

# Humanitarian Crises Around The World

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<https://usdac.us/nativeland>



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# Complex Emergencies

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- According to the UN World Health Organization:
  - Complex emergencies are **situations of disrupted livelihoods** and **threats to life** produced by **warfare, civil disturbance and large-scale movements of people**, in which any emergency response has to be conducted in a difficult political and security environment.
  - Complex emergencies combine internal conflict with large-scale displacements of people, mass famine or food shortage, and fragile or failing economic, political, and social institutions.
  - Often, complex emergencies are also exacerbated by natural disasters.

[https://www.who.int/environmental\\_health\\_emergencies/complex\\_emergencies/en/](https://www.who.int/environmental_health_emergencies/complex_emergencies/en/)

# Types of Humanitarian Crises

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Conventionally there are three types of humanitarian crises:

- ❑ **Man-made crises:** This includes armed conflict, a governance crisis train and plane crashes, as well as technological accidents – chemical spills, explosions, nuclear accidents.
- ❑ **Natural disasters** (the intersection of a natural hazard and population): Including geophysical (e.g., earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanic eruptions), hydrological (e.g., floods, avalanches), climatological (e.g., droughts), meteorological (e.g., storms, cyclones), or biological (e.g., epidemics, plagues).
- ❑ **Complex emergencies:** Generally, a combination of both man-made crises and natural disasters. They tend to be long lasting and also include crises of internally displaced persons and/or refugees. They are exacerbated by each event and the interactions are synergistic.

<https://www.futurelearn.com/info/courses/health-crises/0/steps/22887>



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# Characteristics of Complex Emergencies

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Such “complex emergencies” are typically characterized by:

- ❑ Extensive violence and loss of life.
- ❑ Displacements of populations.
- ❑ Widespread damage to societies and economies.
- ❑ The need for large-scale, multi-faceted humanitarian assistance.
- ❑ The hindrance or prevention of humanitarian assistance by political and military constraints.
- ❑ Significant security risks for humanitarian relief workers in some areas.

<https://www.ifrc.org/en/what-we-do/disaster-management/about-disasters/definition-of-hazard/complex-emergencies/>



# Scope of the Problem

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- United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)
  - Warning that in 2020 a record number of **168 million people** around the world would be in need to humanitarian aid.
  - Due to prolonged conflict, failing economies and extreme climate events.
  - COVID-19 pandemic.
- For 2021, OCHA estimates:
  - **Around 235 million people** around the world will be dependent on humanitarian aid and protection.
  - **An increase of 41% in one year.**

<https://www.iberdrola.com/social-commitment/humanitarian-crises-causes-effects-solutions>



# Speakers

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# WATCHLIST 2021



## TOP TEN

- |                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. YEMEN       | 6. BURKINA FASO |
| 2. AFGHANISTAN | 7. SOUTH SUDAN  |
| 3. SYRIA       | 8. NIGERIA      |
| 4. DRC         | 9. VENEZUELA    |
| 5. ETHIOPIA    | 10. MOZAMBIQUE  |

[Rescue.org/watchlist2021](https://Rescue.org/watchlist2021)



