

Complex Humanitarian Emergencies: Philanthropy's Role in Recovery

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Topics for Today

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- ❑ What complex humanitarian emergencies (CHEs) are and how they are different from other disasters.
- ❑ What recovery looks like in a CHE.
- ❑ A closer look at two CHEs that will be supported by CDP's Global Recovery Fund – Yemen and Venezuela.
- ❑ How philanthropy can be more involved in CHEs and why philanthropic response matters.

What is a Complex Humanitarian Emergency?

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- The United Nations (UN) defines a CHE as *“a humanitarian crisis in a country, region, or society where there is total or considerable breakdown of authority resulting from internal or external conflict and which requires an international response that goes beyond the mandate or capacity of any single and/or ongoing UN country program.”*



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Causes of CHEs

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- ❑ CHEs involve an acute emergency layered over ongoing instability.
- ❑ Multiple scenarios can cause CHEs like the civil wars in Syria and Yemen, the man-made political crisis in Venezuela or the public health crisis in Congo.
- ❑ CHEs may be worsened by famine and heightened by the outbreak of disease or health emergency.



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What Makes CHEs Different?

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What Do Funders Need to
Know About Recovery?



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The Situation in Yemen

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- ❑ Declared world's largest humanitarian disaster in 2017 by UN – **ranked 177th on UNDP Human Development Index.**
- ❑ **Poorest country** in the Middle East and North African Region.
- ❑ **80 percent of the population** requires humanitarian or protection assistance.
- ❑ Severity of needs is deepening – **poverty rate is about 75 percent** of population.



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The Situation in Venezuela

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- Over **4.5 million Venezuelans have fled** the country since 2016 – most are in Colombia.
- Venezuela is facing a crisis of hyperinflation – **94 percent of those who remain in the country cannot afford basic food and services.**
- **Support for Venezuelans is needed both inside and outside the country.**
- This is a political crisis but **needs a humanitarian solution.**

The Role of Philanthropy in CHEs

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Q & A

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Key Takeaways

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- ❑ CHEs are an opportunity to be innovative in funding, especially through multi-year grants.
- ❑ Aid looks very different than it does in a natural disaster.
- ❑ Recovery also looks distinctly different, including timelines, implementation, vision and commitment.
- ❑ Be planful about your giving ... don't just react.
- ❑ Political advocacy can be as important as aid.
- ❑ Build in evaluation funding for client input, then make changes based on their insights.

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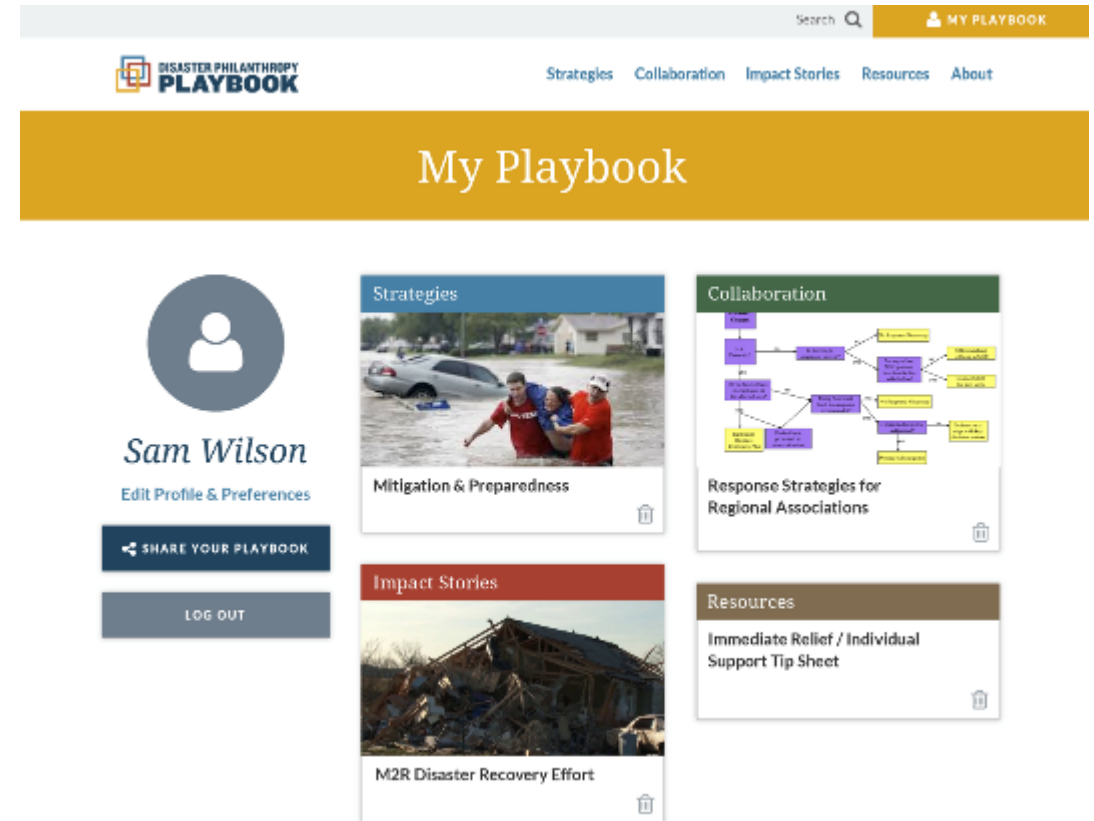
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