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To:	Delegations
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Following the meeting of the Working Party on Humanitarian Aid and Food Aid (COHAFA) of 13-14 March 2024, delegations will find in Annex the presentation made by a representative of the International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA)⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾.

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- ¹ International Council of Voluntary Agencies, identification number in the EU Transparency Register: 062334253126-35.
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Catalysing Impact: the Power of Pooled Funding



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Few words on ICVA

Global network of over 160 NGOs

Working together

Focusing on principled and effective humanitarian action

A Secretariat with offices in Geneva, Nairobi, Dakar, Aman, Bangkok and Mexico City



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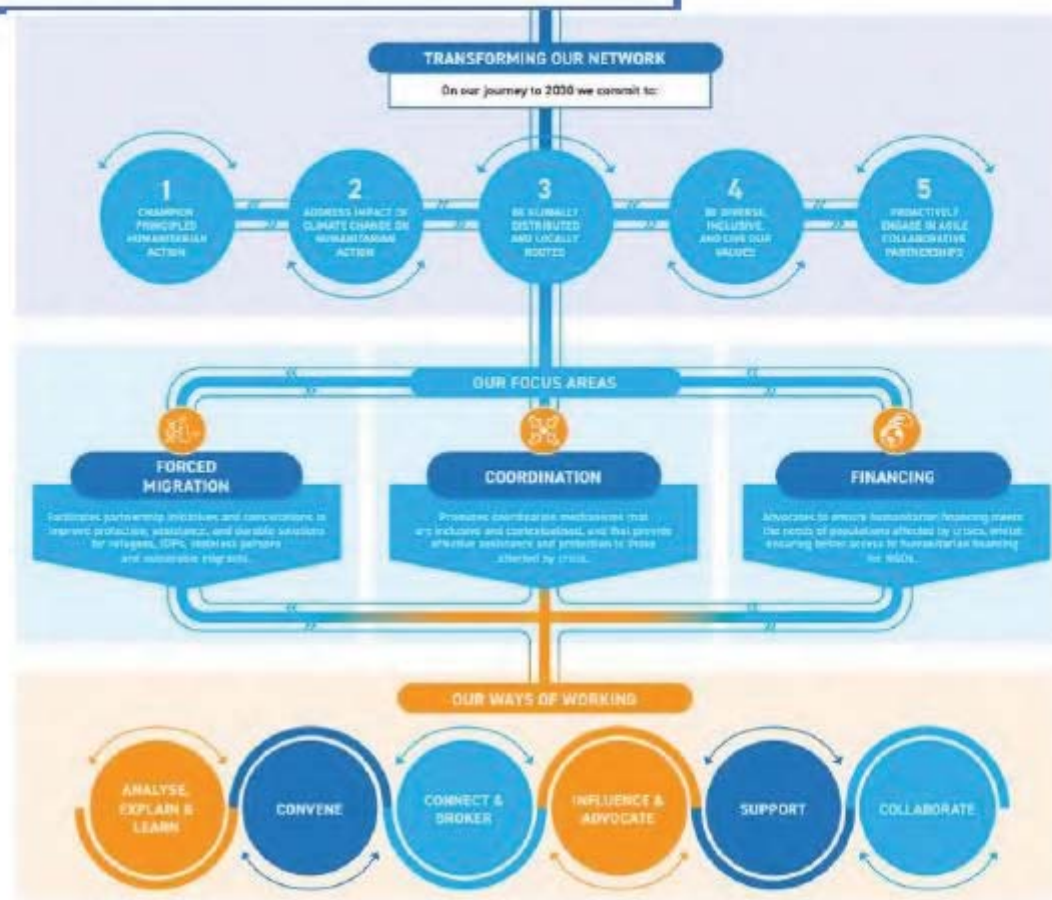