## **Reshma Adatia**

International Operations Coordinator

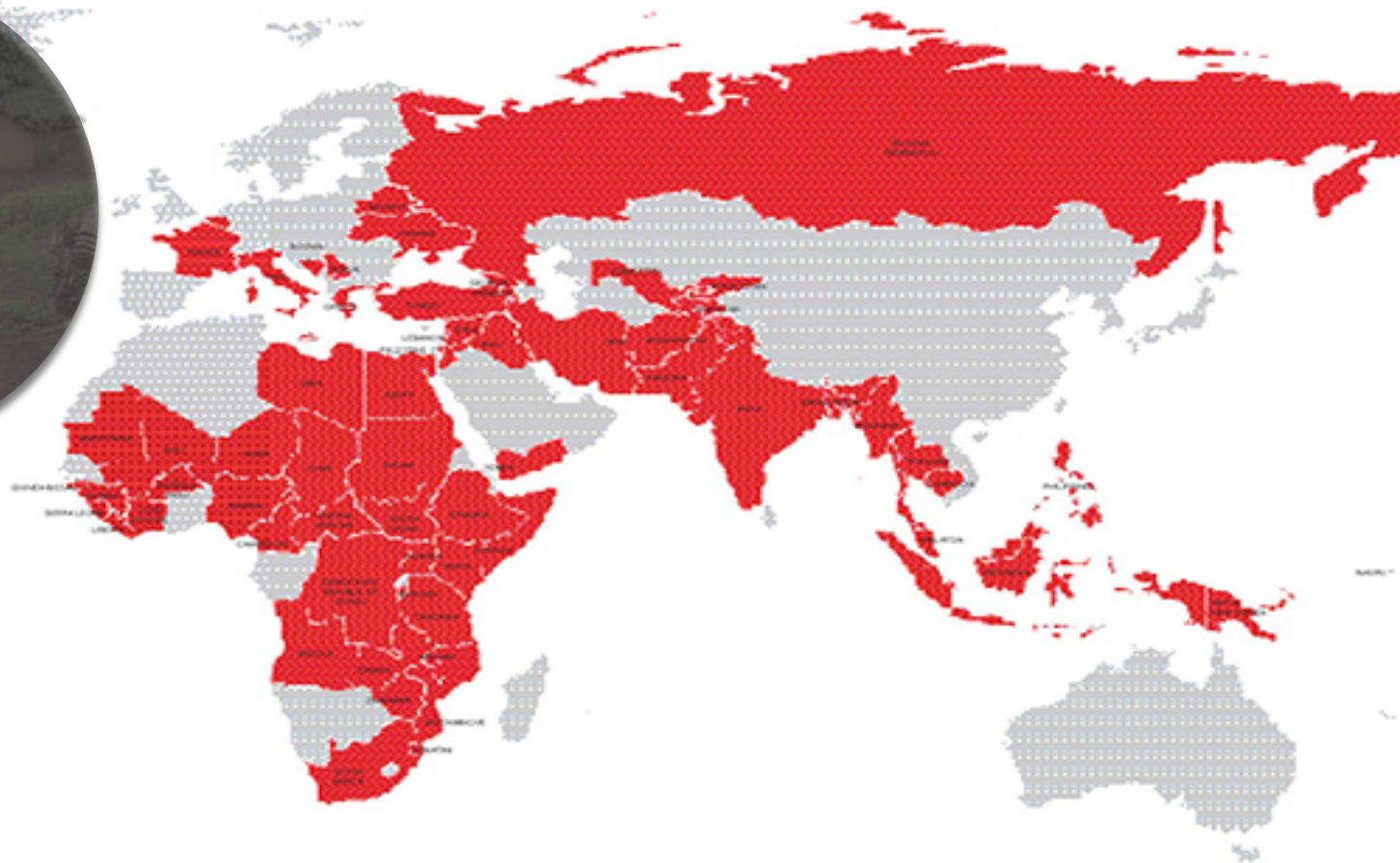
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# MSF PROGRAMS AROUND THE WORLD



Countries in which MSF only carried out assessments or small-scale cross-border activities in 2018 do not feature on this map.

ANGOLA	MAURITANIA
ARMENIA	MALAWI
AFGHANISTAN	MALAYSIA
BALKANS	MEXICO
BANGLADESH	MALI
BELARUS	MOZAMBIQUE
BELGIUM	MYANMAR
BURKINA FASO	NAURU
BURUNDI	NICARAGUA
CAMBODIA	NIGER
CAMBODIA	NIGERIA
CÔTE D'IVOIRE	PAKISTAN
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	PAPUA NEW GUINEA
CHAD	PALESTINE
COLOMBIA	PHILIPPINES
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO	RUSSIAN FEDERATION
EGYPT	SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS
EL SALVADOR	SIERRA LEONE
ESWATINI	SOMALIA
FRANCE	SOUTH AFRICA
ETHIOPIA	SUDAN
GREECE	SOUTH SUDAN
GEORGIA	SYRIA
GUINEA	TAJIKISTAN
GUINEA-BISSAU	TANZANIA
HONDURAS	THAILAND
HAITI	TURKEY
INDIA	UGANDA
INDONESIA	UKRAINE
IRAN	UZBEKISTAN
ITALY	YEMEN
KYRGYZSTAN	VENEZUELA
IRAQ	ZAMBIA
JORDAN	ZIMBABWE
LEBANON	
KENYA	
LIBYA	
LIBERIA	

<sup>1</sup>Formerly Swaziland





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# Disaster funding background

- Historical context
  - ▣ Disaster grantmaking since 1989.
  - ▣ Continual adaptations to better respond to the emerging needs of sector, with increasing focus on resilience-building, systems strengthening opportunities.
  - ▣ Recent decision to develop separate Refugees Initiative.
- Grantmaking precedent
  - ▣ Flexibility: Geographically and thematically agnostic.
  - ▣ Timing: Less focus on immediate relief, more consideration for medium- and longer-term response efforts.



