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HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND (HERF)

For the occupied Palestinian Territory

Basic Facts

Goal: The objective is to provide initial funding to humanitarian local and international NGO's (and UN agencies where necessary) during an emergency so that they can respond to a crisis without delay. The mechanism is meant to enable a rapid and flexible first response. As the emergency response begins its implementation, the fund could fill strategic gaps within an overall response plan. This fund is not intended to address chronic problems that could be better addressed through the CERF, CAP and developing-funding channels.

Profile: The HERF is chaired by the UN Humanitarian Coordinator (HC) and administered by OCHA oPt with the approval of the Advisory Board. The current Advisory Board is composed of representatives of the Governments of Sweden and Spain, the Chair of AIDA (currently Worldvision), and PNGO and chaired by the HC. The Fund is currently funded by the Swedish and Spanish governments. Contributions to the fund are channeled through the HC/OCHA.

Grant size and Duration: The funding range is between USD \$50,000 and up to \$200,000. Project durations should generally be between two- five months.

Applicant Eligibility: Applicants are registered NGO's, recognized INGO's or UN Agencies. Applicants are invited to submit proposals to OCHA oPt. Proposal forms and further information is located on www.ochaopt.org.

Areas of intervention (not necessarily in priority order):

- Water and Sanitation
- Health and Nutrition
- Education
- Food and supplementary food
- Shelter and clothing
- Emergency Livestock and Agricultural interventions
- No-food items
- Protection and Related intervention.

Process: OCHA and the HC will review the proposals and make recommendations to the Advisory Board. The Board will approve or reject the recommendation.

Official Agreement: Prepared and signed between the HC/OCHA and the successful applicant. Upon this action, OCHA will deposit 80% of the approved funds directly into the bank account of the successful applicant. The final 20% will be wired after receipt of final reports and audited financial reports.

Monitoring and Evaluation: M& E will be accomplished by OCHA and relevant UN Agencies. Reports will be submitted by implementing agencies to the OCHA HERF focal point, who will submit summary reports to the Review Board and Donors. OCHA will maintain consistent contact with fund recipients.

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