

Central Emergency Response Fund

	Rapid Response	Underfunded Emergencies
Purpose	To promote early action and response to reduce loss of life; and to enhance response to time critical humanitarian requirements	To even out funding disparities between emergencies; and to fill critical gaps in humanitarian programming
Amount available	2/3 of available funds (approximately \$300 million per year)	1/3 of available funds (approximately \$150 million per year)
Eligible situations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a sudden onset emergency; or a rapid deterioration of an existing crisis; or a time critical intervention 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> long-standing humanitarian operation; and demonstrated low levels of funding
Application process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications may be submitted at any time during the year. The RC/HC leads a discussion with the humanitarian country team on needs and priorities. A concept note drafted and shared with CERF secretariat for guidance (optional). Agencies or clusters draft proposals based on HCT agreed priorities. The RC/HC submits the integrated application to the ERC. The CERF secretariat reviews the request. The ERC makes the final decision. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allocations are made in two rounds each year. CERF secretariat leads analysis and consultations to identify underfunded emergencies. The ERC selects countries and decides on amounts. The RC/HC leads the prioritization process and in consultation with HCT or cluster leads, apportions funds. Agencies or clusters draft proposals based on agreed priorities. The RC/HC submits the application to the ERC. The CERF secretariat reviews the request. The ERC makes the final decision.
Implementation timeframe	6 months	Approximately 9 months
Allocation amount	The CERF should jumpstart an operation but should not be a primary funding source and cannot fund 100%. (approximately 10% of new needs)	Available funds are apportioned to selected countries based on projected funding gaps. (ranging from \$2-20 million)