**CONFLICT**

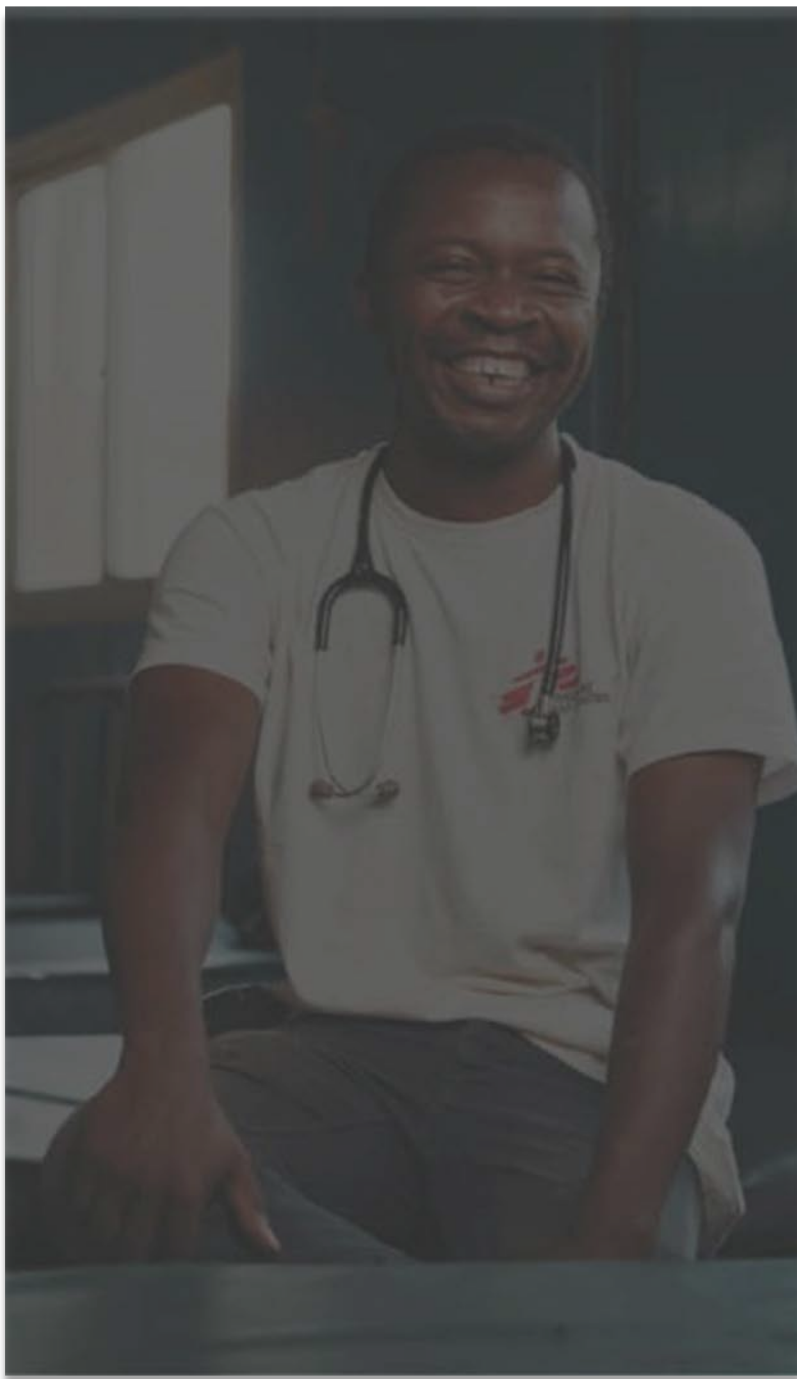
**COVID-19**

**CLIMATE**

# Grantmaking opportunities

- Event selection
  - ▣ Internal recommendations.
  - ▣ Watchlists and other informational sources.
- Efforts supported
  - ▣ Identifying strategic gaps.
  - ▣ Supporting local humanitarian leadership.
  - ▣ Leveraging funds and other opportunities.
- Challenges
  - ▣ Resource limitations.