ICVA 2030 Strategy

Our Transformations

Our Focus Areas

Our Ways of Working



ICVA's work on PFs

Research & Advocacy

- PF at Crossroads
- PF Governance System

Influencing from inside

- CBPF-NGO Dialogue Platform (until 2023)
- PFWG
- CERF UFE
- Sahel Fund

Info sharing and supporting other NGOs' engagement

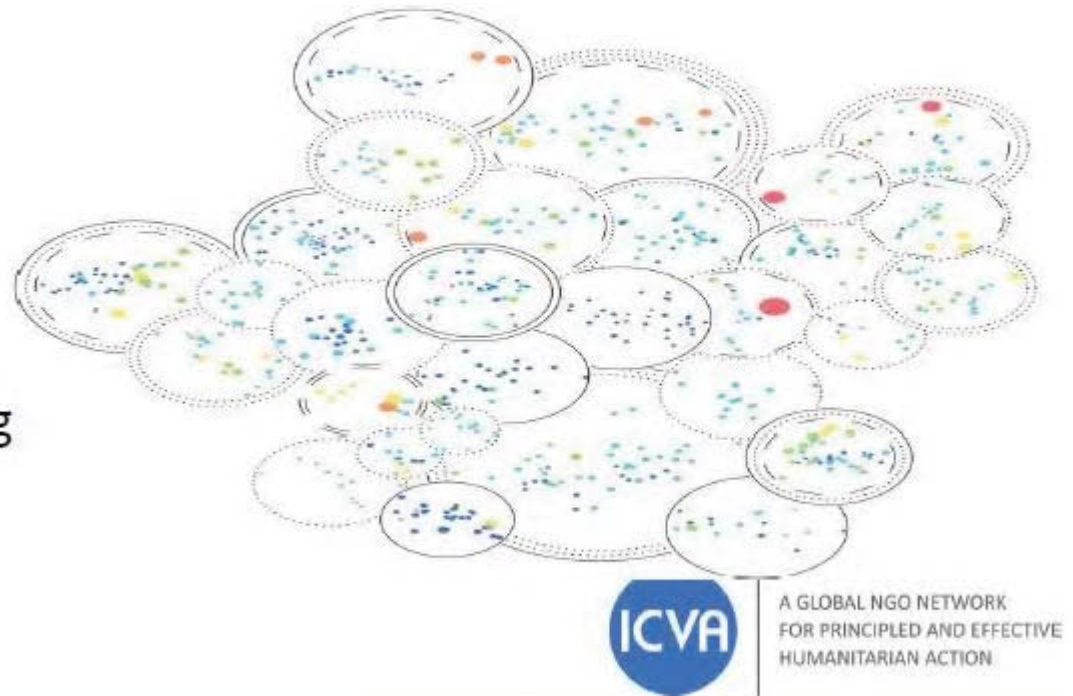
- CBPF Resource Facility



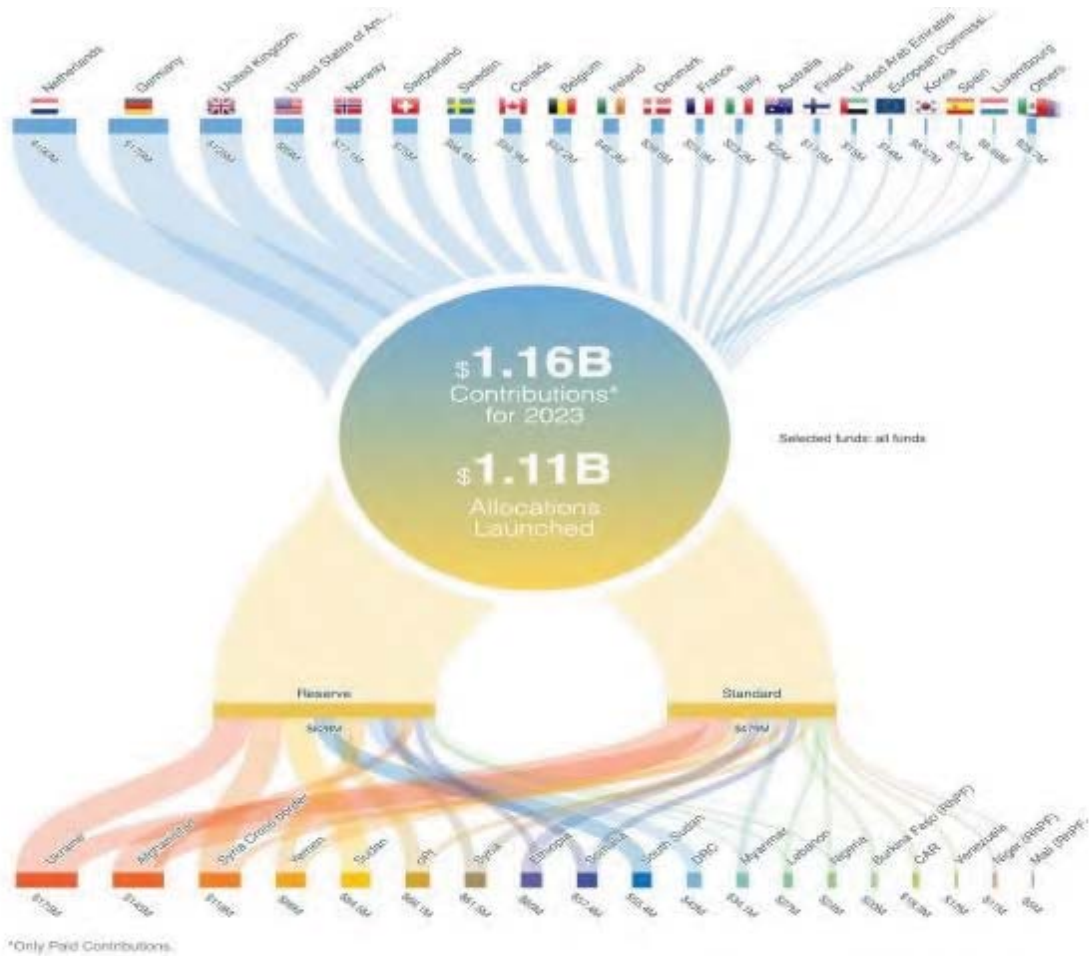
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PFs: Effective HF Mechanisms

