



Financial Tracking Service Tutorial:
How to find data on humanitarian funding by
response plans and appeals

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INTRODUCTION

FTS tracks flows of humanitarian aid worldwide with a particular focus on response plans and appeals. For affected countries with an active humanitarian response plan or flash appeal, this means that there are two pages which may be relevant to you: the country page and the appeal page.

The former summarizes and provides access to all humanitarian funding to actors in the country, both within and outside of the scope of any response plan(s).

The appeal page focusses on the response plan, and adds coverage data by showing requirements, funding and gaps.

The following is worth keeping in mind:

- If you are looking for coverage data on a particular plan or part thereof, use the appeal page
- If you are looking for all funding to a given country, or a breakdown of what is 'inside' vs 'outside' the response plan/appeal, use the [country page](#)
- As response plan/appeal funding is a subset of country funding, filtering a view on a country page by a particular plan will give the same results as viewing the unfiltered view on the relevant response plan/appeal page.

HOW TO FIND DATA ON A RESPONSE PLANS AND APPEALS

Being a subset of the global humanitarian funding, as previously mentioned, the response plans and appeals page is placed under the “Reported funding” item in the menu bar.

Hover over “Reported funding” and select the “Response plans and appeals” item to access the related data.

The screenshot displays the Financial Tracking Service (fts) website interface. The top navigation bar includes the fts logo, the text 'Financial Tracking Service Tracking humanitarian aid flows', a search bar labeled 'Search FTS', and a 'Report' button. Below the navigation bar, the main menu is visible, with 'REPORTED FUNDING' highlighted. A dropdown menu is open under 'REPORTED FUNDING', listing several options: 'Overview', 'By affected country', 'By government donor', 'By pooled funds', and 'Response plans and appeals'. A blue arrow points from the text above to the 'Response plans and appeals' option. The background shows a map of the world with a yellow dot in Europe, and buttons for 'Where funds are from', 'Where funds are going', and 'Progress on appeals'.

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Questions? Learn more about the data

- Overview
- By affected country
- By government donor
- By pooled funds
- Response plans and appeals

RESPONSE PLANS AND APPEALS PAGE

The response plans and appeals page shows information on current funding situation and trends .

Select your year of interest before starting your data analysis by using the “Appeal year” selector.

All charts and data are downloadable; hover over a pane to make the download button appear.

As for all the data sets of the FTS website, the displayed figures are automatically updated once the reports have been verified and uploaded to the database.

For further analysis on these funding flows you can use the [custom data search](#).

The screenshot displays the 'Appeals and response plans 2016' page on the Financial Tracking Service website. At the top, there is a navigation menu with options like 'REPORT A CONTRIBUTION', 'REPORTED FUNDING', 'DATA SEARCH', 'IN FOCUS', and 'ABOUT FTS'. A search bar is located in the top right corner. Below the navigation, the page title 'Appeals and response plans 2016' is shown, followed by social media icons and a dropdown menu for 'Appeal year' set to '2016'. The main content area features a donut chart titled 'Response plans/appeal snapshot as at 16 January 2017' showing 58.2% funded. To the right of the chart are statistics: Total funded: US\$11.5bn, Total requirements: US\$19.7bn, Number of organizations with project requirements: 644, Number of organizations receiving contributions: 350, and Number of donor organizations contributing: 156. Below the chart is a 'Trends in response plan/appeal requirements' bar chart showing total funding from 2006 to 2016, with percentage labels for each year representing global appeal coverage. At the bottom, a 'Funding progress' table is visible.

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Afghanistan Flash Appeal: One million people on the move (September - December 2016)	152.1	60.3	39.6%
Burkina Faso 2016	90.5	50	55.3%

RESPONSE PLANS AND APPEALS: THE CONTENT - 1



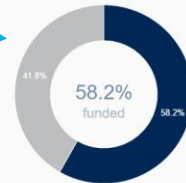
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Appeals and response plans 2016



Appeal year 2016

Response plan and appeal snapshot as at 16 January 2017



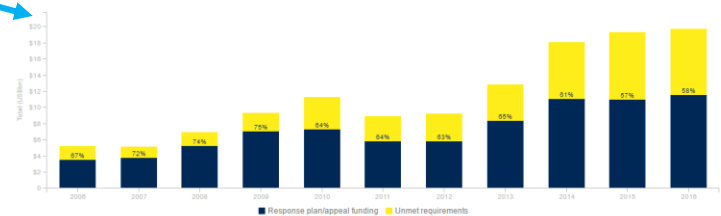
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The “Response plan and appeal” snapshot offers the picture of the current funding of response plans and appeals vs. requirements for the selected year.



