Complex Humanitarian Emergencies: Where Crisis, Conflict, Climate and COVID-19 Meet

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Complex Humanitarian Emergencies

- Disaster event (or sequence of events).
- Complicated set of social, health, economic and often political circumstances.
- Leading to great human suffering and death.
- Requiring external assistance and aid.
CHEs are associated with a variety of factors:
- War or conflict
- Under-development
- Poverty
- Overpopulation
- Human-caused environmental destruction and climate change
- Drought, famine and floods.
United Nations

- A crisis involving multiple causes.
- A broad and integrated response.
- Immediate humanitarian and long-term development, political, peacekeeping and peace-building efforts.
- Geographies where the world’s most vulnerable live.
  - Multiple compounded threats
  - Vulnerabilities and disasters
Speakers

Alex Gray  
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President and CEO  
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Lars Peter Nissen  
Director,  
*ACAPS*
Speaker – Alex Gray

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Measuring the State of Disaster Philanthropy reflects only a small portion of funds going to CHEs.

Philanthropy grants in 2018:
- Disasters - General
- Natural Disasters
- CHEs
- Man-made Accidents

Mercy Corps reported in 2018, that 80% of humanitarian aid goes to people affected by conflict.
CDP is increasingly focusing on CHEs

WHY

- To draw attention to, educate and inform our audience on:
  - where greatest humanitarian needs are
  - the world’s biggest crises
  - the often equally devastating but forgotten crises.
- To demonstrate that disaster preparedness, response and longer-term recovery work can take place and be very effective in CHEs.

HOW

- 50% of Global Recovery Funds going to CHEs this year
- COVID-19 Fund priorities outside of USA for 2022 focus on the cross section of conflict, fragility, health and poverty (all CHE contexts)
- Evidence and communicate impact
- Provide additional info and resources on CHEs
Speaker – Lars Peter Nissen

Lars Peter Nissen
Director,
ACAPS
ACAPS approach to analysis

- Expert judgment
- Mixed methods approach

Comparable global data sets
Speaker – Dominic MacSorley

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1968-2022
Complex Humanitarian Crisis:
A focus on conflict, hunger, fragility

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Based on current projections, **47 countries will fail to achieve a low level of hunger by 2030.** Conflict, climate change, and the COVID-19 pandemic—the 3 toxic forces driving hunger—threaten to wipe out any progress that has been made in recent years.
CDP Resources

- Disaster Profiles (categorizing levels 1, 2 and 3)
- Our Funds: Global Recovery Fund, COVID-19 Response Fund, Specific Funds (e.g., Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Recovery Fund)
- Issue Insights
  - Complex Humanitarian Emergencies
  - Internally Displaced People
  - Refugees
  - People Experiencing Poverty
  - Famine
  - Women and Girls in Disasters
  - Children and Youth
## How to use ACAPS data

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<td>Help you compare crises to decide where to support</td>
<td>Tell you which organisation you should support</td>
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<td>Create an understanding of the kind of needs the affected populations have</td>
<td>Tell you which type of intervention is best</td>
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<td>Help you think about what may happen next (6-9 months)</td>
<td>Provide you with information about funding from other sources</td>
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Quality, accountable programming;

What is required:
• Flexible, predictable funding
• Targeted where needs greatest

What affected populations have a right to:
• Inclusive, Appropriate approaches
• Effective, Efficient and timely
• Coordinated & complementary
• Built in complaints mechanisms

Core Humanitarian Standards
What is important:

Impact, Evidence & Scale

Esime & Esnart 780,000 farmers engaged in Climate Smart Agriculture across 19 countries
Focus on Democratic Republic of Congo

- 5.2 million internally displaced persons
- The worse food security crisis in the world ever recorded (currently 27 million people).
- COVID-19 compounding poverty and vulnerability
- 3.4M children under five suffering from acute malnutrition and rising every day
Concern: Longer-term planning with resourced, responsive mechanisms

- **Dedicated funding** for emergency response, contingency budgets in all projects

- **Adding value** - Cash, WASH, Nutrition, Livelihoods, Gender & Protection

- **Investments** in staff, tools, local resources for rapid responses

- **Emergency Plus** - beyond immediate needs-to prevention and resilience

- **Coordinating & Partnership** - Humanitarian Country Team, Rapid Response partners, private sector
Afghanistan – Largest ever CHE ($5.23bn)

- Regional crisis - **22m** (inc. 3.4m IDPs) in-country and **5.7m refugees** in need of urgent assistance.
- Drought/food insecurity (**98% hungry, 22m**, more than half population, facing crisis levels).
- Malnutrition (**1m children** at risk)
- Poverty (**98%** projected by mid-2022)
- Collapsing health and education systems
- Multiple intersectional, compounded vulnerabilities
- Long-term funding has been frozen
- **Mitigation, recovery and resilience programming needed (and possible)** in addition to life-saving interventions
  - E.g., Strengthening health systems and staff, restoring resilient livelihoods, water rehabilitation

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Does it make a difference?

- Complex emergencies is where most of the protracted humanitarian needs are.
- Humanitarian action helps millions of individuals every year.
- Humanitarian action can not “fix” or solve a conflict.
Ukraine – Statistics Feb. 24 to March 9

- 1,424 civilian casualties, including 516 killed (OHCHR)
- 12 million people in need: 30% of the population (UNOCHA)
- Two million people have left the country (majority women and children). One million displaced within Ukraine (UNHCR).
- Most at-risk: older adults, people with disabilities, LGBTQI+ community, foreign nationals.

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Next Steps and Actions

- Complex but the same.
- Use the existing resources.
- Change is incremental but visible.
- Humanitarian imperative.

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CDP Resources

- Detailed Issue Insights.
- Regularly updated Disaster Profiles.
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