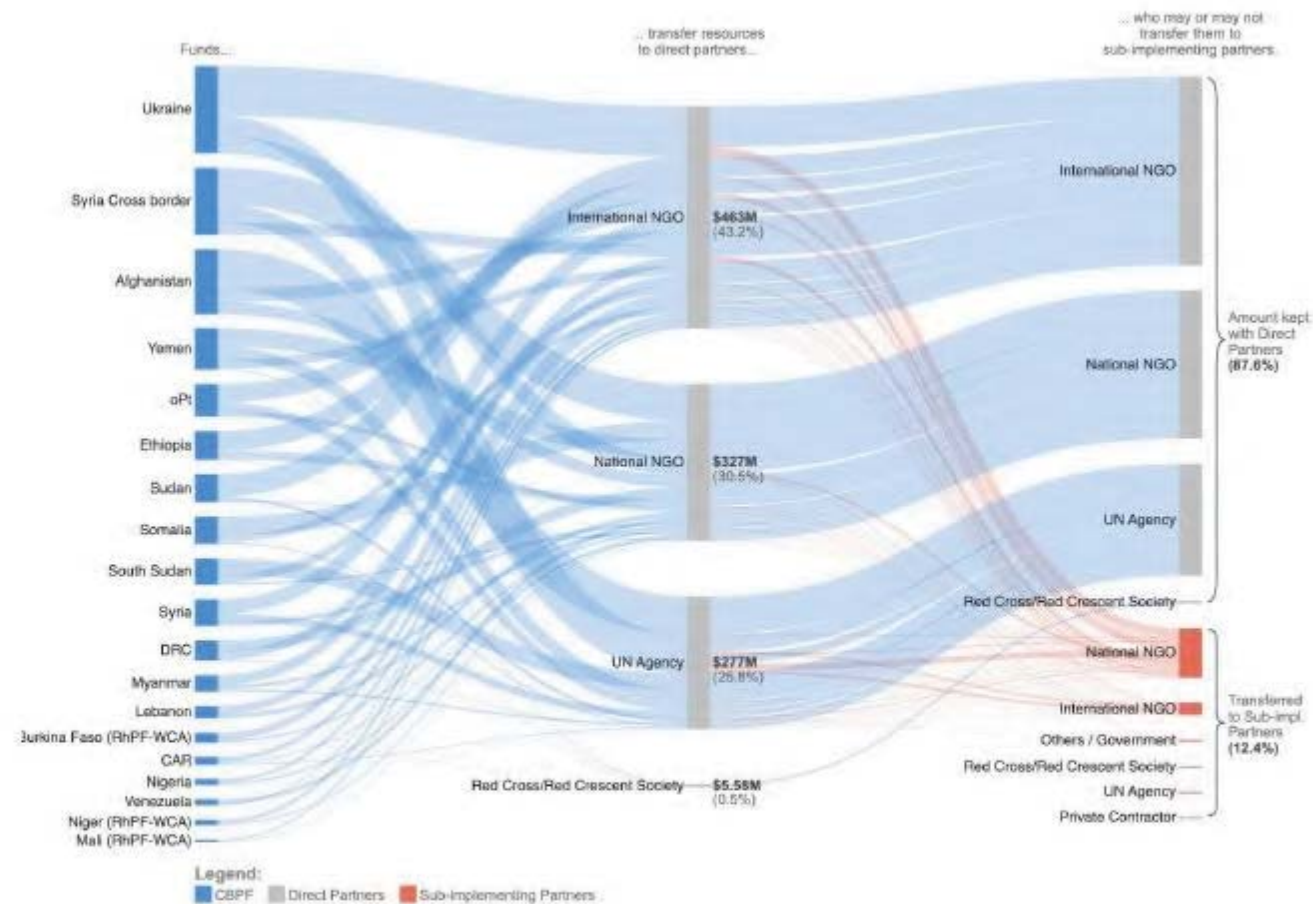
- Fit for purpose/agile
- Risk sharing and delegation
- Stakeholders' engagement
- Data transparency
- Learning and adjustments
- Cross sectorial/multi-year
- Localisation and nexus funding
- Cost effectiveness