The “Trends in response plan/appeal” requirements shows the funding and requirements level of the last 10 years.

Trends in response plan/appeal requirements



The percentage labels shown in each bar represent the global appeal coverage for each year. Amounts shown in the latest year (far right bar) are figures for the year to date.

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RESPONSE PLANS AND APPEALS: THE CONTENT - 2

The “Funding progress” table shows the amount of the current funding of response plans and appeals vs. requirements for the selected year. Click on the plan/appeal name to see its specific page.

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Burundi 2016	62.3	61.7	99%
Cameroon 2016	236.9	159.3	67.2%
Central African Republic 2016	531.5	196	36.9%

(Go to page 9 for the description of the specific response plan/appeal page)

The “Largest sources of response plans/appeal funding” table shows the 10 largest source organizations, sorted by overall funding to response plan/appeal. Click on the government donor name to see its specific page.

Largest sources of response plan/appeal funding		
	Overall funding to response plans/appeals in year (US\$m)	As a share of total response plan/appeal funding (%)
United States of America, Government of	3,385.3	29.4%
Germany, Government of	1,678	14.6%
European Commission	1,393.4	12.1%
United Kingdom, Government of	1,142.9	9.9%
Japan, Government of	470.7	4.1%

The “Largest organizational recipients of response plan/appeal funding” table shows the 10 largest recipient organizations, sorted by received funding.

Largest organizational recipients of response plan/appeal funding	
Recipient organization	Funding received (US\$m)
World Food Programme	3,504.9
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	1,948.4
United Nations Children's Fund	1,644.9
International Organization for Migration	401.1
United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East	384
Norwegian Refugee Council	232.9
World Health Organization	214.3

