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Ireland's Response to Major Emergencies Abroad

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OUR GOAL

Enhancing Ireland's contribution to the overall capacity for effective and efficient emergency response to sudden onset, protracted and forgotten humanitarian crises.

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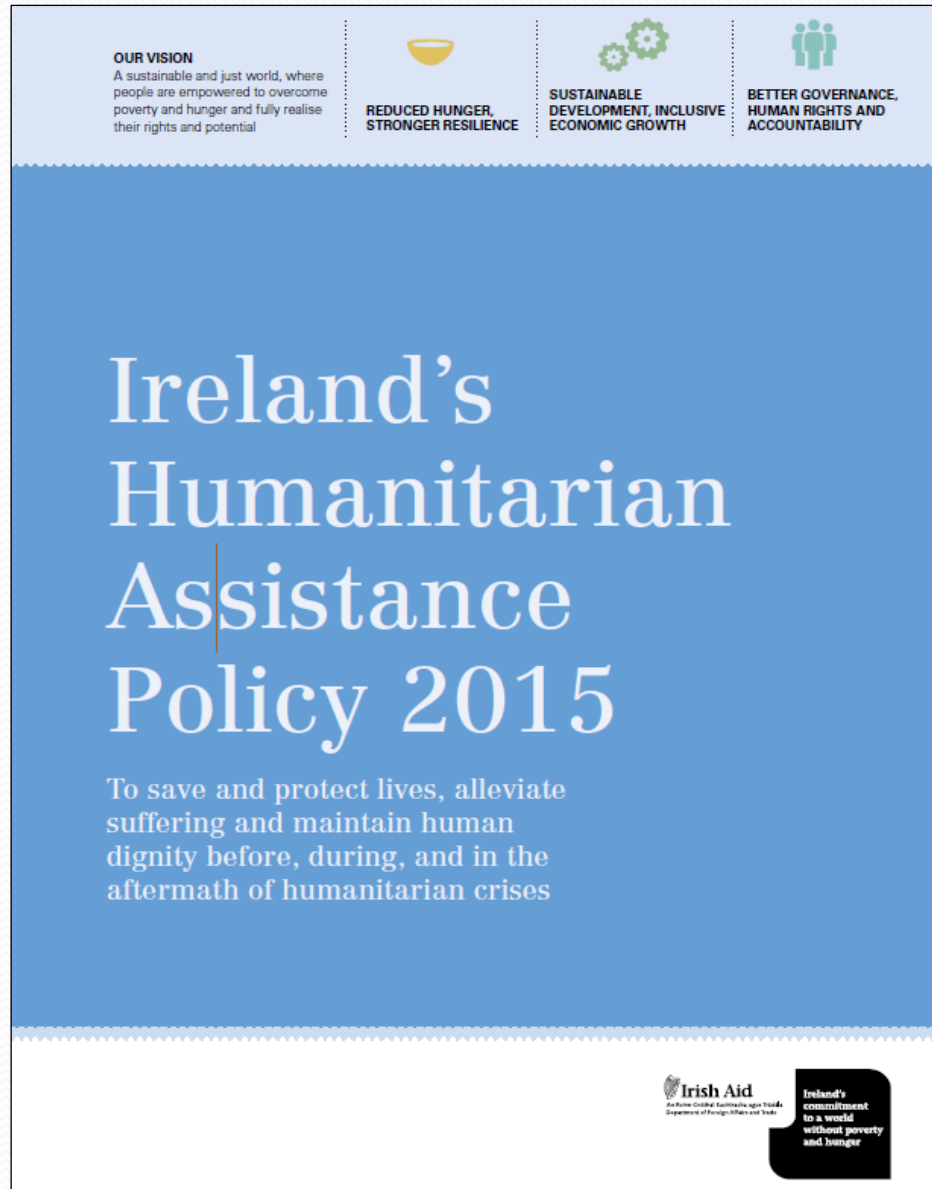
A Platform for Humanitarian Partnership

Implications of OWOF



- Recognise **poverty is multidimensional** and changes over time.
- Commits Ireland to maintaining a strong focus on the **immediate well-being of the poorest (humanitarian work)**, as well as addressing the structural factors that cause and perpetuate their poverty (**longer term development work and resilience**).

