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- presentation by VOICE

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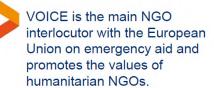
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- 309 million people in need in 2022 (35 million more than at the end of 2021) (GHO 2022)
 - The number of <u>conflicts</u> has more than doubled in the decade to 2020 (<u>SOHR</u>)
 - o The number of climate-related disasters has increased year after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

- o Grand Bargain 2.0 commitments on quality funding
 - DG ECHO programmatic partnerships lesson learned moving from pilots to standard procedures
- o 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







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