



# Executive Board | Annual Session

Agenda Item 12-C | Update on the United Nations Humanitarian Air Service

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# UNHAS adaptation to evolving demand

In a context of protracted crises, climate extremes and funding constraints, the Aviation Service has adapted to increased demand. It established air bridges, facilitated evacuations, supported assessments in disaster zones and deployed assets to conflict-affected areas.



## SUDAN

- Creation of air bridges to reach conflict-affected zones.
- Facilitation of security evacuations to Nairobi and Entebbe.
- Transportation of life-saving cargo.



## AFGHANISTAN

- Maintaining of vital air bridges through Doha (Qatar), Dubai (UAE), Dushanbe (Tajikistan) and Islamabad (Pakistan) to support humanitarian operations in Afghanistan.



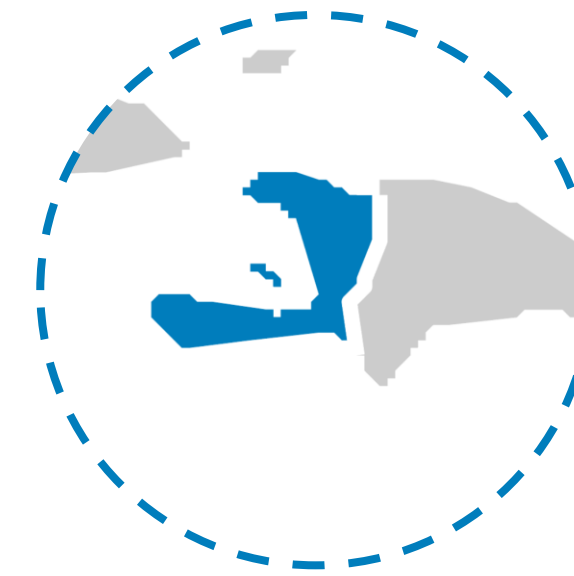
## D.R. CONGO

- Deployment of a new fleet of high-visibility orange helicopters to enhance operational safety, strengthening its commitment to safely delivering critical assistance to those in need.



## NIGER

- Organization of domestic flights to relocate humanitarian staff and their dependents during the crisis in July 2023.



## HAITI

- Transportation of over 16,000 aid workers and 119 mt of light cargo while also supporting medical evacuations following a surge in displacement sparked by violence.



## SOUTH SUDAN

- Maintaining of a fleet of nine fixed-wing aircraft and three helicopters in the country to ensure access amid challenging conditions hampered by poor infrastructure and limited capacity.