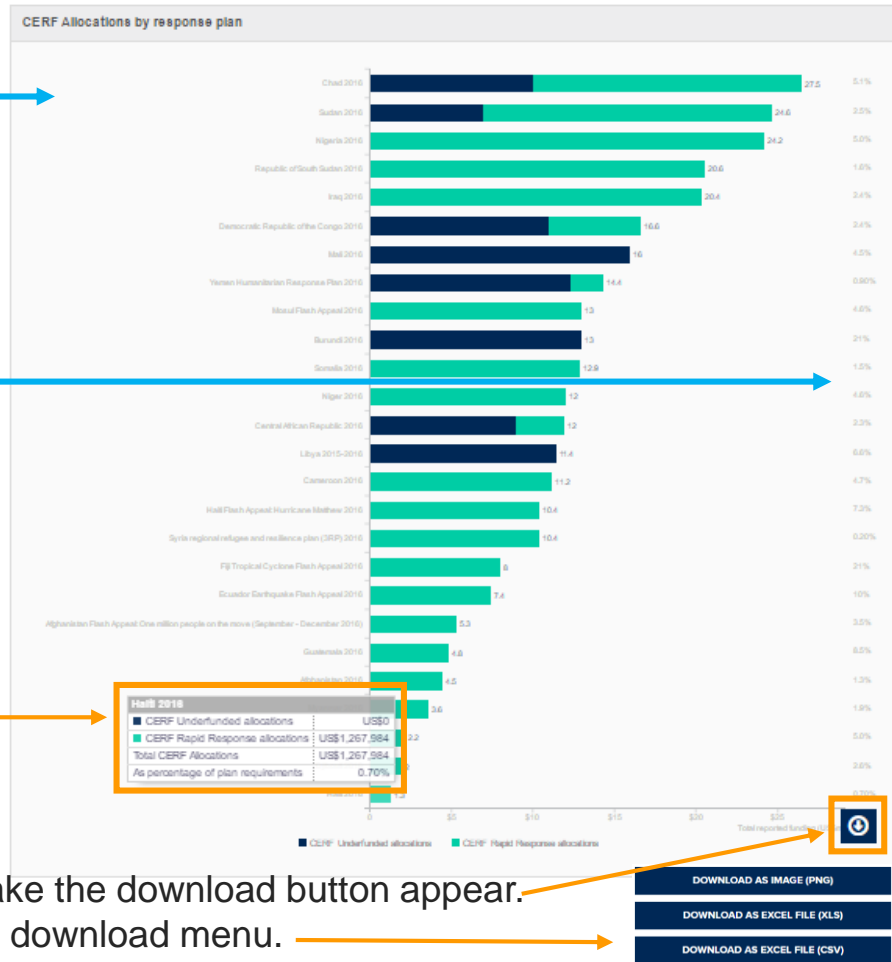
RESPONSE PLANS AND APPEALS: THE CONTENT - 3

The “CERF allocations by response plan” chart shows the funding to response plans and appeals by CERF for the selected year.

The column at right gives for each plan the percentage of requirements covered by CERF allocations

TIP 1: hover over bars in the charts to make additional information (when available) appear.

TIP 2: hover over the pane to make the download button appear. Click on the button to display the download menu.



RESPONSE PLAN AND APPEAL-SPECIFIC PAGE

Let's assume that we are interested in the Afghanistan 2016 appeal.

The page opens on its summary tab, which presents data of the selected plan/appeal (see page 7 for reference), and gives you an overview of the funding status through a series of charts.

The "Data" tab allows you to look more closely to data details.

The side bar displays the links to the country page and to all the related appeals.

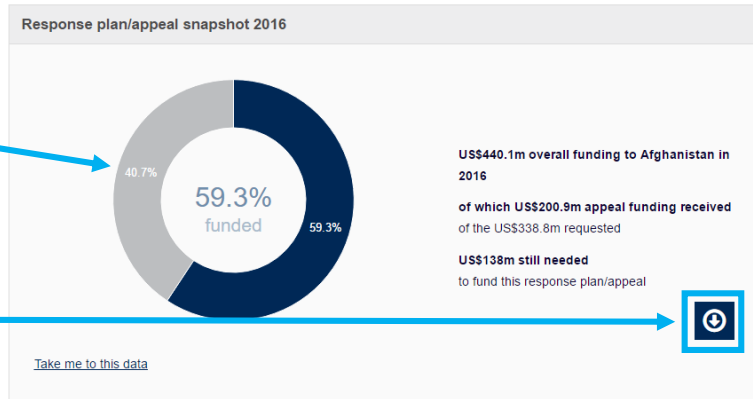
The next pages explain in detail which data these two tabs report.

The screenshot displays the 'Afghanistan 2016 (Humanitarian response plan)' page on the Financial Tracking Service website. The page includes a navigation menu with options like 'REPORT A CONTRIBUTION', 'REPORTED FUNDING', 'DATA SEARCH', 'IN FOCUS', and 'ABOUT FTS'. A search bar is located at the top right. The main content area shows a 'Response plan/appeal snapshot 2016' with a donut chart indicating that 59.3% of the funding is 'funded'. Text next to the chart states: 'US\$440.1m overall funding to Afghanistan in 2016 of which US\$200.9m appeal funding received of the US\$338.8m requested. US\$138m still needed to fund this response plan/appeal'. Below this is a 'Trends in response plan/appeal requirements' bar chart showing funding trends from 2004 to 2016. A side bar on the right contains 'Related countries' (Afghanistan) and 'Response plans' (a list of various appeals from 2002 to 2017). A blue arrow points from the 'Data' tab in the navigation menu to the 'Trends in response plan/appeal requirements' chart.