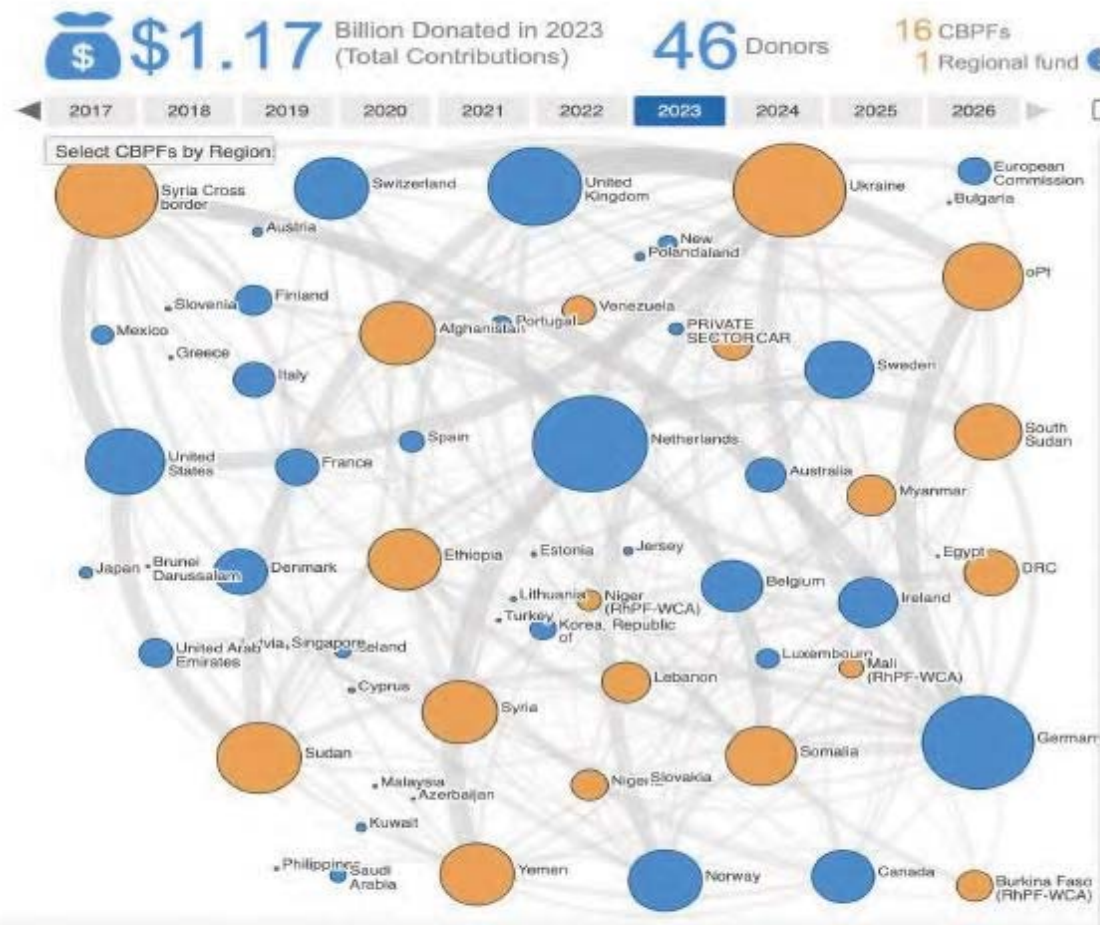


OCHA CBPF in 2023



CBPF 2023 allocations by partner type





Challenges we hear from NGOs

Access to information

Minimum threshold too high

Language

Heavy application process

Internal policy requirements too high

Rigidity of financial rules

Lack of communication



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Further advancements needed

Efficiency/Effectiveness

- Outcome level measurement
- Effective management of conflicts of interest
- Maintaining agility/flexibility
- Comparative size
- Synergies across Funds

Nexus/Development

- Climate finance / Nexus funds
- Increased multi-year funding

Localization

- An independent perspective on national actors' experiences
- Continue to improve the “recipient user experience”
- Increase innovation to reach a wider range of national actors
 - Localization strategies
 - Consortium funding
 - L/NNGO support structures
- Growing smaller local pooled fund mechanisms
- More emphasis placed on “investment” and capacity strengthening



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Future trends

Increased number and diversity of funds

- Driven by their own success
- Increased drive towards localization
 - Donor cost effectiveness and support in reaching localization targets
 - Invest in national capacities

Growing Nexus impact

- Climate finance and health finance mechanisms
- Area based financing
- Transition – durable solutions financing

Opportunities not to be missed?

Catalytic change potential?

Need for Coordination?

Risks of Duplication?

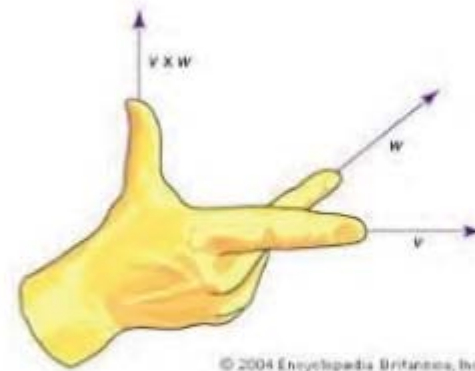
Threats to Effectiveness?



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Vector of change

'Pooled funds are only as effective an instrument as their relative size and the quality and effectiveness of the system as a whole.'



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