The SRF and its potential as a pooled fund

*Accelerating the localisation of aid in emergencies*

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The SRF, a regional humanitarian fund governed by NGOs and hosted by DRC

Key objectives to support the implementation of more efficient response models

1. Quality Funding
   ✓ Predictable, flexible, and multi-year funding
   ✓ Simplified reporting requirements

2. Localisation
   ✓ Increase funding directly accessible to N/LNGO
   ✓ Capacity sharing with N/LNGO through mutualization of efforts of SRF partners & FMU
   ✓ Localisation strategy co-design with national actors/national platforms
SRF programmatic strategic ambition

**SRF Principles & Strategic priorities are detailed in the SRF Charter & SRF Strategic framework**

- **Putting people and protection at the centre** through integrated multisector approach and increased accountability toward affected population.
- **Scaling up humanitarian operation in cost effective way** & supporting program adaptation.
- **Striving for humanitarian access in Hard-to-reach areas**.
- **Adapting response to climate change and environmental degradation**.
- **Designed to support and reinforce principled humanitarian action**.
- **Coordination and partnerships**: engaging with local stakeholders, first responders, endogenous system and other development and peacebuilding actors at area level = nexus.
- **Supporting Action research & Advocacy**.
SRF added value

Funding strategy

- Multiyear funding
- Regional approach
- Alignment with humanitarian needs and priorities identified in Humanitarian Response Plans
- Equitable & strategic partnerships with fair distribution of overheads to N/LNGO
- Investment in operational research projects

Governance system

- Greater say for NGOs
- Inclusive governance

Programmatic strategy

- Needs-based, people centered, integrated multisector assistance through multi-country consortia
- Evidence-based and innovative approaches
- Capacity to monitor, evaluate and document
- Adaptive to changes in context and to learnings
- Potential to influence practices, policies and broader response
- Localisation as cross cutting theme
The composition of the SRF Governance Board:

- Ensures a **representation** of INGO, donors, local organisations and independent observer(s)
- Prevents **Conflict of interest**
- Promotes **collective governance**
- Aims to reach **equality between INGO/NNGO** in next board rotation

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- **SRF Host**
- **SRF Donors**
- **INdependant observer(s)**
- **5 INGOs**
- **3 National NGOs**
Key figures & Timeline

Allocations of Funds (34M £)

- Integrated multisector humanitarian projects 78.6%
- Localized RRM 8.5%
- Operational Research 2.3%
- ICVA 1.0%
- DRC Overhead on the 3 Pillars 1.1%
- FMU 8.5%

Recipient of available funds

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Allocated Funds

- Signed Funds 69%
- Funds in negotiation 29%
- Funds to be allocated 2%

- Call for proposal (Nov 3rd – Dec 4th)
- Proposal revision following FMU feedback
- SRF Board approval of selection (Dec 16th)
- Second batch of Grant agreement signed + Transfer of funds
- First batch of Grant agreement signed + Transfer of funds
SRF Funding allocation strategy *(Séverine -5mn)*

3 mutually reinforcing pillars toward localisation

### Development Phase (2024-2027)

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| 2      | NNGO Consortia       | 1. Co-development localisation strategy with NGO
2. Simplified call for proposal to NNGOs followed by project co-design phase |                       |               |               |               |               |
| 3      | Catalytic window     | 1. Operational research
2. Strengthening coordination synergy at national/regional level between NGOs |                       |               |               |               |               |

**Key messages from SRF national partners/platforms:**
- N/LNGO have different capacity, willingness to professionalize their organisations & stressed their concerns to be exposed to losses due to complex donor requirements and complex operational reality they are facing.
- Some N/LNGO will prefer to continue to work under INGO led consortia or with INGO as sub grantee
- Amount allocated to the various funding window must be tied to risks & performance = SRF board decision
SRF knowledge sharing

SRF potential to influence practices, policies and broader response

• Development of a participative localisation strategy
• ICVA led consultancy to assess the governance and operational model of the NGO-hosted funds
• Explore cross cutting priorities with OCHA RhPF for collective learning
• Form evidence of higher quality (outcome level change), better VfM and how flexibility funding strengthen AAP
• Engage in risk sharing discussion with our donors to build acceptable risk sharing model for the SRF

Risk management approach in the aid sector should not focus on identifying risk to single organisations, but rather considering risk to the humanitarian response as a whole.
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Next SRF event: UN State members brief in Geneva planned after summer break