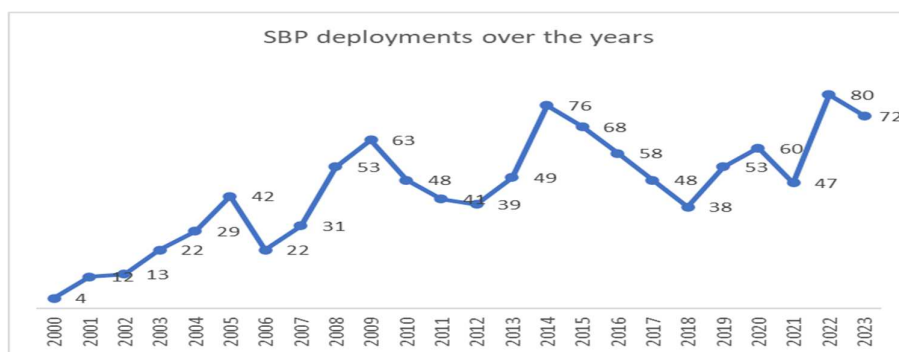




# Stand-By Partnership 2023 Annual Report

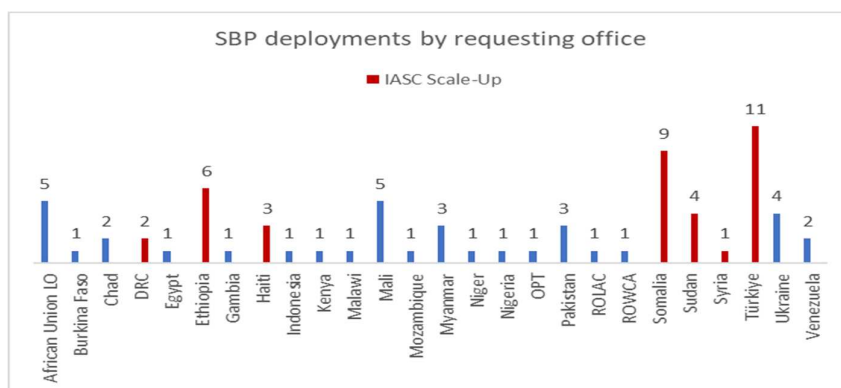
## Background

The Stand-By Partnership Programme (SBPP) is a key component of OCHA's surge mechanisms, providing timely and expert emergency response capacity worldwide. OCHA's SBPP is governed by General Assembly Resolutions<sup>1</sup> and currently includes Memorandums of Understanding with 15 organizations<sup>2</sup>.



## 2023 Overview - Deployments by requesting office

In 2023, **72 SBP experts** commenced deployment to **new and escalating humanitarian emergencies** and to situations where **specific expertise** was required and not available within the organization, for an average duration of six months and a half. These experts deployed to support **26 OCHA offices**, of which half were involved in **IASC declared Humanitarian System Scale-Up emergencies** in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Haiti, Somalia, Sudan and the earthquake response in Syria and Türkiye. These 72 deployments represent an **in-kind contribution of US\$9 million** to OCHA, if an average P3 monthly salary and associated expenses are applied.

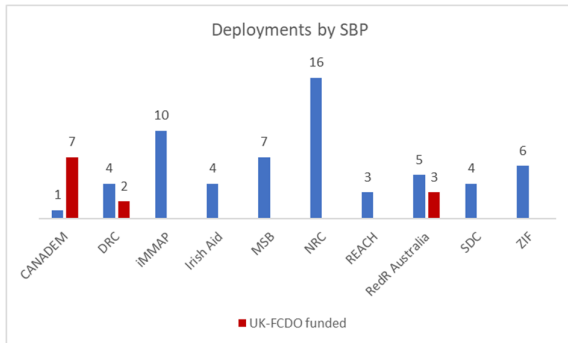


<sup>1</sup> General Assembly Resolutions A/RES/51/243 dated 10 October 1997 and A/RES/52/234 dated 22 September 1998 as well as Secretariat Administrative Instruction ST/AI/1999/6 dated 28 May 1999.

<sup>2</sup> CANADEM (Canada's Civilian Reserve), DEMA (Danish Emergency Management Agency), DRC (Danish Refugee Council), FCDO (UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office), ICRU (Icelandic Crisis Response Unit), iMMAP, Irish Aid (Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade), MapAction, MSB (Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency), NRC (Norwegian Refugee Council), Qatar Charity, RedR Australia (Registered Engineers for Disaster Relief Australia), REACH/Impact Initiatives, SDC/HA (Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Department of Humanitarian Aid and Swiss Humanitarian Aid Unit) and ZIF (Center for International Peace Operations).

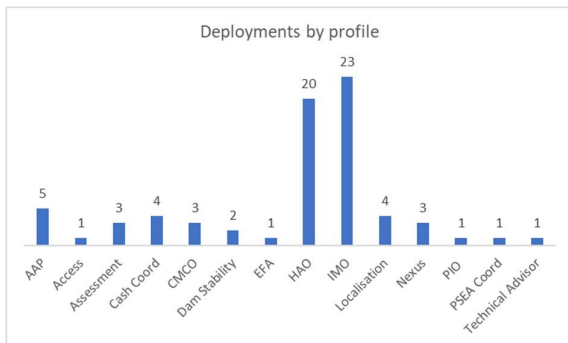
## Deployments by Stand-By Partner

Experts have been provided from **ten** SBPs: NRC (16), iMMAP (10), CANADEM (8), RedR Australia (8), MSB (7), DRC (6), ZIF (6), SDC (4), Irish Aid (4) and REACH (3). FCDO funded 16% of the 72 deployments, which equals the support provided in 2022.



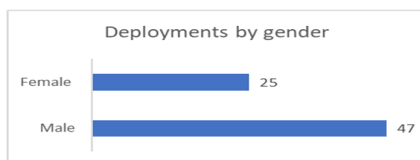
## Deployments by profile

The profiles that deployed mostly were **Information Management Officers (IMO)** and **Humanitarian Affairs Officers (HAO)**. The remainder of the profiles were mainly for Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP), Cash Coordination, Localisation, Assessment, Civil-Military Coordination and Nexus.



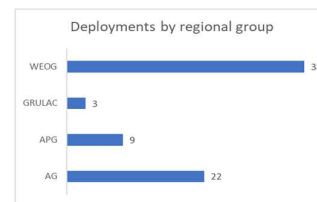
## Deployments by gender

Female experts counted for close to **35%**, which is comparable to previous years.



## Deployments by geographic group

Based on the experts' declared nationality, deployments from the Western European and Other States Group counted for **52%**, which represents a decline from previous years. OCHA continues working with SBPs to further ensure geographic diversity and improve the way diversity is captured.



## SBP Network

Throughout the year, OCHA remained engaged in and supported various initiatives within the SBP Network, a community of 15 United Nations Agencies and over 40 partners, including around Duty of Care, Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and Due Diligence.

## A word of thanks to our SBPs

We would like to thank our Partners and their employees for their commitment and continued support to OCHA's operations. Over the last few years, thanks to our Partners' reliability and commitment, 75% of OCHA's requests for SBP deployment were met across all emergencies, with a much higher rate— for IASC declared Humanitarian System Scale-Up emergencies.

A total of 20 requests were not met this year (mainly for the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Haiti, Mali, and Somalia), suggesting substantial end-of-year funding gaps among SBPs.

OCHA counts on its Partners' continued commitment and financial support in the years ahead in support of its humanitarian coordination activities across the globe.