

# THE ESSENTIAL WORK OF OCHA

## THE UN OFFICE FOR THE COORDINATION OF HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS

Every year, OCHA's global workforce of 2,470 brings together expertise in crisis response and preparedness, civil-military coordination, access negotiations and emergency fund management to deliver humanitarian assistance worldwide. With the ability to enter vulnerable locations that may be difficult for the U.S. to reach, OCHA is on the ground or deploys as soon as emergencies strike, helping prevent crises from expanding. Importantly, **nearly two-thirds of OCHA employees come from the regions in which they serve**, minimizing costs, increasing efficiency, improving community resilience and strengthening economies – all with robust oversight and accountability.

### Accountability

**OCHA prioritizes cost efficiency, transparency and accountability.** Following a 2000 UN resolution, it implemented regular evaluations to strengthen oversight. OCHA also ensures transparency through third-party monitoring, open-data initiatives and public reporting, which show where funds go and how they are used. These mechanisms help maximize impact and ensure aid reaches those in need.

### Recent Successes

In 2025, **OCHA helped 2,000 organizations narrow \$80 billion in funding requests down to \$45 billion**, focusing on urgent, high-impact programs.

Following the earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria, OCHA opened two border crossings for aid delivery in war-torn northwest Syria.

OCHA responded within 16 minutes of a 2024 flood alert in Bangladesh and cut response costs by 50%, helping half a million people protect their homes *before* waters rose.

### Funding

With approximately \$132 million in contributions to OCHA and its funds in 2024, the **U.S. is the organization's fifth largest donor**. As the UN's humanitarian coordination arm, OCHA aligns efforts, reduces duplication, and ensures resources reach those most in need – maximizing every taxpayer contribution and saving more lives. By guiding donors toward strategic priorities, OCHA ensures more effective and efficient relief.



**American support helps OCHA provide for 300 million people worldwide needing humanitarian assistance**

### A Proud U.S. Partner

- In 2024, **U.S. NGOs received \$90 million** from OCHA-managed funds for crisis response.
- In 2024, **13,500 Americans donated almost \$2 million** directly to OCHA-managed funds.
- **Nearly 100 Americans** work for OCHA.