



ANNUAL REPORT 2019 2020

**HUMANITARIAN
COALITION** 
Together saving more lives



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Cover page: Children in Beira, Mozambique
Josh Estey/CARE

This page: Boy outside a school
in Inhamizua, Mozambique
Josh Estey/CARE



Denise Byrnes
Board Chair



Richard Morgan
Executive Director

Message from the Board Chair and the Executive Director

2019 was an exciting year, as we welcomed five new organizations to the Humanitarian Coalition.

We now bring together 12 of Canada’s leading charities – expanding our international capacity, our base of Canadian supporters, and our diversity. Our members are active in 150 countries, sustained by the generosity of two million Canadians across the country, and bring decades of expertise to our collective humanitarian effort.

Recognizing this reach and capacity, the Canadian government identified the Humanitarian Coalition as one of its key partners for engaging the public in humanitarian response.

To cap off the year, Charity Intelligence named the Humanitarian Coalition as one of its Top 100 charities.

Now more than ever, the Humanitarian Coalition is Canada’s leading response to international humanitarian disasters.

Our major appeal in 2019 was

prompted by the devastation caused by Cyclone Idai in March, affecting 3 million people in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi. In addition to welcoming new organizations to our response effort, the Humanitarian Coalition was delighted that the Canadian government agreed to match donations to our Cyclone Idai appeal. Bell Media and other media and corporate partners also contributed their influence to the cause. But most importantly, thousands of ordinary Canadians gave generously to save and rebuild lives in southern Africa.

The Humanitarian Coalition responded to 12 other disasters in 2019, with the support of the Canadian government and a growing number of faithful donors. These supporters understand that not every catastrophe makes the news, but every catastrophe has a serious impact on human lives. By working together, we are changing the lives of more children, families and communities in crisis.

The strength we built up in 2019 will surely be tested in 2020. Even as

we began to mobilize Canadians in the early part of 2020 to help close to one million Syrian people newly impacted by the escalating crisis in their country, the COVID-19 pandemic came sweeping into our workplaces, our homes and our lives – a stark reminder that we never know what might be just around the corner.

As difficult as COVID-19 has been here at home, we are already seeing how devastating its impact will be on vulnerable populations in many parts of the developing world, where fragile health care systems risk being quickly overwhelmed. Our members are already working to prevent the spread and respond to the humanitarian needs.

By building on our collective strength, we know that once again we will save more lives ... together.

Thank you for being part of the Humanitarian Coalition.

“Doctors of the World is proud to join the Humanitarian Coalition. When a disaster strikes, health-care personnel and infrastructure are weakened, creating a major barrier to access to care. Doctors of the World provides a sustainable humanitarian response by addressing the primary health care, sexual and reproductive health, and psychosocial support needs of the people who have been affected.”

– Dr. Nicolas Bergeron, President, Doctors of the World Canada

Plan International
Canada is teaching
people how to wash
their hands properly in
communities in Indonesia



As part of **World Vision's** overall response inside Syria, winterization kits - including a heater, blankets and jerry can – have been distributed to help families stay warm.

COVID-19

In the first months of 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic changed the way we work at home, as well as the way we respond to humanitarian needs. It also shone a spotlight on the risk level of vulnerable populations.

There are millions of people around the world who cannot practice even basic prevention measures – people living in crowded camps, or with little access to food, health care and

clean water. The consequences of a COVID-19 outbreak would be disastrous.

Our member agencies are on the ground, working in vulnerable communities, implementing prevention and care measures, caring for the sick, and preparing for the possibility of an unprecedented health crisis.

Our members agencies are on the ground, working to respond to the impact of COVID-19. We are:

- providing clean water, soap and sanitizer; installing handwashing stations
- educating people about hygiene techniques, social distancing, and COVID-19 facts
- providing medical equipment and personal protective gear to health centres
- supporting isolation centres
- providing emergency food for people in need
- providing protection for women and children at risk

SYRIA CRISIS

The ongoing conflict in Syria intensified in December 2019, forcing more than 950,000 people from their homes over a period of three months.