Humanitarian Assistance Policy (2015)



Policy goal

To save and protect lives, alleviate suffering, and maintain human dignity during and in the immediate aftermath of humanitarian crises.

Humanitarian Assistance Policy (2015)

Guiding Principles

- Providing humanitarian assistance **based on need** and need alone
- Putting **affected people at the centre** of humanitarian action
- The primary responsibility of the **affected State**.
- Advocating for the **humanitarian principles**: humanity, neutrality, impartiality and independence
- Promoting respect for **International Humanitarian Law**, Refugee Law and Human Rights Law
- **Protecting women and girls** in emergencies
- **Prioritising forgotten and underfunded crises**
- Assisting those who are **vulnerable and hard to reach**
- Building **community resilience**
- **Partnering** with the UN, Red Cross and Non-Governmental Organisations
- Deploying humanitarian personnel and emergency supplies through our **Rapid Response Initiative**

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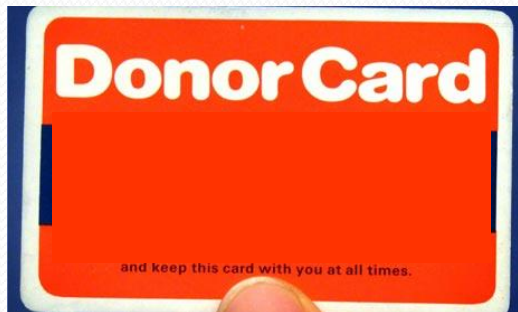
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HDI

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We Work in Partnership with....



In 2003 a number of donor governments created the Good Humanitarian Donorship (GHD) initiative to work towards achieving efficient and principled humanitarian assistance.

National and international NGOs represent a key group within the humanitarian community, particularly in implementing relief operations on the ground.



Relevant Authorities of Affected States have Primary responsibility for humanitarian response.



Local capacities save lives in the first vital hours and days



The United Nations (UN), specifically the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), also has a particular role in the coordination of international humanitarian assistance on the ground.



The Red Cross Movement operates with the primary objective of preventing and alleviating human suffering and protecting human dignity.



Ireland is guided by the principles enshrined in the European Consensus on Humanitarian Aid and is committed to its implementation in cooperation with partners.

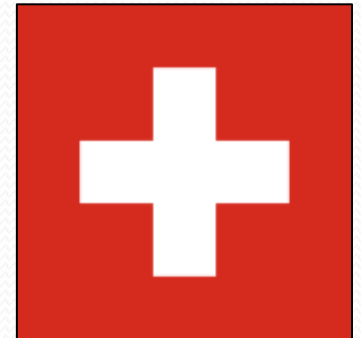
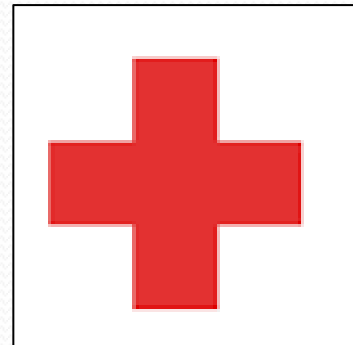
UN & Red Cross Funding

United Nations

- Core funding to UN Agencies (OCHA, UNICEF, WFP, UNHCR)
- Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)
- Country-based pooled funds
- Agency funding for appeals

Red Cross

- ICRC
- IFRC
- Irish Red Cross



NGO Funding Mechanisms

Humanitarian Programme Plan (HPP)

- Designed to address acute humanitarian needs in situations of **protracted** and **predictable** crises (e.g. DRC, South Sudan, Somalia)

Emergency Response Fund Scheme (ERFS)

- Designed to enable trusted NGO partners to respond quickly and appropriately to **sudden onset** humanitarian crises or **spikes in protracted crises**.