# 2019 ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS



**10,384,000**  
outpatient consultations



**840,000**  
patients admitted



**2,638,200**  
malaria cases treated



**76,400**  
severely malnourished  
children admitted to  
inpatient feeding  
programmes



**59,400**  
people on first-line HIV  
antiretroviral treatment  
under direct MSF care



**11,100**  
people on second-line HIV  
antiretroviral treatment  
under direct MSF care  
(first-line treatment failure)



**329,900**  
births assisted, including  
caesarean sections



**112,100**  
surgical interventions  
involving the incision,  
excision, manipulation  
or suturing of tissue,  
requiring anaesthesia



**28,800**  
people treated for  
sexual violence



**16,800**  
people started on  
first-line tuberculosis  
treatment



**2,000**  
people started on  
drug-resistant  
tuberculosis treatment



**400,200**  
individual mental  
health consultations



**47,000**  
people treated  
for cholera



**1,320,100**  
vaccinations against  
measles in response  
to an outbreak



**4,970**  
people treated  
for meningitis



**1,048,800**  
emergency room  
admissions

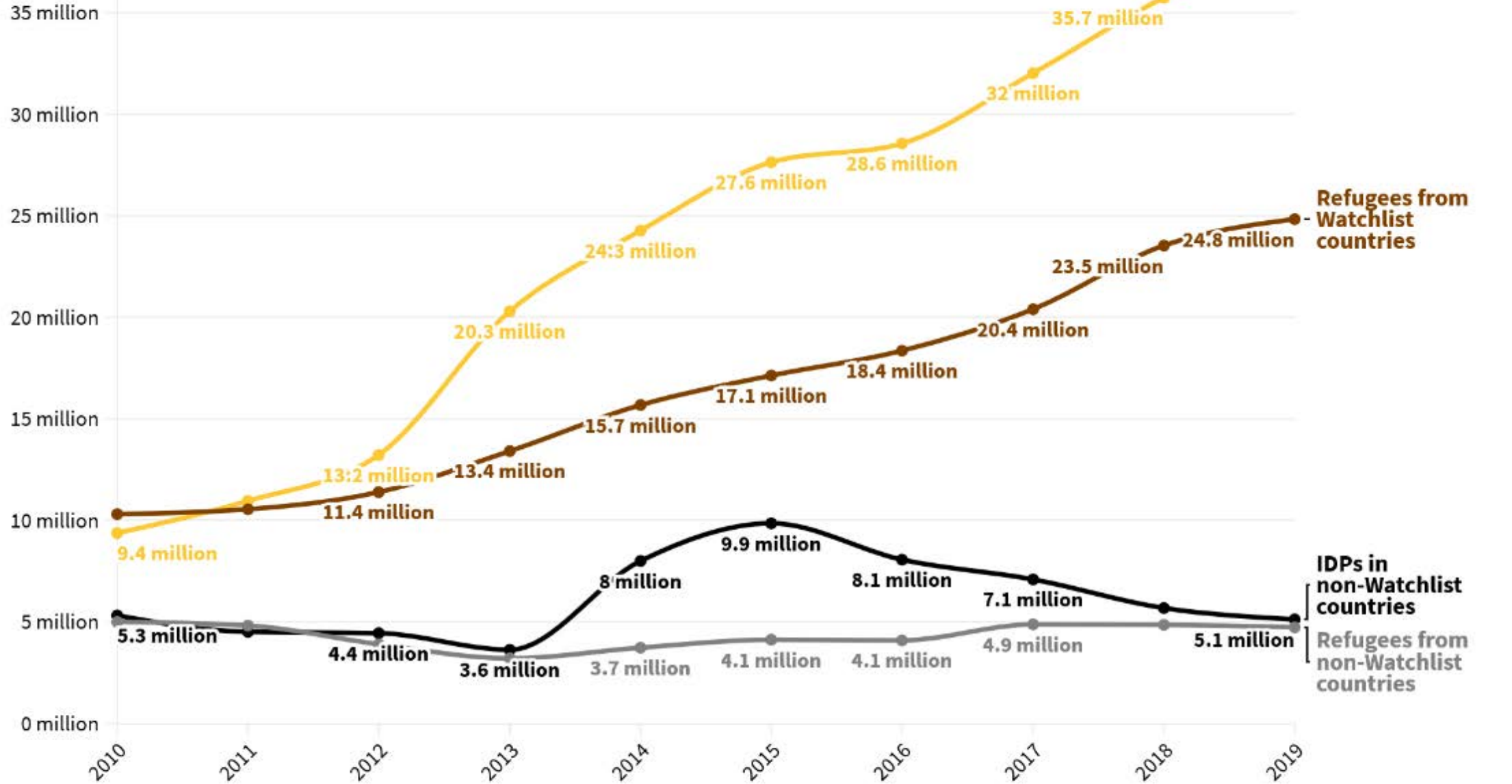


**10,000**  
people started on  
hepatitis C treatment



**346,900**  
families received  
distributions of  
relief items