Armed attacks indiscriminately affected the civilian population, including the destruction of schools and health centres. Unusually cold winter weather conditions compounded the vulnerability of people living in tents or sleeping outside.

Throughout Syria and in bordering

countries, children, women and men continue to lack access to basic necessities, such as food, water, health care and shelter.

In March 2020, the Humanitarian Coalition called on its network of donors to support relief efforts for the people suffering the impact of the crisis. Member agencies are using the \$400,000 raised for Syria to reach some of the most vulnerable populations with emergency supplies and assistance.



On March 14, 2019, Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe were hit by what may be the worst weather-related disaster to ever strike the southern hemisphere. Vast regions were flooded, destroying infrastructure and claiming more than a thousand lives. An estimated 3 million people were affected and the need for food, water, sanitation and shelter was urgent.

Thanks to the generosity of Canadians, the support of our corporate partners and funds from the Government of Canada, the Humanitarian Coalition and its member agencies were able to respond quickly and help save lives.



3 million
people
affected

300,000
people
helped

\$7.1 million
in aid provided
through the
Humanitarian
Coalition

How did the Humanitarian Coalition respond?

Here are some examples of what we did through the hard work of our members:

- provided maize and vegetable seeds to 800 families to help them replant their lost harvest. Distributed cash grants to 568 families to supplement their household income, helping them to buy food and replace lost possessions
- helped 1,800 students return to school by providing 20 temporary school tents, and prepared 22,440 students for their new school term with workbooks and school supplies
- provided shelter materials and household items to 1,854 families
- distributed hygiene and dignity kits (which include towels, reusable pads, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, solar lights, etc.) to 5,000 families and provided training to help promote proper hygiene
- Repaired 94 community water spouts, disinfected 150 sources of drinking water, and re-built water systems at 10 schools
- formed 10 community protection committees to support vulnerable families and shared information about how to address gender-based violence
- provided individual and group trauma counselling for 200 boys and girls at child-friendly spaces, and held community discussions that provided information about children's needs during a disaster and how to ensure their safety

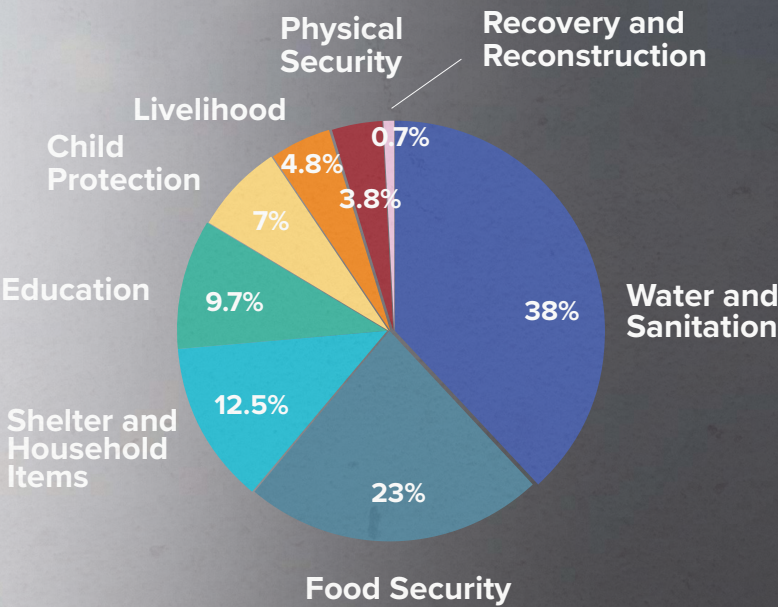


Funding from the Humanitarian Coalition:



Photo: Canadian Foodgrains Bank

Programs Funded:



Taking care of (new) business

“The kids were scared because the parents were scared. There was no one to comfort each other because we were all scared.”

Alick Lozani says that when the flooding from Cyclone Idai rose around his house, he, his wife and three children covered their front door with mud to keep the knee-high water out, and waited inside for four days before the water dried up.

Alick and his wife had planted maize, sorghum and tomatoes before the flooding, but their crops were destroyed. They only had enough food for one meal a day, so they ate dinner, because it was easier to fall asleep with food in their stomachs.

