



To: The Deputy Secretary-General,

Please find attached for your approval on behalf of the Secretary-General his report to the General Assembly on the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF).

The report is technical in nature. It also includes a description of the recommendations of the five-year evaluation that was just conducted, together with remarks about what actions will be undertaken to implement them.

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Nicholas Haysom
7 September 2011

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TO: Mr. Ban Ki-moon
A: Secretary-General

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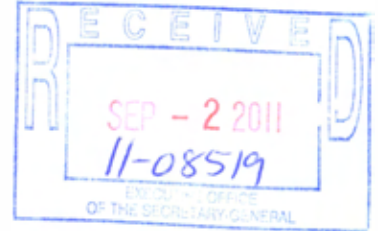
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FROM:

Valerie Amos

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Under-Secretary-General,
Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

SUBJECT: 2011 Report of the Secretary-General on the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)

OBJET:

1. I am pleased to transmit for your approval the draft 2011 Report of the Secretary-General on the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF).
2. In addition to reporting on activities during this period, the Report includes a summary of key findings and recommendations from the five-year evaluation, as well as the CERF Secretariat's planned follow-up actions.
3. Feedback from UN humanitarian agencies and IOM, and the Office of the UN Controller has been incorporated into the report. After I cleared the Report on 18 August, the UN Controller provided his clearance on 1 September.
4. Your final comments and clearance are requested by Friday 9 September. Following your approval, the report will be submitted for publication in advance of the 66th GA session.



Note to Mr. Nambiar

Report of the Secretary-General on the Central Emergency Response Fund

Please find attached the 2011 Report of the Secretary-General on the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF). Relevant agencies were closely consulted during the drafting of the report and comments from the Office of the Controller have been incorporated. The report covers activities from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011.

I would be grateful if you could kindly submit the attached report to the Secretary-General for clearance.


Catherine Bragg
2 September 2011



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*Approved on behalf
of the Secretary-General.
Ashraf Raza Mir*

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The Central Emergency Response Fund

Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

This report describes the activities of the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011. The CERF continues to demonstrate its effectiveness as a tool for collective emergency response. During this period the Emergency Relief Coordinator allocated \$342 million from the Fund to support life-saving activities in 43 countries and territories. The five-year evaluation of the CERF was finalised during this reporting period, providing invaluable independent insight into the Fund's strengths and weaknesses. The evaluation is largely positive in its assessment of the CERF and also identifies areas for improvement. A management response plan has been developed by the CERF Secretariat, which provides a road-map for moving forward.