

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 9th MARCH 2026**

Question

“Will the Minister advise, for each humanitarian crisis Jersey has supported in the past five years –

- (a) the total funding allocated;
- (b) the rationale and criteria used in determining each contribution; and

confirm whether there are any current or planned humanitarian assistance initiatives relating to the crisis in the Middle East?”

Answer

Overarching Rationale and Criteria for Allocations

JOA’s humanitarian allocations are grounded in the principles of Good Humanitarian Donorship, ensuring that assistance is guided by humanity, neutrality, impartiality and independence. JOA Commission funding decisions prioritise the severity of need, timeliness of response, partner capacity to respond, global funding gaps and alignment with humanitarian principles.

With the introduction of JOA’s Humanitarian Strategy in 2025, this approach was further formalised. The Strategy strengthens decision making by incorporating additional criteria, including:

- the severity and scale of unmet humanitarian needs
- partner capacity, access, and contextual suitability
- risk, value for money, and complementarity with other interventions
- alignment with JOA’s priority themes such as cashbased assistance, protection, localisation, and resilience

JOA’s humanitarian responses are typically mobilised in countries and territories that are defined by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation (OECD)¹ and Development Assistance Committee (DAC) eligible Overseas Development Assistance (ODA) recipient list.

This framework ensures that JOA’s humanitarian funding is needs driven, principled, evidence based, and targeted to where it can have the greatest impact.

Summary of Crises Supported and Funding

Since 2021, JOA has supported a wide range of humanitarian crises through its trusted network of partners, including UN agencies, the British Red Cross, specialist NGOs and Humanitarian Pooled Fund mechanisms such as the Start Fund, UN OCHA Country Based Pooled Funds and Aid Fund for Syria. The table below summarises JOA’s total allocations by country, including the first and most recent years of support and the partners funded.

JOA Allocations Since 2021 by Country*²

Country	Total Allocated (£)	Year First Allocated	Year Last Allocated	Response
Afghanistan	£765,000	2021	2025	Protracted crisis & Earthquake (2025)

Bangladesh*	£1,950,000	2021	2026	Protracted crisis - Rohingya
Burkina Faso	£240,000	2025	2025	Red Cross/Red Crescent
Burundi*	£150,461	2026	2026	Refugee response
Central African Republic*	£1,420,000	2021	2026	Protracted crisis
Chad	£275,417	2023	2025	Protracted crisis (Horn of Africa Response)
Democratic Republic of Congo*	£200,461	2025	2026	Protracted Crisis
Egypt	£18,750	2023	2025	Regional refugee response (Sudan crisis)
Ethiopia	£517,083	2021	2025	Protracted crisis, Regional Refugee response
Haiti	£280,000	2021	2025	Protracted crisis
Kenya	£585,833	2022	2025	Protracted crisis (Horn of Africa Response)
Lebanon*	£550,000	2021	2026	Protracted crisis
Libya	£100,000	2023	2024	Flood Response
Malawi	£80,000	2023	2024	Cyclone Response
Mauritania	£240,000	2025	2025	Red Cross/Red Crescent
Morocco	£75,000	2023	2024	Flood Response
Mozambique	£200,600	2022	2025	Cyclone Response
Myanmar	£430,000	2023	2025	Protracted crisis
Niger	£25,000	2022	2023	Red Cross/Red Crescent

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Pakistan	£100,000	2022	2023	Flood Response
Palestine*	£2,675,718	2021	2026	Protracted crisis
Sierra Leone	£25,000	2021	2021	COVID Response
Somalia	£185,833	2022	2025	Protracted Crisis
South Sudan*	£1,379,717	2021	2026	Protracted crisis
Sudan*	£1,311,667	2023	2026	Protracted crisis
Syria*	£2,372,396	2021	2026	Protracted crisis
Tanzania	£40,000	2025	2025	Refugee Response
Turkey	£132,396	2023	2024	Earthquake Response (North West Syria)
Ukraine	£4,603,459	2022	2025	Multi Sector
Yemen*	£1,683,644	2021	2026	Protracted crisis
Zambia	£13,670	2024	2024	Drought Response

In addition, the following allocations were made to global response mechanisms – including COVID response, the Start Network’s Global Start Fund and Community of Practice:

Organisation	Total Allocated	Year First Allocated	Year Last Allocated	Title
British Red Cross	£1,000,000	2023	2024	Cash Hub Phase I
British Red Cross	£100,000	2021	2021	Covid Response Funding - A Global Vaccine Roll Out

Start Network	£81,840	2025	2026	Pooled Funds Community of Practice (CoP)
Start Network*	£2,700,000	2021	2026	Global Start Fund
UNICEF	£200,000	2021	2021	Covid Response Funding - Ensuring Global Equitable Access to Covid-10 Vaccines.

Current JOA supported Initiatives relating to the Middle East

Total: £1,145,018* excluding British Red Cross Cash Hub Phase II

Organisation	World Food Programme	Duration	2026-2027 (Multi Year)	Value	2026 contribution: £250,000
Project Title: WFP State of Palestine Response					
Organisation	Medical Aid for Palestinians	Duration	2025-2026	Value	£100,018
Project Title: Supporting Emergency Cancer Care in Gaza and Emergency Preparedness in the West Bank (2025 – 2026)					
Organisation	International Health Partners	Duration	2025-2026	Value	£100,000
Project Title: International Health Partners Gaza and West Bank Response (2025 - 2026)					
Organisation	International Health Partners	Duration	2026-2027 (Multi Year)	Value	2026 contribution: £95,000
Project Title: Middle East Response (2026-27)					
Organisation	Aid Fund for Syria (AFS)	Duration	2026-2027 (Multi Year)	Value	2026 contribution: £300,000
Project Title: Aid Fund for Syria (2026-2027)					
Organisation	British Red Cross	Duration	2025-2027 (Multi Year)	Value	£1.2m over 24 months
Project Title: Cash Hub Phase II [Lebanon & Syria]					
Organisation	UN OCHA	Duration	2026-2027 (Multi Year)	Value	2026 contribution: £300,000
Project Title: Yemen Humanitarian Fund (Country Based Pooled Fund)					

Planned initiatives

JOA is in active contact with humanitarian partners and will continue to monitor the situation closely. I will keep the Assembly updated in due course with any future funding allocations.