That’s when **Canadian Foodgrains Bank** began providing food to 2,000 families affected by the flooding. Alick and his family received maize flour, beans and cooking oil for four months. They also received maize and vegetable seeds to help them grow their own food in the longer term.

Now Alick’s family could eat lunch and dinner. Alick says the food gave him the energy to start making bricks so he could repair his home



and think about starting a new business.

Alick took his small savings and invested in two bunnies. In two months, they had multiplied to 16. “I’m trying my best to get things going,” he says. “I want to grow out of the need for help if this happens again. My dream is to be resilient and independent.”

He also has a word for the Canadians who made hope possible: “A very big thank you. You have really helped me.”

After the passage of cyclone Idai, **Humanity and Inclusion** carried out a protection project for 1,363 vulnerable and disabled children, supported the reconstruction of a preschool that had been destroyed by the cyclone and added an accessible playground. Several children with disabilities started attending the pre-school.

Photo: A. Jean / **Humanity & Inclusion**

“In addition of having the desired positive impact on the food security status of the population, unrestricted mobile cash transfers gave back dignity and humanity to them. By having a say on how they were going to prioritize the spending, where they were going to buy it and exactly what they were going to buy, the recipient of our support stopped being a beneficiary and became the actor of their own recovery after the disaster.”

Léonor Lapotre, Cash Transfer Program Manager for Action Against Hunger



Francisco Manguese and his wife lost their 2 hectares of crops, 30 goats, 4 cows, 40 pigs and 30 chickens when everything was swept away by Cyclone Idai flooding. **Canadian Lutheran World Relief** provided a shelter kit, including a machete, pick axe, hammer, shovel, sickle, hoe and pick, so they could rebuild a home for their family.

Photo: **Canadian Lutheran World Relief**



Children show their artwork at Centre run by **Plan International Canada**

INDONESIA

Earthquake and Tsunami

At the end of September 2018, a series of strong earthquakes struck the city of Palu and surrounding area in Sulawesi, Indonesia. The earthquakes produced a tsunami and major soil liquefaction, turning the once solid earth into a flow of mud that swallowed up entire neighbourhoods. An estimated 1.5 million people were affected.



In the days following the disaster, the member agencies of the Humanitarian Coalition provided emergency assistance including shelters, blankets, clean water and sanitation supplies, water storage units, and other life-saving essentials.

We supported farmers with seeds and tools to help them re-establish their livelihoods. As markets re-opened, we bought supplies locally, supporting local economies while providing essential food and household items to affected families.

In the ensuing weeks and months, we worked closely with local organizations to help families who lost their houses rebuild in a more weather-resistant way.

In an effort to protect and assist children throughout the crisis, Humanitarian Coalition members worked on family reunification as well as providing safe spaces for children to play and learn.



