority needs, and make sure projects are proposed that cover those. (These form the top-priority projects in the appeal.)
- Gather other proposals and filter them, applying criteria of relevance to need, feasibility (within timeframe, agency capacity, & operating environment), etc.
- Try to stimulate proposals to fill gaps. Call in more capacity if needed.

CERF

Central Emergency Response Fund



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- **Flash Appeal = strategic response plan which includes a set (“catalogue”) of projects and request for funds**
 - **CERF = source of funds, i.e. donor**

The CERF and Humanitarian Reform

- An integral part of the humanitarian reform
- Contributes to more timely and predictable humanitarian response by providing stand-by funds
- Reinforces the leadership role of the HC/RC
- NOT a substitute for donor contributions to the CAPs and UN agencies

Objective of the CERF

General Assembly Resolution A/RES/60/124 decided to upgrade the CERF to US\$ 500 million with a US\$ 450 million Grant component (**Pledges and Contributions for 2009 - \$ 383.4million**).

Fund Objectives:

- promote early action and response to reduce loss of life
- enhance response to time-critical requirements
- strengthen core elements of humanitarian response in under-funded crises

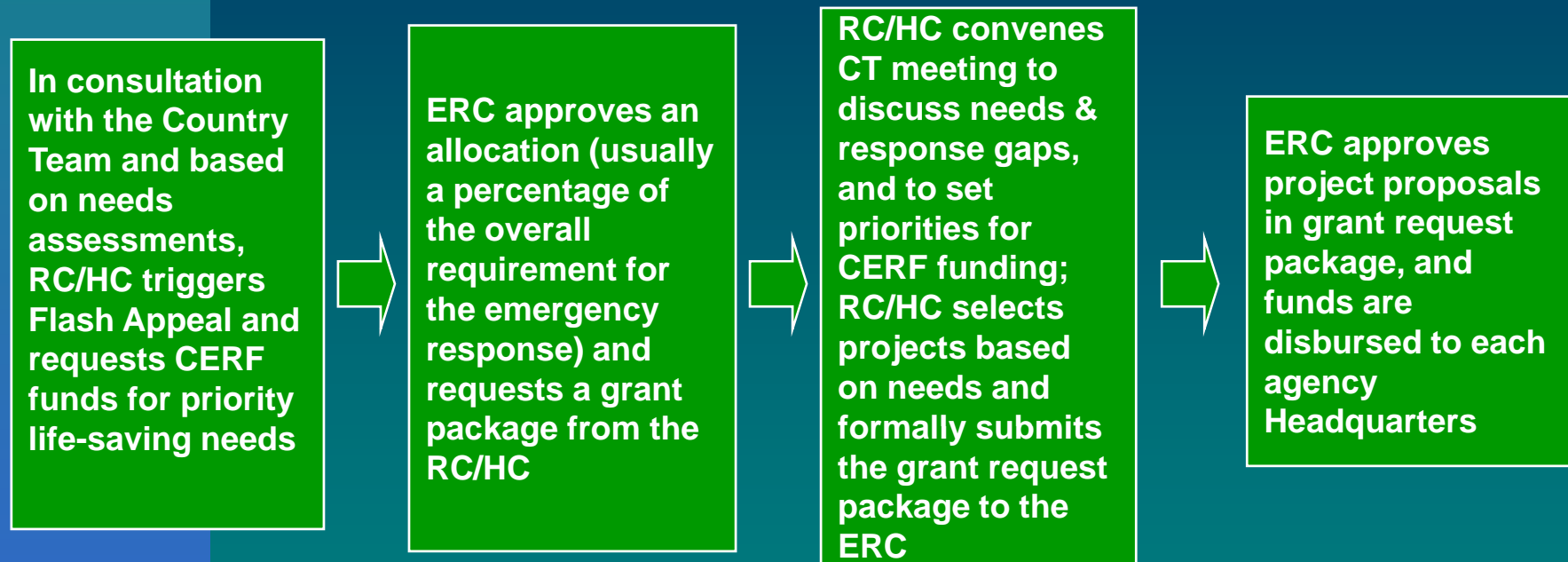
Relationship between CERF Rapid Response Window and Flash Appeals:

- Situations requiring CERF funds should normally also generate a Flash Appeal. The HC allocates available CERF funds to the highest-priority FA projects.
- CERF provides the **initial injection of funds** for the most urgent life-saving projects in the Flash Appeal to **cover the time lag** between issuance of the Appeal and receipt of commitments and funds from donors
- Ideal: Simultaneously prepare Flash appeal and prioritize projects within it for CERF funding; show CERF allocations in summary financial tables within Flash Appeal document (if already decided).

Why do both a CERF request and a Flash Appeal?

- Major emergencies require a strategic plan, not a series of disconnected projects.
- Most emergencies need more funding than CERF can provide.
- Most also need humanitarian actions that are more holistic than those meeting CERF's strict life-saving criterion.

Roles and Responsibilities: Rapid Response



**** Project Prioritization and Selection is a field-driven process led by the RC/HC. Agencies cannot submit proposals directly to the ERC. ****

■ Further material: www.humanitarianappeal.net

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About CAP

The Consolidated Appeals Process (CAP)

The Consolidated Appeals Process (CAP) is much more than an appeal for money. It is a tool used by aid organisations to plan, implement and monitor their activities together. Working together in the world's crisis regions, they produce appeals, which they present to the international community and donors.

Since its inception, the CAP has become the humanitarian sector's main tool for coordination, strategic planning and programming. As a planning mechanism, the CAP has contributed significantly to developing a more strategic approach to the provision of humanitarian aid. As a coordination mechanism the CAP has fostered closer cooperation between governments, donors, aid agencies, the Red Cross Movement and non-governmental organisations.

Speaking with a common voice, UN agencies and non-governmental organisations have been able to raise funds for immediate action, demand greater protection, get better access to vulnerable populations and work more effectively with governments and other actors. On average, since 1992, the Consolidated Appeals Process has sought \$3.1 billion per year, and received \$2.1 billion per year (68%).

The CAP works to provide people in need the best available protection and assistance, on time.

The CAP cycle

Consolidated Appeals Process:
coordinated programme cycle in emergencies to:

Report Analyse the Context Assess Needs Build Scenarios Monitor & Evaluate Revise the Plan Report

Human Rights

CHAP

<http://ochaonline.un.org/humanitarianappeal/GetBin.asp?DocID=1433>

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Any questions?

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