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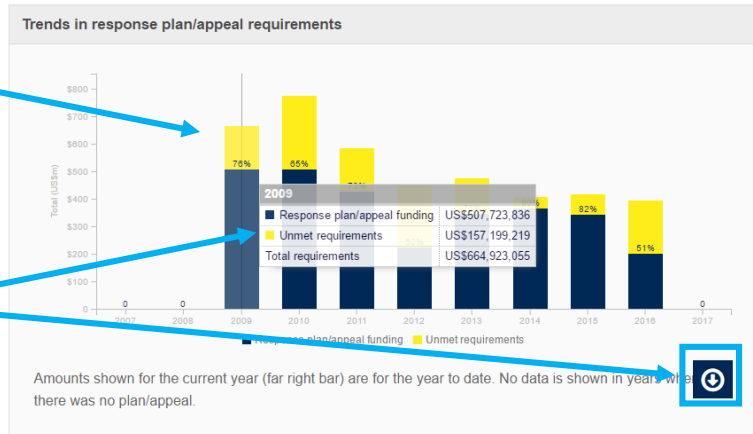
The “Response plan/appeal snapshot” reports the funding status of the selected appeal/plan (requirement vs. coverage), Afghanistan 2016 in this case.

Hover over the pane to make the download button appear.



The “Trends in plan/appeal requirements” chart shows the funding trend of the selected appeal/plan (requirement vs. coverage), in the last 10 years.

Hover over the graph to make the download button and the details appear.



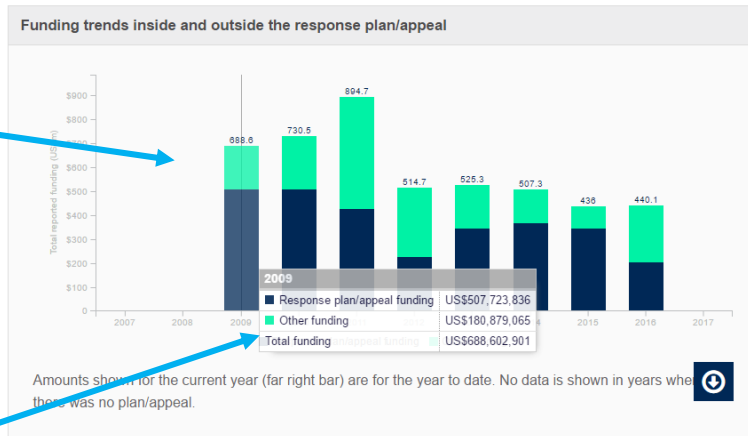
RESPONSE PLAN AND APPEAL-SPECIFIC PAGE: SUMMARY TAB - 2

The “Funding trends inside and outside the response plan/appeal” chart breaks down funding between contributions included in the Afghanistan response plans, and contributions to other humanitarian activities outside plans and appeals.

Hover over the graph to make the details appear.

The “Largest sources of response plan/appeal funding” table shows the list of the main donors, sorted by total amount to the selected plan/appeal.

Click on “Take me to this data” link to see the full list of sources.



Largest sources of response plan/appeal funding

	Funding for response plan/appeal (US\$m)	As a share of overall funding to the response plan/appeal (%)
European Commission	35.8	17.8%
United States of America, Government of	34.7	17.3%
Germany, Government of	26.1	13%
United Kingdom, Government of	17.8	8.9%
Japan, Government of	14.3	7.1%
Norway, Government of	13.2	6.6%
Sweden, Government of	11.2	5.6%
Denmark, Government of	10.8	5.4%
Australia, Government of	7.9	4%
Netherlands, Government of	6.8	3.4%