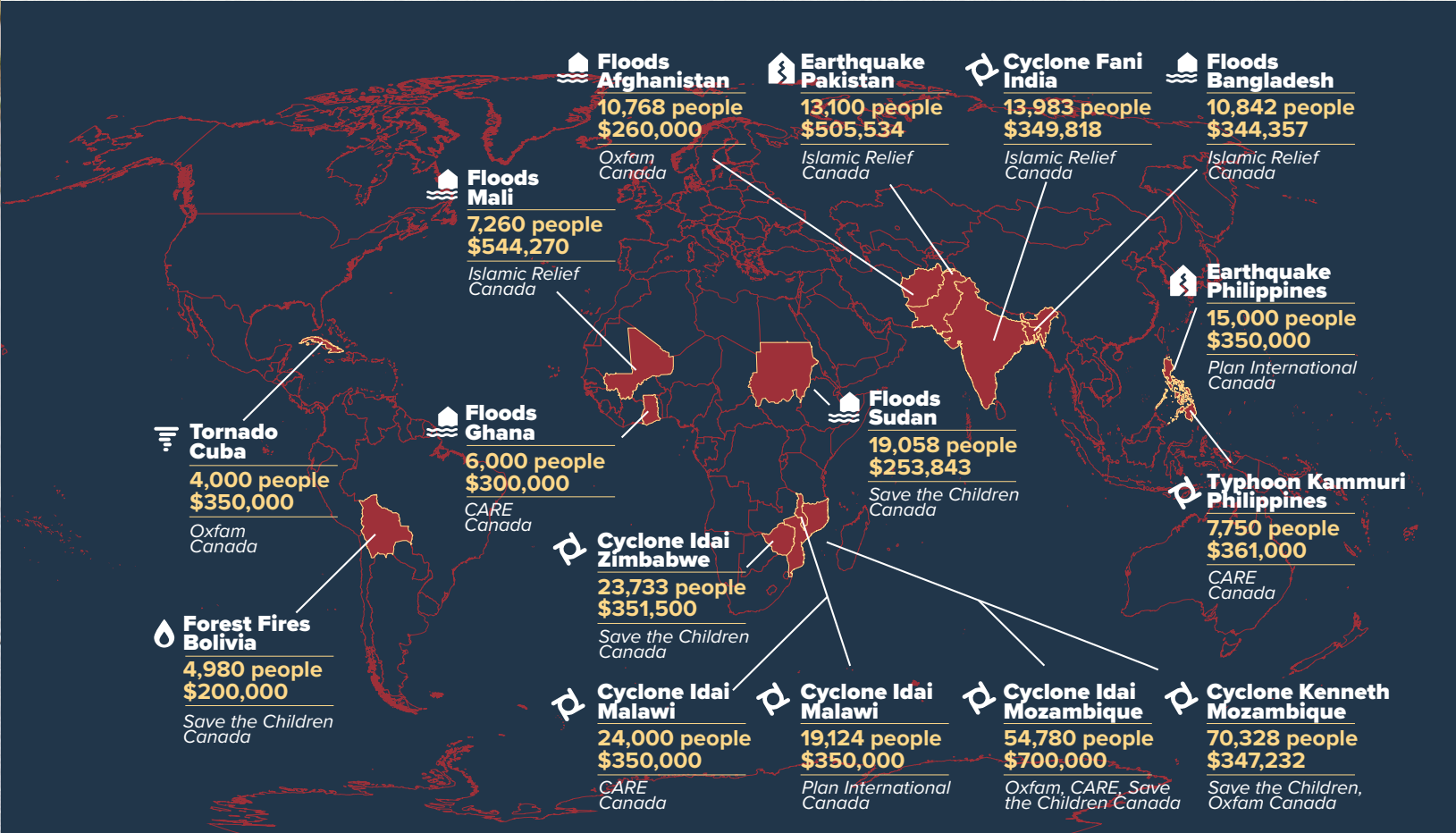
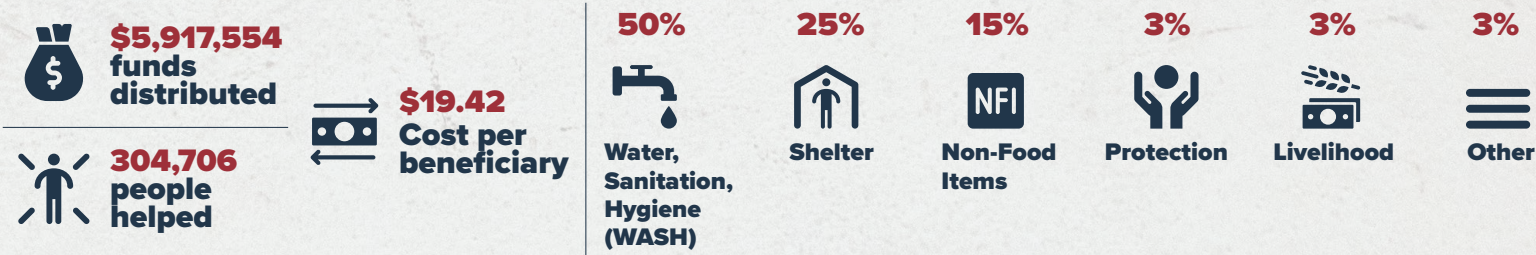
Oxfam-Québec provided hygiene supplies to people affected by the earthquake, like Sumiar, pictured here

Photo: Hariandi Hafid | Oxfam

SMALLER-SCALE DISASTERS

When disasters such as cyclones and flooding happen around the world, they may not attract the attention of the media and the public, but the survivors still need assistance to access food and water and to rebuild their lives.

