### What are country-based pooled funds (CBPFs)?

Country-based pooled funds (CBPFs) are multi-donor emergency funds that operate in countries affected by humanitarian crises. CBPFs are managed by OCHA under the leadership of the Humanitarian Coordinator, the UN official in charge of leading and coordinating assistance in a country experiencing an emergency.

### How do CBPFs work?

CBPFs are established when a new emergency occurs or when an existing humanitarian situation worsens in degree and complexity. CBPFs receive contributions from donors - mainly governments, but also from the foundations, corporations and private individuals. Resources are pooled and un-earmarked, empowering donors both big and small to support humanitarian organizations in providing life-saving aid to those who need it most.

### How are funds allocated?

CBPFs provide funding to the most critical humanitarian priorities based on expert advice from aid workers and agreed planning strategies. Funding decisions are made on the ground, allowing CBPFs to respond to evolving needs and to address critical gaps not covered by other humanitarian funding. This enables the humanitarian community to better reach the most vulnerable and to use available resources more effectively and efficiently.

### What are the main advantages of CBPFs?

- **CBPFs are inclusive and promote partnership.** A wide range of relief partners with extensive experience in delivering humanitarian aid can access CBPF funding, including national and local aid organizations. These smaller partners often have better local knowledge and access to hard-to-reach areas.

- **CBPFs are timely and flexible.** CBPFs can adapt rapidly to volatile emergency situations. They provide relief partners with timely and flexible funding in fluid contexts to meet needs and gaps not covered by other funding sources.

- **CBPFs are efficient and accountable.** CBPFs minimize donor transaction costs while operating in a transparent and accountable manner. A risk-based management approach ensures aid organizations receiving funds are thoroughly assessed, relief projects are monitored, with regular reporting on impact, achievements and how funds have been spent.

### How to support CBPFs

CBPFs are a result of OCHA’s quest for innovative solutions to better serve disaster-affected communities. For more information on CBPFs and how you can contribute, please contact OCHA Donor Relations Section at ocha.donor.relations@un.org.