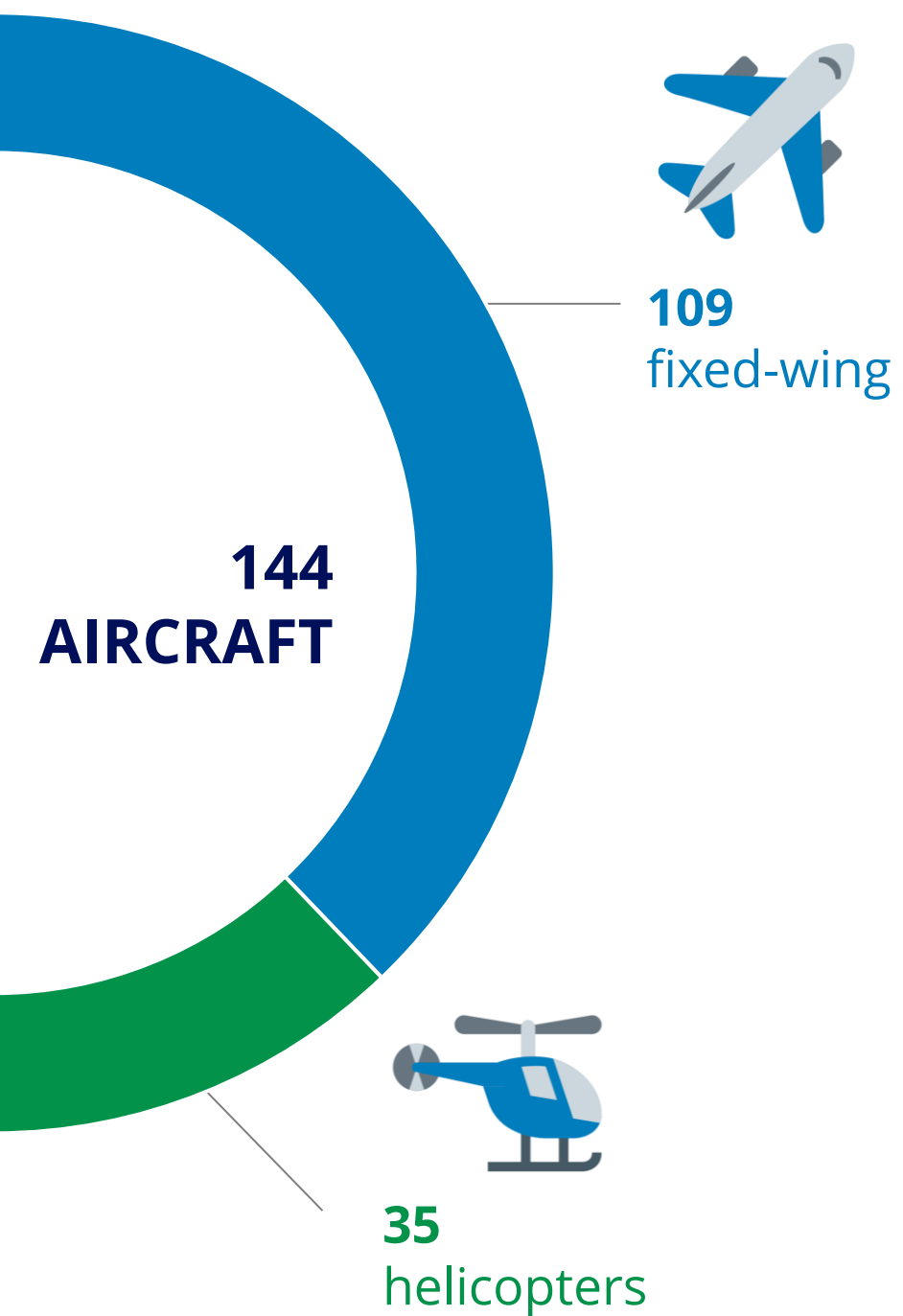


## BURKINA FASO

- Scale up of operations and expansion of the fleet to meet rising demand from the humanitarian community, becoming the only safe option for reaching conflict-affected destinations.