# WATCHLIST COUNTRIES ACCOUNT FOR THE GLOBAL DISPLACEMENT CRISIS



Source: UNHCR, UNRWA





Support refugees and  
displaced families to

**SURVIVE,  
RECOVER  
+ REBUILD  
their lives.**



# OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES



## Largest country programmes

### By expenditure

1. Democratic Republic of Congo	€133.1 million
2. South Sudan	€85.4 million
3. Yemen	€74.9 million
4. Central African Republic	€58.2 million
5. Nigeria	€47.2 million
6. Iraq	€46.4 million
7. Syria	€41.4 million
8. Afghanistan	€35.4 million
9. Lebanon	€30.9 million
10. Bangladesh	€29.4 million

The total budget for our programmes in these 10 countries was €582.3 million, **53 per cent of MSF's operational expenses in 2019** (see Facts and Figures for more details).

### By number of field staff<sup>1</sup>

1. South Sudan	3,615
2. Democratic Republic of Congo	3,173
3. Central African Republic	2,775
4. Yemen	2,538
5. Nigeria	2,448
6. Afghanistan	2,388
7. Bangladesh	1,871
8. Niger	1,829
9. Pakistan	1,510
10. Iraq	1,379

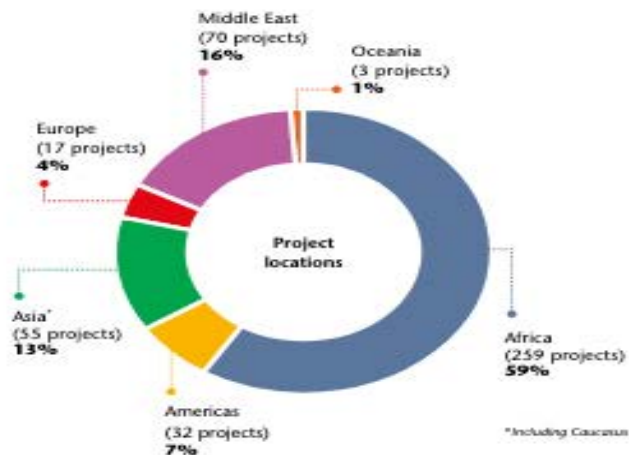
### By number of outpatient consultations<sup>2</sup>

1. Democratic Republic of Congo	1,687,910
2. South Sudan	1,120,925
3. Central African Republic	967,031
4. Bangladesh	556,336
5. Syria	515,068
6. Niger	436,141
7. Sudan	434,765
8. Ethiopia	355,148
9. Mali	350,088
10. Tanzania	319,072