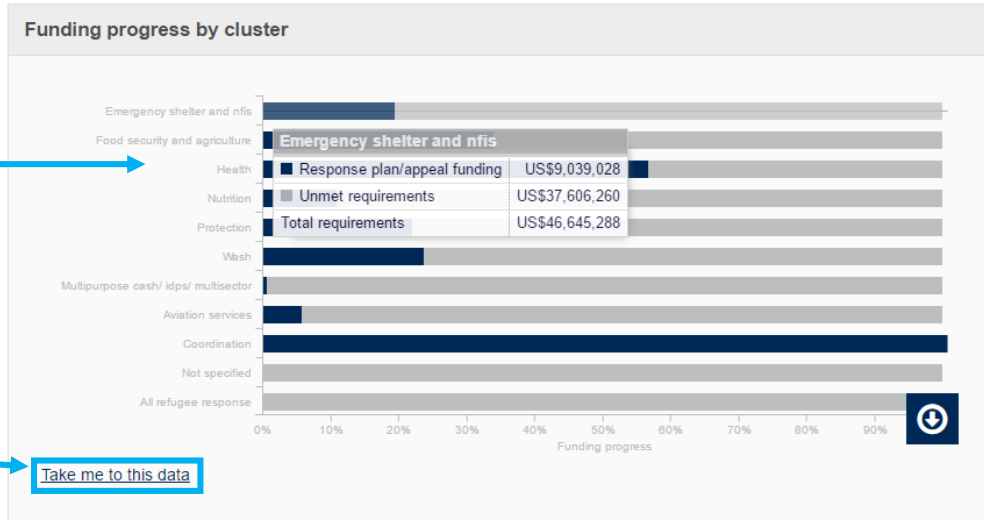
We have not constructed beta profile pages for Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF), private (individuals and organizations), or country-based pooled funds yet, so where these sources of funding are listed in the above they are not hyperlinked. Carryover and allocations of unearmarked funds are also not hyperlinked.

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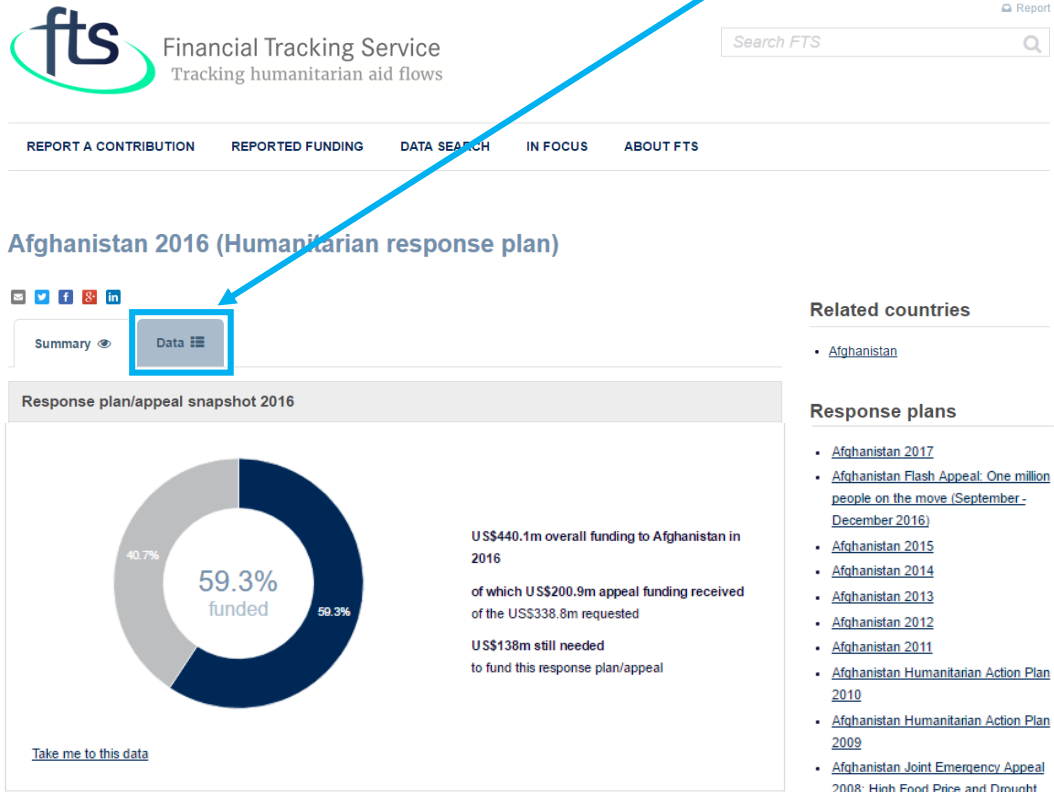
The “Funding progress by cluster” chart displays for each cluster the percentage of requirements covered. Hover over each bar to see absolute values.

Click on “Take me to this data” link to see the list of sources.