# Overview of UNHAS operations

SAFE, EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES



**388,000**  
passengers transported

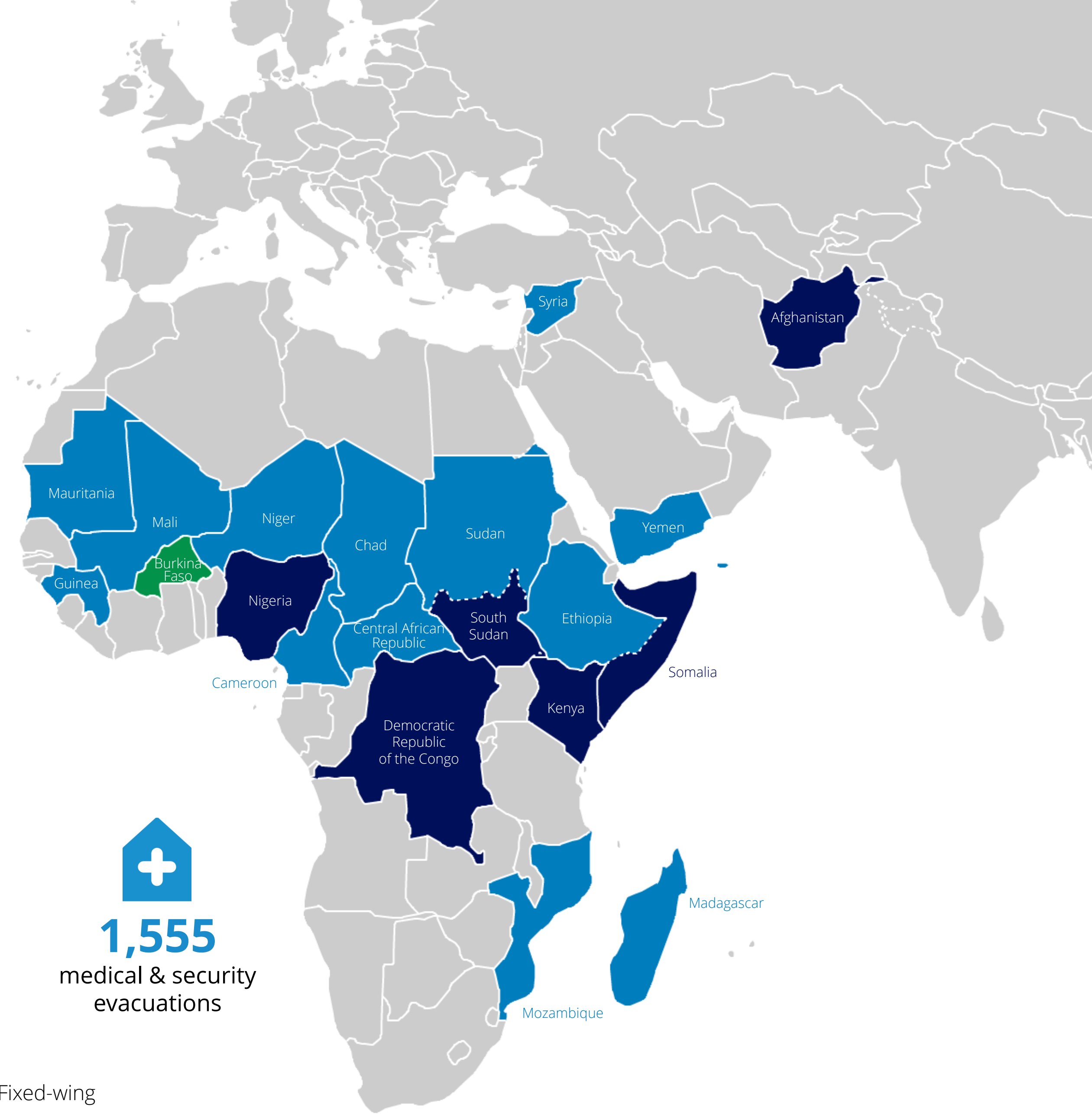
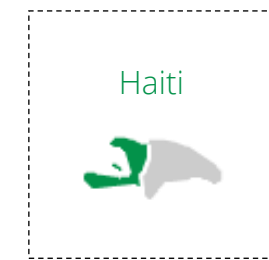
**4,500 mt**  
cargo transported

**21**  
UNHAS operations

**437**  
destinations  
(regular + ad hoc)

**647**  
user organisations

**1,555**  
medical & security  
evacuations



Standby/Ad-hoc fleet: Canada, Germany, Mauritius, South Africa and Uganda.

NB: Fleet description as of 31 December 2023.