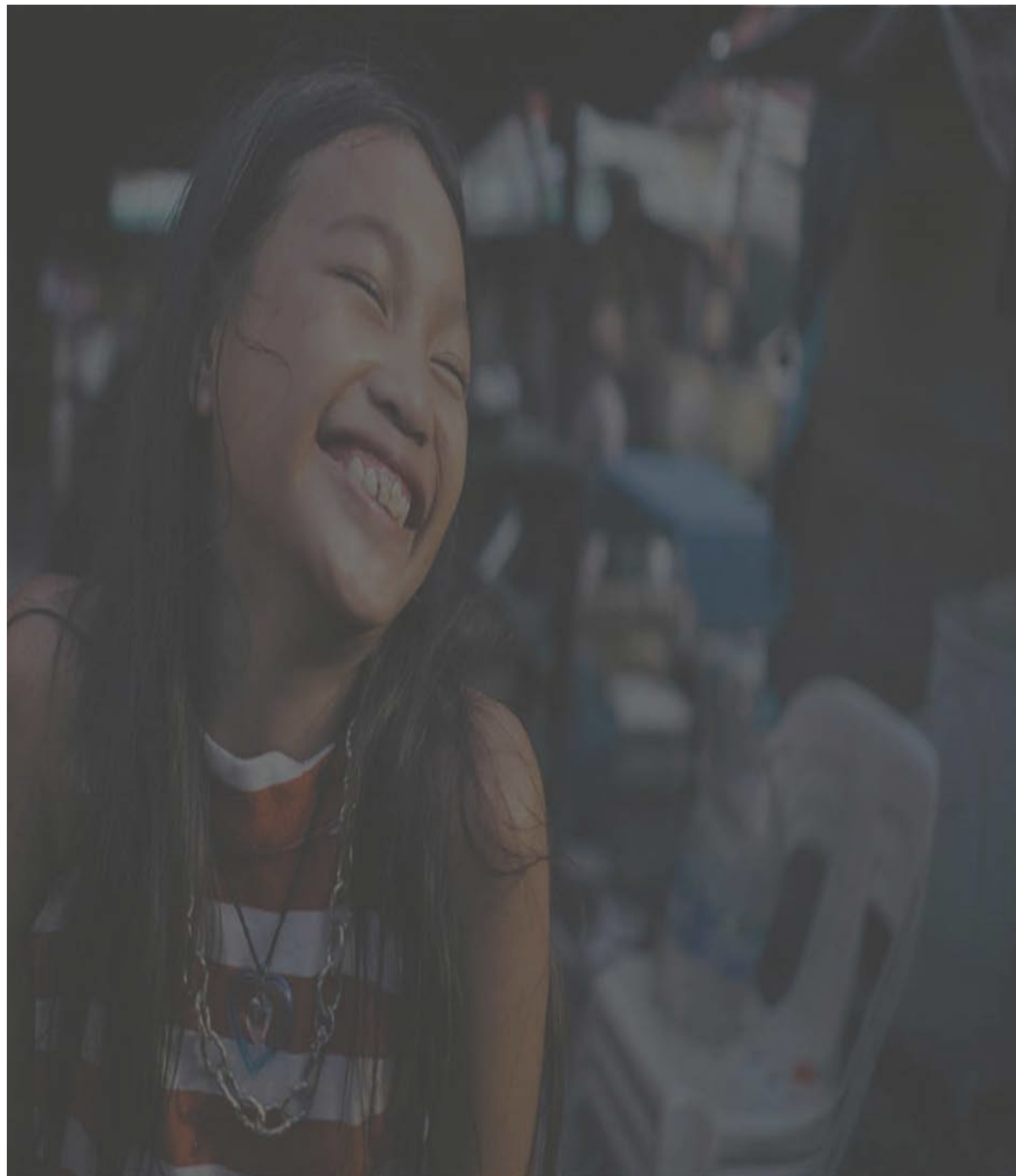
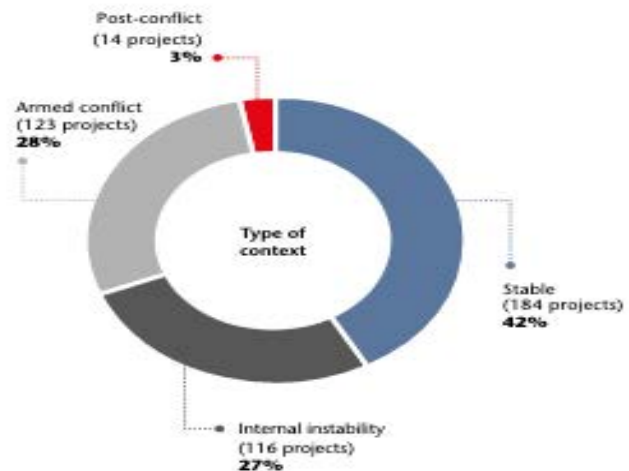
<sup>1</sup> **Staff numbers** represent full-time equivalent positions (locally hired and international) averaged out across the year.

<sup>2</sup> **Outpatient consultations** exclude specialist consultations.