In 2019, the Humanitarian Coalition and its members undertook 16 projects in response to 13 humanitarian emergencies, with the support of donors, and the Government of Canada through the Canadian Humanitarian Assistance Fund (CHAF).





TORNADO, HAVANA, CUBA

In January 2019, a powerful F4 tornado ripped through Havana, Cuba, damaging infrastructure including electricity, water and sanitation. **Oxfam Canada** worked with partners to improve the basic living, hygiene and sanitary conditions of those most affected.

4,000 people helped
\$350,000

Amelia Duarte says, “After the storm, help came from other parts of the world. This solidarity has helped me see life in a different way.”

January

CYCLONE IDAI, MOZAMBIQUE

In response to the devastation to homes, infrastructure and crops caused by Cyclone Idai in Mozambique, **Oxfam Canada** worked with **CARE Canada** and **Save the Children** to provide water and sanitation, essential household items and shelter to people in Sofala province.

54,780 people helped
\$700,000



Lusiana climbed a tree when Idai struck. Then her family received a tent, food, household supplies and maize seed to help them recover.

March



CYCLONE IDAI, MALAWI

Floods from Cyclone Idai affected almost 1 million people in Malawi, destroying homes, crops and sanitation facilities. **Plan** responded by addressing immediate shelter, water and sanitation needs, including some of the particular needs faced by women and girls.

19,124 people helped
\$350,000

After her house and belongings were destroyed by flooding, Jamiya received water and hygiene supplies, as well as construction material to rebuild.

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Eva Thom fled with her grandchildren when her house collapsed. Three months later, she rebuilt her home with the money and supplies she received.

CYCLONE IDAI, ZIMBABWE

Cyclone Idai swept through Zimbabwe the day after Mozambique, destroying homes and community infrastructure. **Save the Children** focused their efforts on restoring access to water and sanitation facilities, by repairing water sources, building latrines and providing hygiene training.

23,733 people helped
\$351,500

March

CYCLONE IDAI, MALAWI

In the wake of Cyclone Idai, many families lacked basic supplies including shelter, food and water. **CARE**'s response focused on improving access to sanitation facilities and clean water, as well providing heavy-duty tarpaulin, cement, nails, timber, and a cash grant for shelter reconstruction.

24,000 people helped
\$350,000



After their community borehole was repaired, Sipiwe and her daughter were able to grow the vegetables they need to make a living.

FLOODING, AFGHANISTAN

Afghanistan faced devastation following several floods throughout the month of March 2019, which affected more than 250,000 people. **Oxfam Canada** helped affected people by improving access to clean drinking water and water for irrigation, as well as providing safe and dignified shelters.

10,768 people helped
\$260,000



Ghulam Abbas, father of 6 from northwestern Afghanistan, says that Oxfam's support enabled him and his family to rebuild their house.

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Rahima is grateful for the materials to repair her house, but she is even more thankful that people from far away made it possible.

CYCLONE KENNETH, MOZAMBIQUE

Cyclone Kenneth struck Mozambique in April, causing flash flooding and leaving thousands of children and adults without access to desperately needed emergency supplies. **Save the Children** worked with **Oxfam** to respond to the most urgent needs including shelter, water, hygiene and sanitation.

70,328 people helped
\$347,232

CYCLONE FANI, INDIA

Fani – a category 4 tropical cyclone – affected more than 15 million people in Odisha, India in May. **Islamic Relief Canada** worked to provide humanitarian assistance including shelter, water and sanitation support, and cash for people who helped with the work of rebuilding.

13,983 people helped
\$349,818



Jogendra Paikray and his wife are proud of their project document and their new home. “It is a heaven for us.”

FLOODING, BANGLADESH

Heavy monsoon rains brought flooding to many regions of Bangladesh in July 2019, affecting 5 million people and damaging homes, crops and water systems. **Islamic Relief Canada** intervened through multi-purpose cash grants, shelter support, and water and sanitation projects.

