



HIGHLIGHTING FLEXIBLE FUNDING

At the bottom of the Funding Updates, there are two key sections.

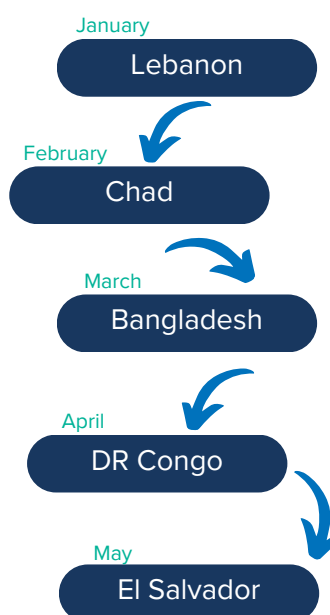
-  The "Unearmarked Contributions" section lists all donors providing \$10 million or more unearmarked.
-  The "Other Softly Earmarked Contributions" section lists donors who have provided softly earmarked funds of \$2 million or more, not included in the Contributions table. The donors and amounts listed vary by operation, as they reflect the specific earmarking of each contribution - whether sub-regional, regional, thematic, or situation-based.

HOW DOES THE UNHCR BUDGET CYCLE WORK?

UNHCR programs its activities a year in advance, using a comprehensive needs assessment. This process results in country programmes, a share of which is prioritised. This share is limited to the spending authority that the High Commissioner extends to country representatives based on an estimate made by the Division of External Relations of future income. By taking this decision, the High Commissioner provides country operations with the flexibility to allocate resources beyond UNHCR's currently available funds, ensuring responsiveness to critical needs.

As **UNHCR relies almost entirely on voluntary contributions** to fund operations, global programmes and headquarters, UNHCR works hard to raise these funds and flexible funds are critical to this process as they allow us to kick-start emergency responses, to bolster underfunded operations, and to implement global programmes.

Flexible Funding allocations



Flexible funding is **allocated** and **reallocated multiple times during the year** and is critically important in allowing UNHCR to fund prioritized activities. As UNHCR manages funding at the programme level, it does not trace how individual unearmarked contributions are used, as that would be contrary to the principle of flexible funding. Rather, **UNHCR looks at the total unearmarked revenue as one pot and traces how the entire amount was used.** During the course of the year, actual and projected contributions, both earmarked and unearmarked, are tracked and allocated against approved spending authorities issued to each operation on a regular basis.



Additional resources

-  [Global funding overview 2024](#)
-  [Flexible funding dashboard](#)
-  [Contribution dashboard](#)
-  [Flexible funding in 2024](#)
-  [Flexible funding report 2023](#)



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