## Project locations



## Context of intervention



# Engaging with philanthropy

- Background
  - ▣ Local Humanitarian Leadership group.
  - ▣ Forum for grantmakers to connect, exchange information.
- Opportunities
  - ▣ Identification of vetted, local partners.
  - ▣ Additional funding inputs to fully support proposals.
  - ▣ Mezzanine-level support for continuing projects.
- Challenges
  - ▣ Alignment with strategies, fund availability, risk tolerance.



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# Q and A

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# Key Takeaways

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- ❑ Localization does not mean ignoring international NGOs.
- ❑ Ensure that the organizations you support have experience in the specific area of need.
- ❑ Flexible funding is critical.
- ❑ Take a long-term approach.
- ❑ COVID-19 is a game changer.

# CDP Resources

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- ❑ CDP has a [California Wildfires Recovery Fund](#), [Atlantic Hurricane Season Recovery Fund](#), [Global Disaster Recovery Fund](#), [Disaster Recovery Fund](#) and [COVID-19 Response Fund](#)
- ❑ Detailed [Issue Insights](#)
- ❑ Regularly updated [Disaster Profiles](#)
- ❑ For more information, visit [www.disasterphilanthropy.org](http://www.disasterphilanthropy.org)



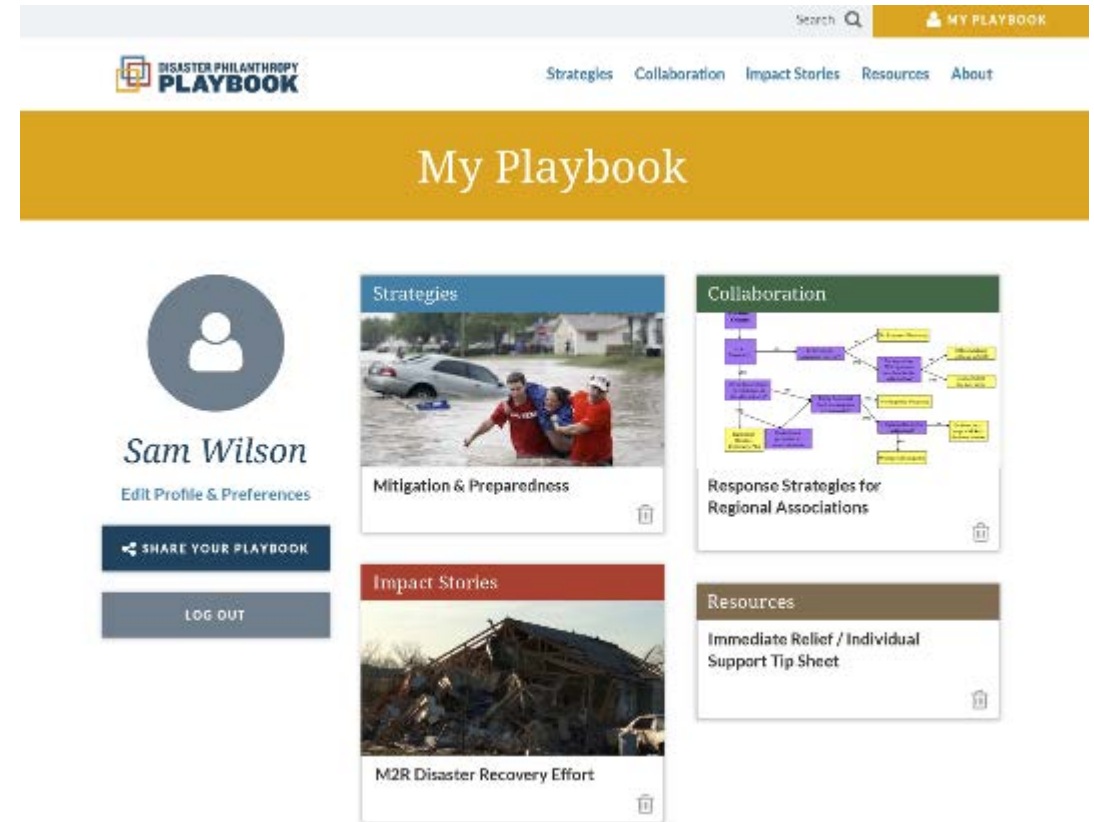
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# DISASTER PHILANTHROPY PLAYBOOK

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- The Disaster Playbook has a number of toolkits and resources to guide the philanthropic community in responding to future disasters.
- Learn more:  
[www.disasterplaybook.org](http://www.disasterplaybook.org)



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