

## Global Management and Coordination

### Key figures

#### Program duration:

- **First phase:** March 2020 – April 2024
- **Second phase:** May 2024 – April 2027
- **Total duration:** 7 years

#### Budget volume:

- **First phase:** EUR 17,216,585
- **Second phase:** EUR 20,863,534
- **Total budget:** EUR 38,080,119

#### Partners:

- 40 local humanitarian partners (LHPs)
- 130 peer humanitarian partners
- 4 international NGOs

#### Countries:

8 countries: Bangladesh, Colombia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Somalia

#### Country projects:

16 country projects during the first and second phase, averaging EUR 2,084,048 each.

Through the [ToGETHER program](#), Welthungerhilfe (WHH) in partnership with the German Federal Foreign Office (GFFO), supports the [paradigm shift towards localized humanitarian action](#).

The program directly contributes to the commitments of the Grand Bargain and the Humanitarian Reset by strengthening local leadership and decision-making, promoting more equitable partnerships, providing funding that is as directly accessible as possible for local humanitarian organizations, expanding flexible financing for timely and people-centered responses, and piloting a risk sharing framework.

Since 2020, WHH has been the lead agency in the GFFO-funded ToGETHER program ('Towards Greater Effectiveness and Timeliness in Humanitarian Emergency Response').

ToGETHER comprises 4 INGO, 40 local humanitarian partners (LHPs) and 130 peer humanitarian partners in 16 country projects (within 7 years) in 8 countries.<sup>[1]</sup> The goal of ToGETHER is to support local humanitarian actors in taking a leading role in the delivery of effective, timely, accountable, and principled humanitarian action in their respective countries.

In its capacity as lead agency, WHH accomplished the establishment and operation of a global program management and coordination mechanism organizing, overseeing, and assuring quality and compliance within ToGETHER.



[1] Caritas Germany (Colombia, Indonesia), Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe (DR Congo, Somalia), Malteser International (Bangladesh, Myanmar), Welthungerhilfe (Ethiopia, Pakistan)

# Key Achievements of the Humanitarian Operation and Innovation Facility - HOIFA

## ToGETHER's Flexible Funding Mechanism - HOIFA

### HOIFA projects:

- **First phase:** 87 HOIFA projects
- **Second phase** (in progress): 63 HOIFA projects
- **Total:** 150 HOIFA projects

### HOIFA budget spent:

- **First phase:** EUR 4,088,761
- **Second phase** (in progress): EUR 3,906,270
- **Total spent:** EUR 7,995,031

### HOIFA project participants:

- **First phase:** 506,546 participants
- **Second phase** (in progress): 158,895 participants
- **Total:** 665,441 participants

### Disaggregated data of HOIFA project participants:

- 56 % women participants
- 2.8 % people with disabilities

The ToGETHER program drives immediate, impactful action through the **Humanitarian Operation and Innovation Facility - HOIFA**. This flexible funding mechanism supports timely, effective, and people-centered and locally led humanitarian action and puts the decision-making power into the hand of the local actors.



### National HOIFA

Reviewed and approved by Country Steering Committees (CSCs), which include representatives from each local humanitarian partner in country. It provides unearmarked funding for humanitarian action (e.g. emergency preparedness and emergency response activities, etc.)



### Global HOIFA

Reviewed and approved by the Program Advisory Committee (PAC), which includes representatives from all ToGETHER stakeholders. These funds are earmarked for the strategic priorities of anticipatory action and gender-sensitive measures.

This decision-making process on HOIFA projects by local humanitarian partners allows priorities to be set based on community-identified needs rather than external approval cycles. As a result, responses are faster, more context-specific, and better adapted to changing realities on the ground.

HOIFA serves as a platform for LHPs to drive coordinated humanitarian action, enhancing their capacity to lead, innovate, and attract additional support. It strengthens operational sustainability and accountability to affected populations and has demonstrated measurable humanitarian reach across multiple crises contexts.

## Complementary Key Achievements of the ToGETHER Program

The ToGETHER program has strengthened LHPs beyond HOIFA implementation, positioning them in formal coordination and decision-making bodies at national level. At the same time, partnerships have become more equitable: 28% of local partners signed balanced partnership agreements, and 50% passed due diligence processes enabling direct access to pooled funds. The program also addresses disproportionate risk exposure through the piloting of a Risk Sharing Framework, ensuring that risks are jointly identified, discussed, and equitably shared among all stakeholders, rather than borne by local actors alone.

The 40 LHPs mentor **additional 130 local organizations through peer-to-peer, horizontal exchange**, grounded in operational realities rather than external technical assistance.

As a result, LHPs reported stronger collaboration between mentors and mentees, increased leadership confidence, and improved ability to engage in coordination and advocacy spaces.

ToGETHER partners have **strengthened the visibility and influence of locally led humanitarian action** at global, regional, and national levels. They have contributed to IARAN's **"Future of Aid in 2040"** study by providing input and participating in consultation processes shaping global humanitarian foresight. Through three South-South exchanges, LHPs reinforced cross-regional collaboration and shared learning across Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Moreover, the LHPs have actively engaged in major international platforms, including the Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week (HNPW), increasing the visibility of locally led approaches.

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