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Following the COHAFA Directors meeting of 18 October, delegations will find in Annex presentation made by Voluntary Organisations in Cooperation in Emergencies (VOICE)⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾.

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Exchange with COHAFA on
“Humanitarian financing”

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➤ VOICE represents 87 European NGOs from 19 European countries implementing principled humanitarian aid worldwide.

➤ VOICE is the main NGO interlocutor with the European Union on emergency aid and promotes the values of humanitarian NGOs.





The Global humanitarian context



- **309 million people** in need in 2022 (35 million more than at the end of 2021) ([GHO 2022](#))
 - The number of conflicts has more than doubled in the decade to 2020 ([SOHR](#))
 - The number of climate-related disasters has increased year after year since 2018
 - The number of people facing acute food insecurity rose to 161 million in 2021
 - The conflict in Ukraine has further increased global food, fuel, and fertilizer prices and has the potential to contribute to food shortages in 2023 and beyond ([GHI 2022](#))
- **\$50 billion** is needed to assist 209 million of the 309 million people
 - In 2021, [54% of needs](#) were covered - in September 2022 only **37%**
 - Neglected crises such as Syria (in its eleventh year of conflict), Yemen (seven years), the Horn of Africa, and Afghanistan, have significantly underfunded appeals



Humanitarian Funding: quantity



- **Context:**
 - In 2021, the EU alone accounted for [11% of the global humanitarian funding](#)
 - Only two Member States (out of 27) are among the top 10 global humanitarian donors
 - No reliable data on some EU MS' contributions to ODA, especially on the humanitarian share
- **Opportunities**
 - Inside the EU: Ongoing negotiation on the EU annual humanitarian budget 2023
 - Outside the EU: Discussions on how to expand the donors' base
 - The next European Humanitarian Forum: March 2023



Recommendations to Member States on addressing the funding gap



- Provide reliable **data** on their contribution to ODA, especially on its humanitarian share of it
- Ensure that the **speed and scale of funding** provided to Ukraine is replicated for all humanitarian crises worldwide, current, and future
- Support the humanitarian NGOs' call on the **EU annual Budget 2023** to:
 - increase the humanitarian aid budget line to €2.5 billion
 - ensure funds from the Solidarity and Emergency Aid Reserve (SEAR) are additional to the current humanitarian aid budget line
 - and can be mobilised for humanitarian crises outside the EU throughout the whole financial year
- Use the next **EHF** as a key opportunity to agree on specific outcomes to address the record level of humanitarian needs



Humanitarian Funding: quality



- **Context:**
 - The world is constantly changing, and humanitarian actors need to adapt accordingly
 - Need for predictable, flexible, and multi-year funding to ensure timely and needs-based support to all people in need
- **Opportunities:**
 - Grand Bargain 2.0 commitments on quality funding
 - ❖ DG ECHO programmatic partnerships – lesson learned – moving from pilots to standard procedures
 - Disaster Risk Reduction & Anticipatory Action
 - Flexible and multi-year funding to support the implementation of a nexus approach



Recommendations to Member States on enhancing quality funding:



- Further share **good practices on quality funding**, in collaboration with NGOs
- **Recognise multi-year funding** as the preferred modality for protracted crises
- Use the **8+3 template** to ease the reporting burden
- Recognise the **key role that NGOs** can play in ensuring rapid disbursement and quality programming
- Increase funding for **DRR and emergency preparedness**, especially in fragile contexts (climate financing)
- Adapt financial framework and tools to support the implementation of a **nexus approach**



Thank you!

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