Call for Proposals (CfP)

- Designed for **sudden onset or major crises**

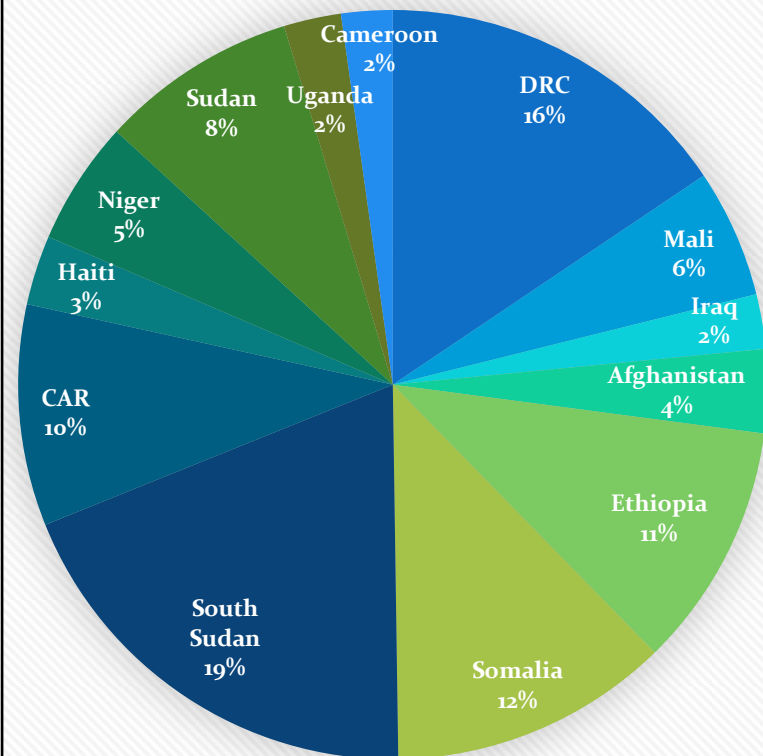
Strategic Partnerships with Specialised NGOs

- Mine action and GBV in emergencies

Start Fund

- Multi-donor peer-managed pooled fund for NGOs to quickly respond to **'under the radar'** emergencies

Breakdown of 2015 HPP
Funding by Country



Rapid Response Initiative

Stockpiling

- Sending in critical emergency supplies from UN depots around the world

Rapid Response Corps

- Deploying highly-skilled personnel to our UN Stand-by Partners as surge capacity



RRC Deployments by Country:

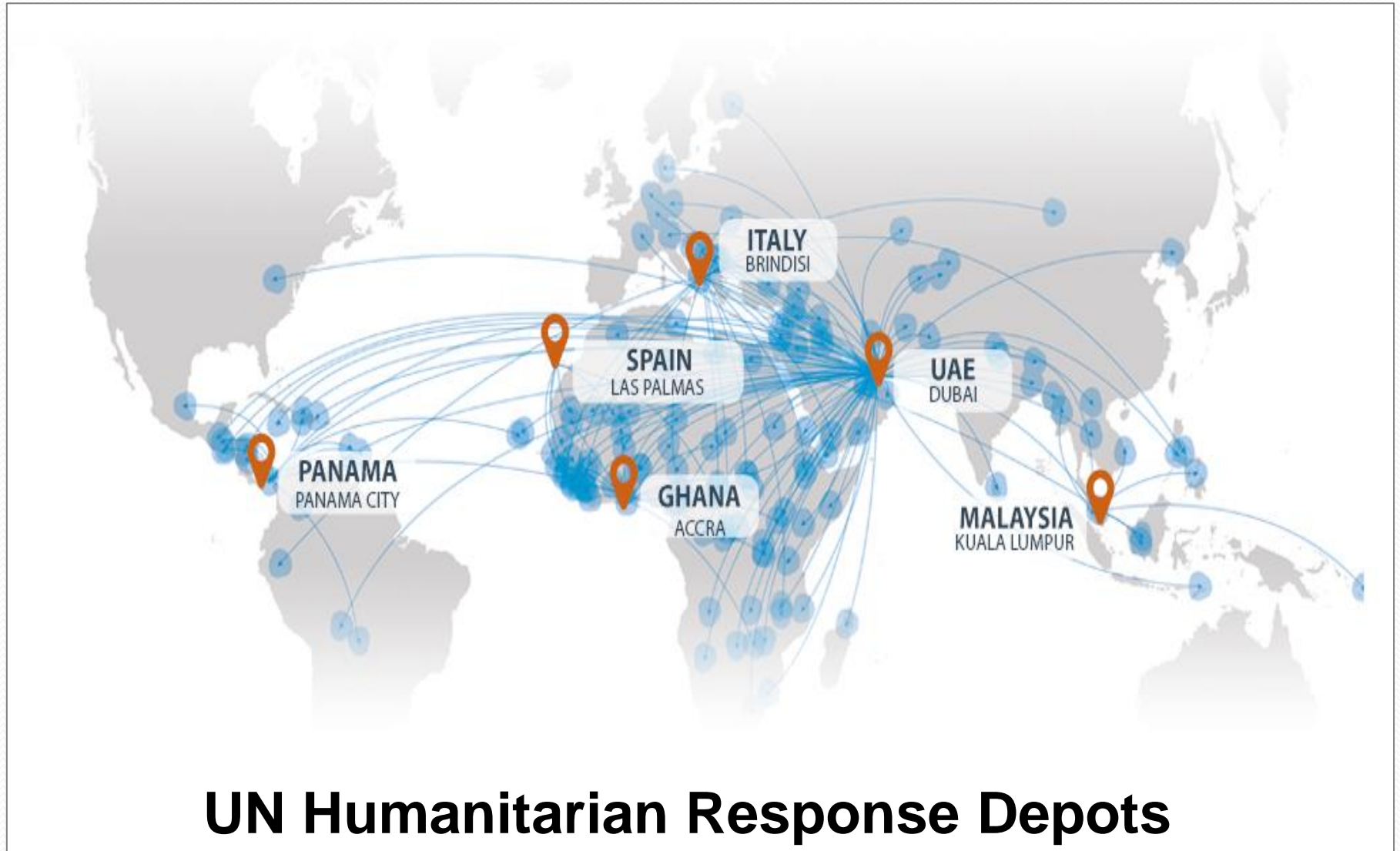


Rapid Response Corps member, Peter Cooney visiting a camp for internally displaced persons in Maiduguri, Nigeria in his role with the UN Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) as Civil Military Coordination Officer **Photo: © Peter Cooney**

Ethiopia: 31	Afghanistan: 5
Sudan: 25	Malawi: 5
Somalia: 23	Iraq: 5
South Sudan: 21	Uganda: 6
Haiti: 19	Sierra Leone 4
Jordan: 20	Greece: 4
Kenya: 17	CAR: 4
Philippines: 12	Cameroon: 3
Lebanon: 13	Chad: 3
DRC: 11	Myanmar: 3
Ghana: 9	Mali:3
Nepal: 8	Senegal: 3
Sri Lanka: 5	Turkey: 4
Nigeria: 7	Pakistan: 3
Other countries:41	

**317 deployments to 52 Countries
from 2007 to date [01/11/16]**

Humanitarian Stockpiling





| UNHRD *Humanitarian Response Depot*

**We pre-position
relief supplies for
55,000 beneficiaries
in 5 UNHRD Hubs**

**When fully stocked, our
relief supplies have a
total value of over €2
million**

Ireland's Humanitarian Relief Supplies

- **Non-Food Items (NFIs)**

- ✓ Tents, *Tarps*, Rope
- ✓ *Blankets*, Soap, Kitchen Sets,
- ✓ Water Bladders, Jerry Cans,
- ✓ Latrines, Spades, Pick Axes
- ✓ Mosquito Nets
- ✓ *Family Hygiene & Dignity Kits*
- ✓ *Shelter Kits*
- ✓ *Solar Lamps*

***Over 1,500 tonnes
dispatched into
crises since 2012***



Ireland's humanitarian response....

- **Haiti (Hurricane Matthew Oct 2016)**
 - Over **€1.6 m** provided to NGO's (for shelter & reconstruction) and **€310k** provided for much needed emergency stocks
- **South Sudan (2013-2016)**
 - Over **€27 m** in humanitarian assistance to the South Sudan crisis (since the outbreak of the conflict in Dec 2013)
- **Syria**
 - **€62 m** (since 2012) our largest response to a single crisis in recent years

UNDAC

UNDAC (Disaster and Coordination Assessment)

- International emergency response system for sudden-onset emergency
- Designed to assist UN and Governments of a disaster-affected country in meeting needs for early assessment and coordination – damage assessment, co-ord. of humanitarian response
- Ireland's role



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