RESPONSE PLAN AND APPEAL-SPECIFIC PAGE: DATA TAB

If the information included in the “Summary” tab is not enough for your research, you can dig more in our database by clicking on the “Data” tab.



The screenshot shows the Financial Tracking Service website interface. At the top left is the 'fts' logo and the text 'Financial Tracking Service Tracking humanitarian aid flows'. To the right is a search bar labeled 'Search FTS' and a 'Report' link. Below the header is a navigation menu with options: 'REPORT A CONTRIBUTION', 'REPORTED FUNDING', 'DATA SEARCH', 'IN FOCUS', and 'ABOUT FTS'. The main content area is titled 'Afghanistan 2016 (Humanitarian response plan)'. Below the title are social media icons and two tabs: 'Summary' (selected) and 'Data' (highlighted with a blue box and a blue arrow pointing from the text above). The 'Data' tab content shows a 'Response plan/appeal snapshot 2016' with a donut chart and text. The donut chart shows 59.3% funded (dark blue) and 40.7% unfunded (grey). The text states: 'US\$440.1m overall funding to Afghanistan in 2016 of which US\$200.9m appeal funding received of the US\$338.8m requested US\$138m still needed to fund this response plan/appeal'. A link 'Take me to this data' is at the bottom left. On the right side, there are sections for 'Related countries' (listing Afghanistan) and 'Response plans' (listing various years and specific appeals).

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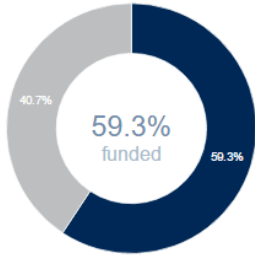
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Afghanistan 2016 (Humanitarian response plan)

Summary Data

Response plan/appeal snapshot 2016



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Related countries

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Response plans

- [Afghanistan 2017](#)
- [Afghanistan Flash Appeal: One million people on the move \(September - December 2016\)](#)
- [Afghanistan 2015](#)
- [Afghanistan 2014](#)
- [Afghanistan 2013](#)
- [Afghanistan 2012](#)
- [Afghanistan 2011](#)
- [Afghanistan Humanitarian Action Plan 2010](#)
- [Afghanistan Humanitarian Action Plan 2009](#)
- [Afghanistan Joint Emergency Appeal 2008: High Food Price and Drought](#)

RESPONSE PLAN AND APPEAL-SPECIFIC PAGE: DATA TAB - 1

The “Data” tab has several Views. The default view is by Individual Flows. The Individual flows View provides a table with one line for each contribution.

The other Views aggregate the information according to the selected parameter.

You can change the parameters by selecting a different view.

The screenshot shows the 'Data' tab interface for 'Afghanistan 2016 (Humanitarian response plan)'. At the top, there are navigation links: 'REPORT A CONTRIBUTION', 'REPORTED FUNDING', 'CUSTOM SEARCH (OLD FTS SITE)', 'IN FOCUS', and 'ABOUT FTS'. Below these, the title 'Afghanistan 2016 (Humanitarian response plan)' is displayed. A 'View by' dropdown menu is set to 'Individual flows'. A 'DOWNLOAD' button is located at the top right of the table. The table has columns for Boundary, Donor organization, Recipient organization, Description, Section, Amount (USD), Funding status, and Flow ID. The first row shows an incoming flow from the United Kingdom to the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, with an amount of \$152,672. The second row shows an incoming flow from the United States to the World Food Programme, with an amount of \$27,000,000.

Boundary	Donor organization	Recipient organization	Description	Section	Amount (USD)	Funding status	Flow ID
Incoming	United Kingdom, Government of	Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs	Alghanistan - OCHA Office (OCT 2016)	Coordination and support services	\$152,672	Paid Contribution	128571
Incoming	United States of America, Government of	World Food Programme	to be allocated to specific projects (USAID/FFP)		\$27,000,000	Pledge	130214

The download button is available at the top-right of each displayed table.

The side bar includes links to the country this plan relates to, existing plans/appeals (if in place), and filters to refine your search.

NOTE: the first column (Boundary) classifies flows as incoming, internal (such as reallocations), and outgoing (such as carryovers). To avoid double counting, never sum incoming with internal and outgoing flows.



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