



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO)

Director-General

Brussels,
DG/MP

Subject: Reply to PETITION - humanitarian crises in Yemen, Somalia, South Sudan and Northern Nigeria

Dear petitioner,

The European Commission takes note of the request and would like to inform that the humanitarian crises in Yemen, Somalia, South Sudan and Northern Nigeria were extensively addressed at the 2017 United Nations General Assembly Ministerial Week in New York, with specific events hosted notably by the United Nations on the "four famines", Yemen, the Lake Chad crisis and South Sudan.

The European Union participated at senior level in these events (with the participation notably of the Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management, Christos Stylianides), urging the wider international community to step up efforts to work towards political solutions to the underlying crises and recalling the extensive humanitarian assistance provided by the European Union in all of the crises referred to.

The Commission would like to recall that so far this year, the EU has allocated a total of EUR 725.3 million in humanitarian and development assistance from the EU budget to respond to the needs of people affected in the four countries facing the risk of famine. This is included in the Commission's regional allocations which cover more broadly also the regional spill-over effects in the neighbouring countries with a total of EUR 928.6 million.

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