- Fixed-wing
- Helicopter
- Fixed-wing + Helicopter

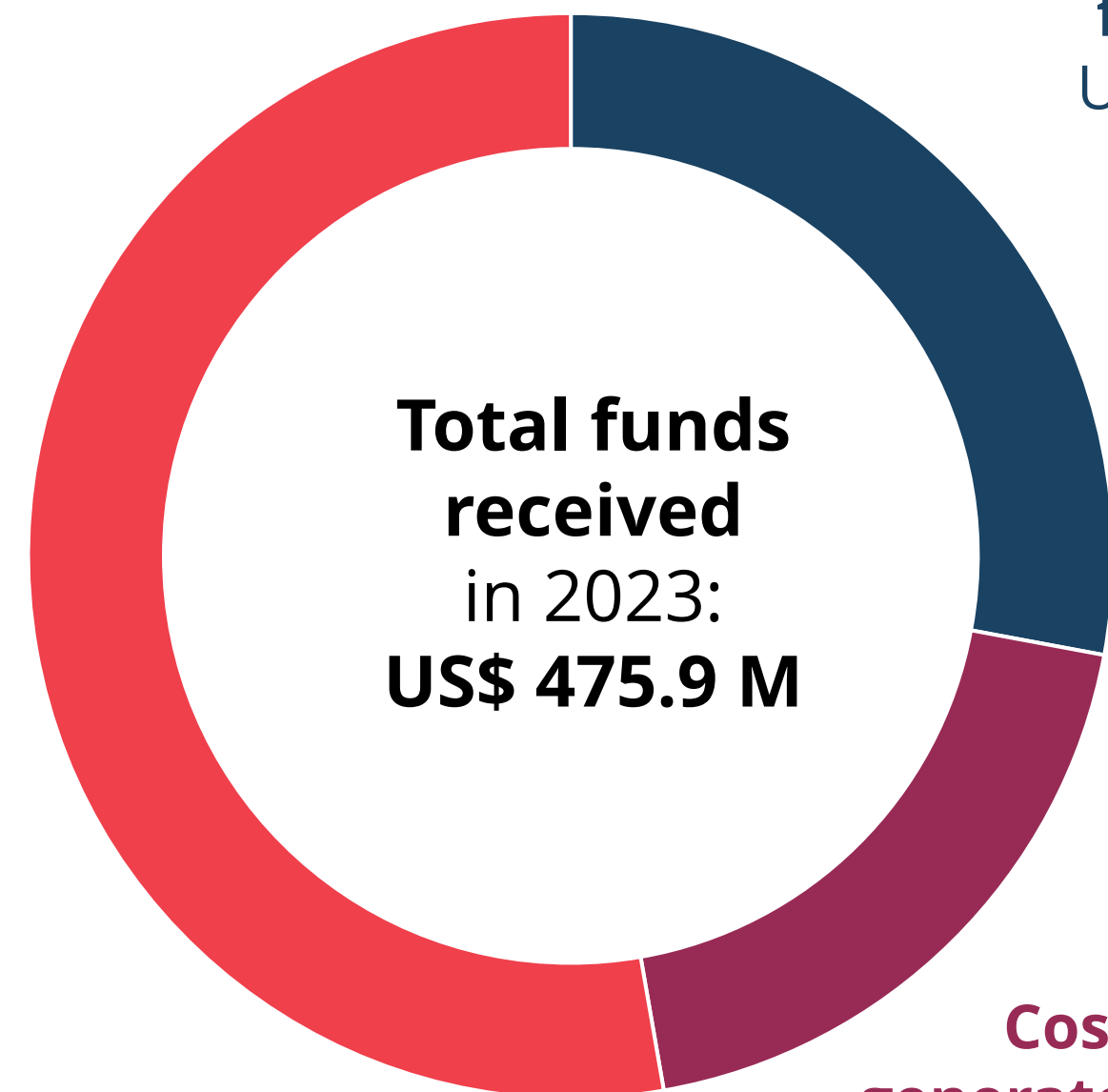
# UNHAS funding overview

## 2023

- **Budget 2023:** US\$410.8 million
- **Carried over from 2022:** US\$132.9 million (32% of required budget)
- **Cost recovery generated:** US\$92 million

