

International humanitarian assistance from bilateral donors has doubled in the past decade. In 2015, bilateral donors contributed a record amount for humanitarian aid, totaling US\$ 21.8 billion, representing an increase of 11% since 2014.

Bilateral donors remain strong supporters of NGOs, providing over US\$ 3.2 billion to NGOs in 2014 for humanitarian action and protection.

OVERALL BILATERAL FINANCING FLOWS

According to the [2016 GHA report](#), in 2015, over 97% of humanitarian funding from bilateral donors came from just 20 donors based predominantly in Europe and North America. In recent years however, support from governments in the Middle East has risen significantly, with an increase of 500% since 2011, primarily directed towards humanitarian action in the Middle East.

Many governments are also signatories to the Grand bargain on the humanitarian financing, committing to making humanitarian funding more efficient and effective. (See topic Six, The Grand Bargain: Implications for NGOs)

DONOR SNAPSHOTS: NGO access to the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (US Government)

The US Government’s Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM) is focused on support towards refugees and those forcibly displaced. PRM funding provides financial assistance, build partnerships, promotes best practices in humanitarian response and ensures U.S. foreign and national security policy considers humanitarian principles.

WHAT DOES PRM FUND?

PRM funds initiatives focused on: Protection, Health, Mental health and psychosocial programs, Water sanitation and Hygiene, Education, livelihoods and Shelter.

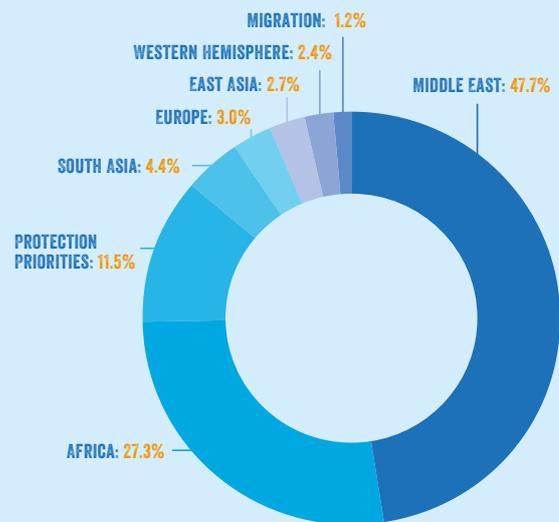
Based on the capacity of the NGO or the specific funding call, an NGO funded program could be singular or multi-sectoral.

For NGOs, PRM funds initiatives where the target population is at least 50% refugees. Depending on the specific funding call, there are instances where assistance for IDPs may also be included.

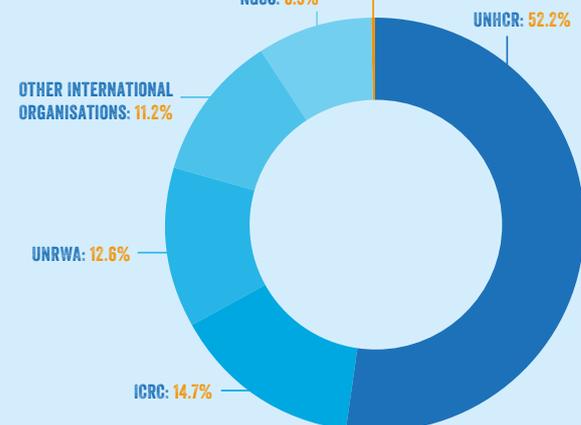
Access PRM’s [General NGO Guidelines](#) for more details.

WHERE?

The vast majority of PRM funding in 2016 was directed towards Middle East and Africa, including



WHO WITH?



Can my NGO access PRM funding?

Any NGO — international, national, or local NGO, is eligible for PRM direct funding.

What processes must NGOs follow?

- **Step 1: Obtain an [NCAGE code](#):** Especially for NGOs not based in the US, this may take several months to finalise.
- **Step 2: Register for a [DUNS number](#):** Which provides specific Tax identification numbers for NGOs applying for U.S government funding.
- **Step 3: Register with the [System for Award Management \(SAM\)](#):** This US government wide system takes at least two weeks for processing — and likely longer for NGOs not based within the U.S.
- **Step 4: Ensure your **Authorized Organization Representative (AOR)** registers on [Grants.gov](#)**
Receive your AOR Authorization and track the status of your registration.

NGO tips:

- Before applying for PRM funding, complete all the above steps.
- Sign up for both [Grants.gov](#) and PRM's email LISTSERV to access new funding opportunities.
- NGOs outside US must start the registration process much earlier to ensure all the necessary registration processes have been completed.

Helpful links and resources:

- [PRM NGO Guidelines, Applicant resources](#) and NGO coordinator (PRMNGOCoordinator@state.gov)
- [NCAGE step by step guide](#) & contacts
- [SAM.gov applicant resources](#) & technical support
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NOTE:

- PRM focus primarily on refugees, migrants and victims of conflict. OFDA (The Office of U.S Foreign Disaster Assistance), focuses support primarily on response to natural and human caused disasters.
- PRM makes a significant amount of money available to US embassies in countries which NGOs can access funding to support refugees and asylum seekers.

THE DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR EUROPEAN CIVIL PROTECTION AND HUMANITARIAN AID OPERATIONS (DG-ECHO)

ECHO's engagement in humanitarian assistance aims to help the most vulnerable affected by natural and man-made disasters, with a focus on food, shelter, health, WASH, Nutrition, Protection and Disaster Preparedness.

Who does ECHO partner with?

- International NGOs
- UN bodies
- IOs (ICRC, IFRC, IOM)

How to become an ECHO partner?

For NGOs, pre — selection criteria for ECHO partnership includes:

- NGO has been registered for at least 3 years in an EU Member State or in a country member of the European Economic Area.
- No records of bankruptcy, fraud or corruption, with a minimum turnover in humanitarian action EUR€ 200,000 each year for the last three years.
- Adherence to humanitarian principles.
- Commitments to grant right of access.
- Visibility commitments with the beneficiaries and European citizens.
- The organization can suitably demonstrate capacity in the following fields:
 - Administrative (e.g.: organization, planning, staff and anti-Fraud and Corruption policies)
 - Logistical (e.g.: complies with a set of internationally recognized standards and principles e.g Sphere standards)
 - Technical (e.g.: processes on needs assessments, selection of projects, progress reporting, evaluations and respect the procurements principles)

Where to find out more?

- To access general information on ECHO's Framework Partnership Agreement (from partnership development right through to final reports and audits), access ECHO's [Partnership Help Desk](#)
- For legal supporting documentation and other references: [visit here](#)
- For details about the financing decisions and ECHO's Humanitarian Implementation Plans: [visit here](#)

Partnering with ECHO: NGO tips, lessons and recommendations

DON'T FORGET:

- NGOs need to be EU-based with experience in humanitarian action.
- The registration process may take between six months to one year.
- Once you have your FPA to partner with ECHO, you need to submit your proposal — which is a very competitive process.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Establish a dialogue with ECHO as early as possible when planning to submit a project proposal — engage directly with ECHO representative in the field. (called a technical assistant)
- Stay up to date with the various field consultations and policy processes in Brussels.
- Contact the [ECHO partnership help desk](#) — a very useful resource.
- ECHO occasionally provides training on the FPA, access the partnership help desk and try to join a training session
- Engage with the FPA watch group: An ongoing consultation process between ECHO and its NGO partners. The watch group represents the views of all ECHO NGO partners, to monitoring current and potential future FPAs.

LEARN MORE: Visit www.icvanetwork.org for the webinar, video, further information and references.

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