The H2H Fund
The H2H Fund brings greater quality, efficiency and accountability to humanitarian response through targeted funding. Rapid interventions by the H2H Network have been shown to contribute to greater effectiveness of humanitarian responses to crises as diverse as drought in the Horn of Africa, the earthquake in Türkiye and Syria, and the conflict in Sudan. Through rapid disbursement of flexible funding, it enables H2H Members to provide specialized services in specific crises and addresses key gaps and priorities in the overall humanitarian response. The H2H Fund is activated in response to both sudden onset crises and spikes in protracted crises.

Too often, traditional humanitarian funding mechanisms are slow to move, causing delays and challenges, especially for smaller organizations providing specialized services. For these organizations, raising funds requires significant time and effort for fundraising and grant management. Donors must also process many small grants with the associated burden of risk management and administration. The H2H Fund bridges this divide, ensuring that technical expertise and services are quickly funded and available to humanitarian actors to improve aid delivery from the start.

The need

We were observing the beginning of the crisis in Tigray 2021, and while we had already developed a concept to support the humanitarian response, we didn’t see any funding opportunities. The H2H Fund activation made it possible to do something rapidly.

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The H2H Network

We bring together specialized, independent humanitarian service providers who enable efficient, impactful and accountable aid during crisis, by supporting humanitarian-to-humanitarian (H2H) services for the wider system. These independent, cross-cutting tools and services are well-suited to address many of the gaps and challenges that continue to hamper humanitarian action in specific emergencies, as well as contributing to change at the system-level.
## The process

The H2H Fund activation process is coordinated by the H2H Team. It involves the following steps:

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<td>Assessing crisis triggers, including the nature of the emergency and the need for the type of specialized services provided by H2H Members.</td>
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<td>Coordinating with humanitarian actors who operate in the context to select the most relevant and impactful projects to fund.</td>
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<td>Managing all aspects of the grant agreements, such as contracts, financial transactions and reporting.</td>
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<td>Designing an integrated package of H2H services to address the gaps and cross-cutting priorities in the humanitarian response.</td>
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<td>Supporting the collaboration between H2H Members to maximize the impact of the service package beyond individual projects.</td>
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<td>Coordinating with humanitarian stakeholders in-country to ensure that the resources produced are accessed and utilized.</td>
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<td>Facilitating learning and evaluation to review the impacts, achievements, and challenges of the intervention.</td>
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**Meg Sattler**  
Ground Truth Solutions Director

The rapid-release nature of H2H Fund has been critical for our organization [...] By comparison, most funding we apply for takes us on average two years to get [...] which means we miss opportunities to spark real changes.
The service package

All services funded by the H2H Fund are put together as a package, designed to inform and strengthen the wider humanitarian response. They are free of charge and accessible to all humanitarian responders. Services provided by H2H Members include specialized tools, innovative resources, and products that can be categorized into four main areas:

1. Data, Information Management and Analysis
2. Community Engagement and Accountability
4. Quality and Sector Professionalization

To date, the H2H Fund has created 20 service packages to support humanitarian response in the immediate aftermath of natural disasters and rapid conflict escalation.

The H2H Fund

2017 Hurricane in the Caribbean
2019 Ebola epidemic in DR Congo
2020 Covid-19 pandemic
2020 Conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh
2021 The Get Ready Fund
2022 Drought in the Horn of Africa
2023 Earthquakes in Türkiye-Syria
2023 Floods in Libya

Cyclone in Mozambique 2019
Insecurity in Burkina Faso 2019
Cyclone in Vanuatu 2020
Humanitarian crisis in Tigray 2021
Flooding in Pakistan 2022
H2H Innovation Accelerator 2022
Conflict in Sudan 2023

Total Funds Allocated 6.8M CHF
Average Grant Amount 63k CHF
Projects Funded 94
Members Funded 28

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If you are interested in contributing to the provision of common support services to the aid community, on a global level or in response to a specific crisis, please get in touch.

To date, the H2H Fund has been supported by SIDA, UK aid, USAID, as well as the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC).

Join us in building a more effective, accountable and agile humanitarian system. By backing our H2H Fund, you’re investing in more inclusive, relevant and impactful aid for communities in crisis. Together, we can ensure smoother and more efficient funding, enabling a diverse humanitarian system able reach those in need quickly and effectively.
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