Donor contributions in 2023: US\$251 M

53%



Carried over from 2022: US\$132.9 M

28%

Cost recovery generated in 2023: US\$92 M

19%



## 2024

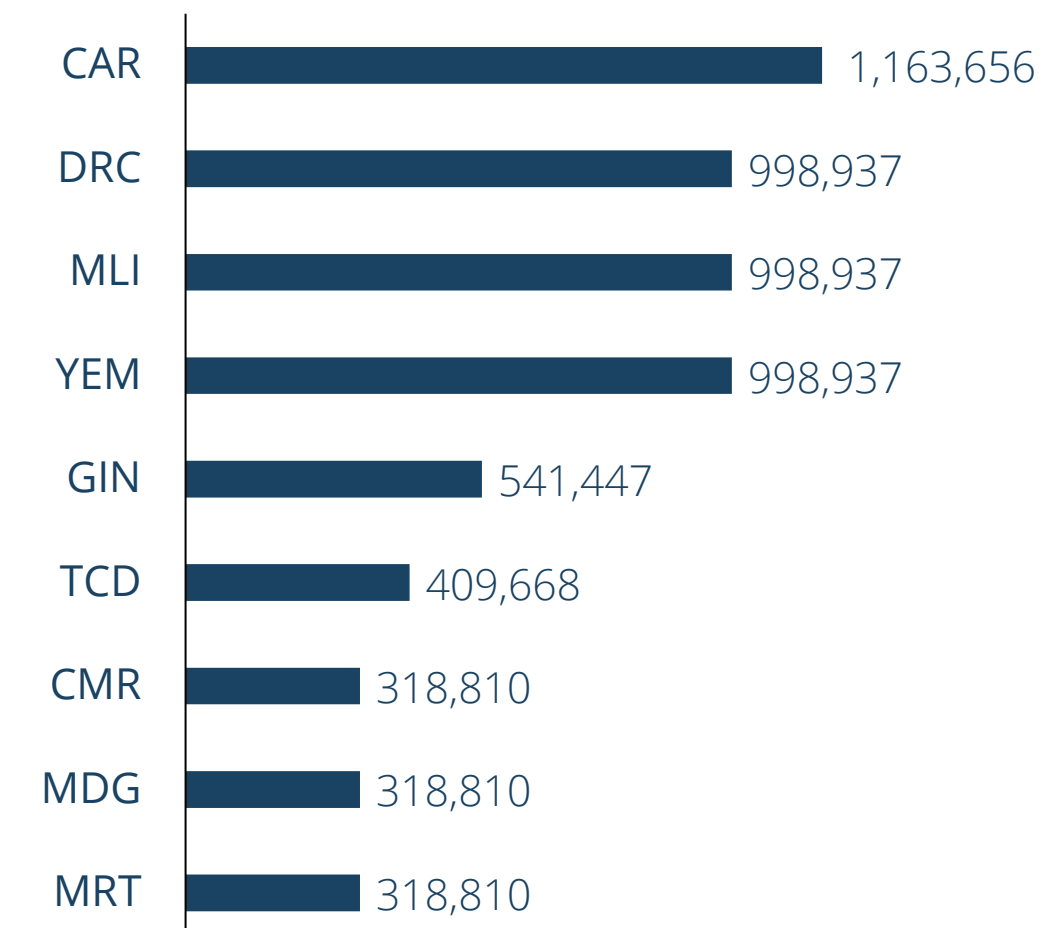
- **Budget 2024:** US\$395.7 million
- **Carried over from 2023:** US\$122.2 million (31% of required budget)
- **Remaining funding requirement:** US\$140.2 million

## Centralized Funding Mechanism

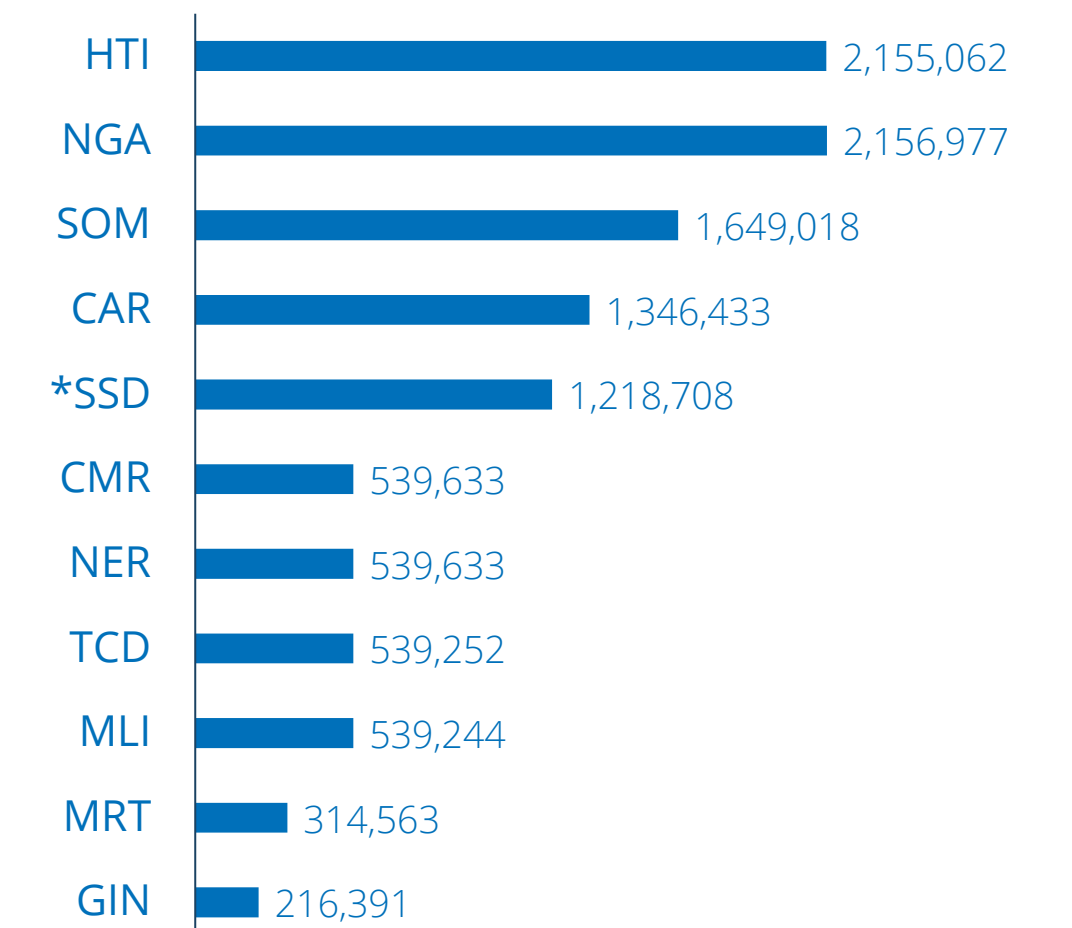
Total contributions received: US\$18.1 million

