

Where can I find the Funding Updates?

The latest Funding Updates for all major operations and situations can be found on UNHCR's main operational reporting platform, [Global Focus](#).



UNHCR BUDGET CYCLE

UNHCR programs activities a year in advance, using a Comprehensive Needs Assessment. This process results in country programmes, a share of which is prioritised. This share is limited to the spending authority that the High Commissioner extends to country representatives based on an estimate made by the Division of External Relations of future income. By doing this, the High Commissioner takes a calculated risk and gives the country operations the authority to spend money that UNHCR does not currently have.

As UNHCR relies almost entirely on voluntary contributions to fund country operations, global programmes and headquarters, UNHCR must work hard to raise these funds. Flexible funds are critical to this process. They allow us to kick-start emergency responses, to bolster underfunded operations, and to implement global programmes.

Flexible funding is allocated and reallocated multiple times during the year and is critically important in allowing UNHCR to fund prioritized activities. As UNHCR manages funding at the programme level, it does not trace how individual unearmarked contributions were used, as that would be contrary to the principle of flexible funding. Rather, UNHCR looks at the total unearmarked revenue as one pot and traces how the entire amount was used. During the course of the year, actual and projected contributions, both earmarked and unearmarked, are tracked and allocated against approved spending authorities issued to each operation on a regular basis.

EARMARKING LEVELS AND THE GRAND BARGAIN

The Grand Bargain was adopted at the World Humanitarian Summit in May 2016 with the aim to improve aid effectiveness and efficiency of humanitarian response. To date, 24 key donors accounting up to 88% of humanitarian funding and 35 aid organizations receiving 72% of aid budget have signed up.

UNHCR's Grand Bargain commitment to increase visibility of unearmarked and softly earmarked funding, and to improve transparency on the use of unearmarked funding, is reaffirmed through the Funding Updates.

How does UNHCR use unearmarked funding?

Unearmarked funding helps ensure UNHCR's neutrality and independence, and strengthens UNHCR's reputation as a trusted partner.

The report accessible using the QR code opposite acknowledges the generosity of those donors which provided UNHCR with unearmarked contributions, and adds depth and detail to how this most valuable of financial resources was used.



Funding Updates – Guidance Note

UNHCR's Funding Updates clearly and accurately represent the financial requirements and the true level of funding available to support UNHCR's work. They are produced by the Donor Relations and Resource Mobilisation Service in the Division of External Relations for each UNHCR country operation, for situations, and for regions and sub-regions.

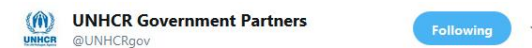
The Funding Updates produced for countries and situations are two views of the same information. Situations span across multiple countries, and countries can be affected by multiple situations. The two views provide a more complete understanding of this complex reality.

While showing the level of funding, the Funding Updates also show:

- Donors of funds earmarked to the country/situation/region, and
- Donors of flexible funding which can potentially be used for the country/situation/region.

The true level of funding available to country operations includes carry-over from prior years and excludes the programme support component of contributions. Adjustments are made in the Funding Updates in the interests of transparency and accuracy.

There is also a [Global Overview](#) available, showing UNHCR's total financial requirements and listing contributions from all donors.



Smiles at school from 16 year old Mukolo, Uganda.

Continuing our on @SweMFA @Sida 🇸🇪

Sweden continues to support @Refugees with unearmarked funding - allowing UNHCR to reach those who need it most, which includes refugee + host community education 📖. Tack!



FLEXIBLE FUNDING

UNHCR defines two main types of funding as flexible. Softly earmarked funding—which can be used across a given region or situation in accordance with the priorities and activities identified by UNHCR—and the most valued, which is unearmarked funding. Contributed without restrictions on its use, unearmarked funding allows UNHCR critical flexibility in how best to reach refugees and other populations of concern who are in the greatest need and at the greatest risk.

From October 2018, the Funding Updates include an indicative allocation of softly earmarked and unearmarked funding to give a comprehensive picture of the level of funding. The Funding Updates, with their indicative allocation of flexible funding and their lists of donors of flexible funding, increase the transparency of UNHCR funding and recognise the contribution made by donors of flexible funding.

The financial requirements based on the comprehensive needs assessment. This is the funding target for this UNHCR operation or situation.

\$68.6 million
 UNHCR's financial requirements 2018 ¹

'Contributions' to the operation or situation, broken down by the type of earmarking. This is useful to demonstrate which donors have provided flexible funds.

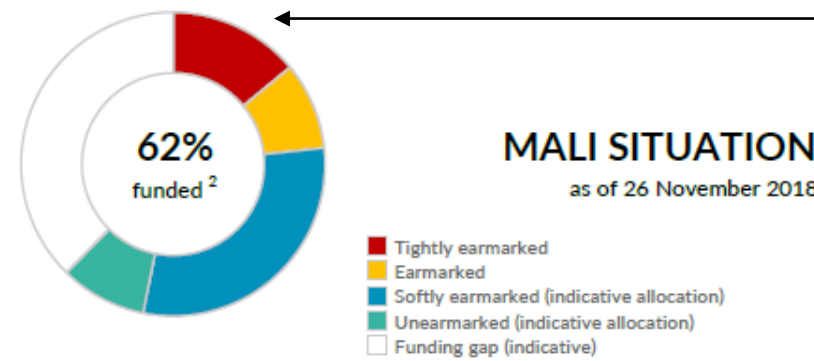
CONTRIBUTIONS ³ | USD

'Indicative allocation of funds and adjustments' enables an accurate and comprehensive representation of the level of funding. The methodology for these calculations is explained in the blue box.