10,842 people helped
\$344,357



Abeda Begum says, “this life-saving aid has given me a brand new start to life and now I am happy for my daughters.”



Alou Tounkara says he is thankful to donors who provided mattresses and cooking supplies for his family of 31 people.

FLOODING, SUDAN

Flash flooding and heavy rains from mid-August to September destroyed homes, crops and livestock across Sudan. **Save the Children Canada** worked to improve access to shelter, household supplies and water and sanitation for thousands of displaced people.

19,058 people helped
\$253,843



Maria, mother of 5, says thanks to the water filters she received, their water is no longer cloudy and the family is healthy.

EARTHQUAKE, PAKISTAN

A 5.8 magnitude earthquake caused extensive damage to homes, sanitation systems, roads and power distribution systems in Pakistan. **Islamic Relief Canada** worked to provide clean water, hygiene kits and winterized shelter kits; and to set up centres for women and children.

13,100 people helped
\$505,534

FLOODING, MALI

Heavy rains in August and September brought widespread flooding to Mali. In order to help families, **Islamic Relief Canada** provided hygiene kits, cash grants and household goods so they could meet their own basic needs and start to rebuild their lives.

7,260 people helped
\$544,270



After flooding destroyed their home, Mohamed Rabeh and his wife and seven children found safety in a temporary shelter.

FOREST FIRES, BOLIVIA

Out of control forest fires displaced thousands of families in Bolivia, affecting their health and livelihoods. **Save the Children** worked to address the most pressing needs in relation to water, sanitation and hygiene, protection and livelihoods.

4,980 people helped
\$200,000



Rashid, who was hurt during the earthquake, was treated for his injuries and provided with a device for his arm.



People from the community can now get potable water from the skyhydrant – a system which provides clean water while saving money.

EARTHQUAKE, PHILIPPINES

Three strong earthquakes in October 2019 caused widespread infrastructure damage, especially to water systems in North Cotabato Province of the Philippines. **Plan International Canada** provided cash assistance and access to safe and dignified hygiene supplies, as well as hygiene information.

15,000 people helped
\$350,000

FLOODING, GHANA

Serious flooding caused by heavy rains in October resulted in extensive damage to farmlands and residential and commercial areas across the Upper East Region of Ghana. **CARE Canada** helped affected people respond to urgent needs, and distributed hygiene and dignity kits.

6,000 people helped
\$300,000



700 households received cash transfers to help buy food and basic household goods after the flooding destroyed their homes.

TYPHOON KAMMURI, PHILIPPINES

A storm surge, flooding and landslides caused by typhoon Kammuri destroyed homes and contaminated the water supply in several provinces of the Philippines in December. **CARE Canada** is assisting people who lost their homes with their shelter and water needs.

7,750 people helped
\$361,000



Families who have received construction materials are also learning to “build back better” so their new home will be more storm-resistant.



A mother plays with her child at an aid distribution site operated by **Save the Children** in Zimbabwe

OUR SUPPORTERS

The work of the Humanitarian Coalition and its member agencies would not be possible without the generous support of donors. While we do not have space to thank all individual donors, the following lists some of our supporters who made a significant contribution to the Humanitarian Coalition in 2019.

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When Cyclone Idai struck three countries in southern Africa, **Unifor** – Canada’s largest private sector union—stepped up to help provide for the emergency needs of thousands of people through the Social Justice Fund.

Through Unifor’s generous donation, the Humanitarian Coalition was able to distribute clean water, hygiene supplies and shelter kits to people who had lost their homes and their possessions when their communities were devastated by the winds and flooding.

According to **Jerry Dias**, National President, “Unifor is committed to improving the lives of workers and their families, in Canada and around the world. Our dedication to social justice has meant that our efforts

have reached beyond the confines of our workplaces and bargaining tables into the larger global community.



“We are pleased to have been a small part of the Humanitarian Coalition’s important work to save and rebuild lives following Cyclone Idai.

“We are dedicated to working collectively to make a difference not only here in Canada but around the world.”