- Allocation 1: November 2023
- Allocation 2 (Ad hoc): January 2024
- Allocation 3: March 2024

QUARTER 4 2023 CFM | ALLOCATION BREAKDOWN



QUARTER 1 2024 CFM | ALLOCATION BREAKDOWN



\*including a US\$700,000 contribution for rehabilitation of the airstrip in Renk, allocated in January 2024.

## Environmental & sustainability programme

Following completion of the “**we measure**” pillar, significant progress on the “**we reduce**” pillar was achieved in 2023:

- Environmental management systems;
- Procurement focus;
- Electric ground power units;
- Cabin waste management;
- Environmental e-learning;
- Exploring sustainable aviation fuel solutions.

## Future air transport solutions

In December 2023, WFP collaborated with the Kenyan Civil Aviation Authority on a **MiniFreighter cargo Unmanned Aircraft Systems demonstration**. This UAS has the potential to transport and airdrop 160 kg of humanitarian cargo by an unmanned aircraft, per delivery.

In November 2023, the WFP Aviation Service also signed a memorandum of understanding with the Department of Civil Aviation in Sharjah (UAE) **to provide UNHAS staff with aviation safety capacity-building trainings**.

## Aviation security

Throughout the year, **progress was made in risk management** with:

- The roll-out of the new AVSEC Annex G Dashboard;
- Regular aviation risk management assessments conducted for all 21 UNHAS operations;
- New AVSEC standard operating procedures were released in May 2023.

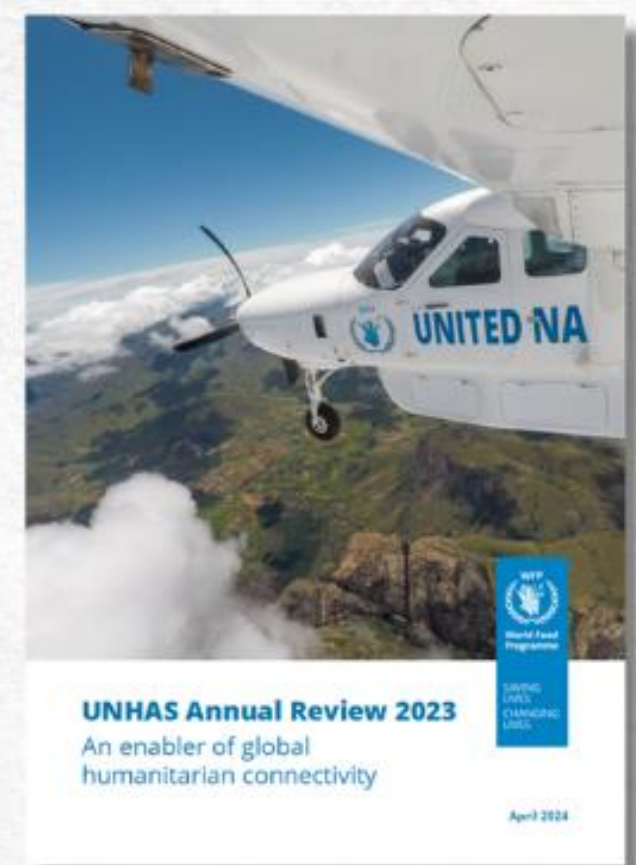
UNHAS continues to collaborate with key partners on the ground, engaging in capacity building initiatives throughout the year.

**THANK YOU**



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**The link between communities  
battling the effects of  
emergencies and the  
humanitarian actors who can  
assist and protect them.**



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