Most importantly, it shows the amounts indicatively allocated from softly earmarked and unearmarked contributions. It also makes adjustments to deduct the Programme Support Component of contributions and to include carry-over.

In the example funding update, \$6.3 million in unearmarked funds, an additional \$6.8 million in softly earmarked funds, and an additional \$4.7 million in contributions earmarked to countries affected by the situation, have been indicatively allocated to the Mali Situation bringing the total funding level to \$42.8 million.

'Unearmarked contributions' lists all the donors that have contributed unearmarked funds to UNHCR, with details given for donors of \$10 million or more. These valuable funds can be used to cover any expense incurred by UNHCR, worldwide. Every Funding Update will show the exact same figures for each donor contributing unearmarked funding globally to UNHCR. A portion of those funds will have been indicatively allocated to operations and situations.



The chart shows the level and type of funding received to date, from the least to the most flexible.

Tightly earmarked, which is the most restrictive type of funding, limited to a particular population within the country and/or specific objectives, areas or sectors.

Earmarked, which are contributions at the country level (including a country/situation combination).

Softly earmarked (indicative allocation), valuable because they can be used flexibly at the sub-regional, regional, thematic or situation level.

Unearmarked (indicative allocation), the most useful and valuable type of funding UNHCR can receive, which can be used anywhere, for anything within the budget):

This represents the gap between the indicative funding level and the total financial requirements.

	Unearmarked	Softly earmarked	Earmarked	Tightly earmarked	Total
United States of America	-	11,600,000	-	-	11,600,000
European Union	-	-	-	7,541,705	7,541,705
Japan	-	941,708	-	657,738	1,599,446
France	-	-	1,296,864	-	1,296,864
Germany	-	1,119,821	-	-	1,119,821
Spain	-	-	400,000	-	400,000
Fast Retailing Co., Ltd (UNIQLO)	-	-	-	391,058	391,058
UN Peacebuilding Fund	-	-	-	142,219	142,219
TOMS Shoes	-	-	-	138,000	138,000
Miscellaneous private donors	-	235	-	159,600	159,835
Sub-total	-	13,661,764	1,696,864	9,030,319	24,388,948
Indicative allocation of funds and adjustments	6,304,046	6,832,218	4,671,349	566,622	18,374,235
Total	6,304,046	20,493,982	6,368,213	9,596,941	42,763,183

Methodology: Unearmarked funding is allocated and reallocated multiple times during the year to allow UNHCR to fund prioritised activities. This funding update includes an indicative allocation of funds so as to accurately represent the resources available for the situation. The contributions earmarked for the Mali Situation shown above are combined with an indicative allocation of the softly earmarked and unearmarked contributions listed below. This allocation respects different levels of earmarking. Adjustments relate to programme support costs and carry-over.

OTHER SOFTLY EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS ⁴ | USD

United States of America 170.7 million | Private donors Australia 11.1 million | Canada 4.4 million | Private donors Sweden 2.4 million | Private donors Republic of Korea 2.3 million
 Japan | Norway | Sweden | UN Peacebuilding Fund | Private donors

UNEARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS ⁵ | USD

Sweden 98.2 million | Private donors Spain 65.4 million | Netherlands 47.1 million | United Kingdom 45.3 million | Norway 42.5 million | Private donors Republic of Korea 32 million | Japan 26.5 million | Denmark 25.5 million | Private donors Japan 17.9 million | Private donors Italy 16.8 million | Switzerland 15.8 million | France 14 million | Germany 13.7 million | Private donors Sweden 13.2 million | Italy 11.2 million
 Algeria | Argentina | Austria | Belgium | Bosnia and Herzegovina | Bulgaria | Canada | Chile | China | Costa Rica | Estonia | Finland | Iceland | India | Indonesia | Ireland | Israel | Kuwait | Latvia | Liechtenstein | Lithuania | Luxembourg | Monaco | Montenegro | New Zealand | Philippines | Portugal | Qatar | Republic of Korea | Russian Federation | Saudi Arabia | Serbia | Singapore | Slovakia | Sri Lanka | Thailand | Turkey | United Arab Emirates | Uruguay | Private donors

Notes:

- The financial requirements of the Mali Situation include requirements in Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania and Niger.
- The percentage funded (62%) and total funding amount (\$42,763,183) are indicative based on the methodology described above. This leaves an indicative funding gap of \$25,809,619 representing 38% of the financial requirements.
- Contributions to the Mali Situation are shown by the earmarking modality as defined in the Grand Bargain.
- Due to their earmarking at a related region, sub-region, country or theme, the other softly earmarked contributions listed are those which can potentially be used for the Mali Situation. Where a donor has contributed \$2 million or more, the total amount of the contribution is shown.
- Contributed without restrictions on its use, unearmarked funding allows UNHCR critical flexibility in how best to reach refugees and other populations of concern who are in the greatest need and at the greatest risk. Where a donor has contribution \$10 million or more, the total amount of the contribution is shown.

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'Other softly earmarked contributions' lists all the donors who contributed softly earmarked funds that are not mentioned in the 'Contributions' table. Details are given for donors of \$2 million or more.

The donors and amounts appearing in this section will be different from one operation to another as it respects the earmarking (sub-regional, regional, thematic and situation) of each contribution.

In the example funding update, the total of \$170.7 million for softly earmarked contributions from the United States of America is exclusive of the \$11.6 contribution earmarked to the Mali Situation.