OUR PARTNERS

Government of Canada

The Humanitarian Coalition relies on a unique partnership with Global Affairs Canada to carry out its life-saving work across the globe, whether in response to major international emergencies, or to small and medium scale disasters in areas that require humanitarian assistance.



Media Partners

When an emergency occurs, the Canadian media play a leading role in informing Canadians of the crisis and the opportunities to get involved.



“Bell Media is pleased to work with the Humanitarian Coalition as one of our valued community partners. When the Humanitarian Coalition launches an appeal during a time of crisis, we work together to ensure Canadians are aware of the circumstances and how they can take action to save lives.”
Scott Henderson, Vice President, Communications, Bell Media.

Corporate and Community Leaders

Socially responsible businesses and organizations contribute their resources to fundraising appeals and provide opportunities for their employees and stakeholders to respond to humanitarian disasters.



HOW WE WORK

The Humanitarian Coalition brings together leading aid organizations to provide Canadians with a simple and effective way to donate during international humanitarian disasters. Member agencies join forces to raise funds, partner with the government, and mobilize media, businesses and individual Canadians. When disaster strikes, the Humanitarian Coalition can provide help quickly to those who need it most. Whether it be a major international emergency or a smaller-scale crisis, our 12 member agencies, present in 150 countries, are ready to provide assistance and save lives.

Integrity

Our member agencies abide by the Core Humanitarian Standards, the Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in Disaster Relief, the Canadian Council for International Cooperation’s Code of Ethics and Operational Standards as well as the CCIC Leaders’ Pledge on Preventing and Addressing Sexual Misconduct. In addition, the Humanitarian Coalition is accredited by Imagine Canada’s Standards Program and the Better Business Bureau.

Accountability

The Humanitarian Coalition members regularly report on their progress in effectively using funds raised during an appeal and may be subject at any time to third-party evaluations.

Cost effectiveness

In 2019, at least 85% of money raised by the Humanitarian Coalition was allocated to programs. Core operating costs of the Humanitarian Coalition, such as staff salaries and office expenses, are supported mainly by the annual contributions of our member agencies.

Allocation of funds for major emergencies

The funds raised during public appeals for major international emergencies are allocated to member agencies according to a pre-established formula that takes into account our members’ capacity for emergency response programming.

International collaboration

The Humanitarian Coalition is also the Canadian representative of the Emergency Appeals Alliance, which is made up of similar collaborative fundraising coalitions from 10 countries.

Our Board

Canadian Foodgrains Bank | Jim Cornelius

Canadian Lutheran World Relief | Karin Achtelstetter

CARE Canada | Gillian Barth (to end of July); Mara O’Brien James (August onward)

Islamic Relief Canada | Zaid Al-Rawni

Oxfam Canada | Julie Delahanty

Oxfam-Québec | Denise Byrnes

Plan International Canada | Caroline Riseboro

Save the Children Canada | Bill Chambers

World Vision Canada | Michael Messenger



Financial Statements

Overall appeal results are presented by combining the donations received by the Humanitarian Coalition and those received directly by our member agencies. However, only donations made directly to the Humanitarian Coalition are included in these audited financial statements.

The Humanitarian Coalition’s full financial statements are available at: <https://www.humanitariancoalition.ca/reports-publications>

Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2019, with comparative information for 2018

	2019	2018
Assets:		
Current assets	\$ 3,097,322	733,810
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current liabilities	1,709,610	135,984
Net assets	1,387,712	597,826

Statement of Operations

Year ended December 31, 2019, with comparative information for 2018

	2019	2018
Revenue:		
Global Affairs Canada	\$ 6,902,513	1,576,727
Emergency Response Fund	587,896	555,393
Coalition member contributions	603,648	282,663
Appeals	754,125	185,974
Other	270,037	290,000
	9,118,219	2,890,757
Expenses:		
Programs	7,627,208	1,942,174
Wages and benefits	406,093	420,588
Operations	186,748	160,456
Communication and fundraising	108,284	65,614
	8,328,333	2,588,832
Excess of revenue over expenses	789,886	301,925

THANK YOU

**We thank our donors, partners and
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