



The United Nations has [announced](#) the allocation of \$86 million for emergency aid operations in some of the world's worst, yet most neglected crises, allowing life-saving relief work to continue in 10 countries where needs are high but financial support is low.

"People living through some of the [most critical humanitarian crises](#) do not always receive the attention that they need," UN humanitarian chief and Emergency Relief Coordinator Valerie Amos said. "These allocations will go to help millions of people who are caught in crises that have been forgotten or overshadowed by other emergencies."

The money comes from the UN Central Emergency Response Fund ([CERF](#)) set up in 2006 with an annual target of \$500 million to fund relief operations for both sudden-onset crises, such as those caused by a natural disasters or the outbreak of fighting, and chronic crises that have slipped below the humanitarian radar, like lingering refugee and hunger needs.

Some \$11.5 million from the allocation announced today will help people in [Mali](#) who are still

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of the deadly inter-communal violence that left many displaced in 2012. A further \$5.5 million will allow UN agencies in Myanmar to maintain operations in Kachin and Rakhine states, where thousands of

[families](#)

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and displacement continue to need humanitarian aid.

The rest of the allocations will support relief efforts in Chad (\$10 million), Colombia (\$4.5 million), Djibouti (\$4 million), the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (\$6.5 million), [Haiti](#) (\$6 million), Sudan (\$20 million), Uganda (\$4 million), and Yemen (\$14 million).

CERF pools donor contributions into a single fund so that money is available to start relief work immediately when needs arise. Globally, the fund allocated almost \$482 million in 2013, of which over \$174 million went towards aid work in chronically under-funded crises.

The UN General Assembly established CERF to make funding for humanitarian emergencies faster and more equitable. Since then, 125 Member States and dozens of private-sector donors and regional Governments have contributed more than \$3.35 billion to the fund. Since its inception, CERF has allocated more than \$3.2 billion for humanitarian agencies operating in 88 countries and territories.