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Distribution of NRC COVID-19 Response kits, funded by the German Federal Foreign Office in Somalia, 2021.

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The Global Outlook

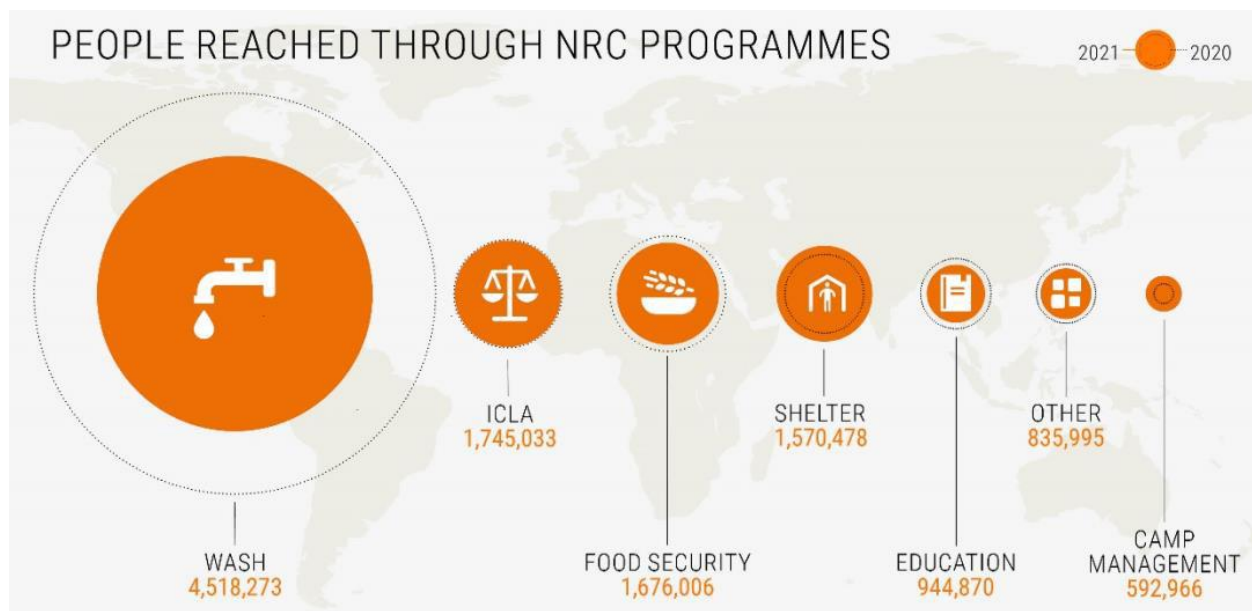
In November 2020, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) estimated that in 2021, 235 million people will be in need of humanitarian assistance and protection. This shows a drastic spike compared to 2020, where the global estimate for people in need was 168 million, an increase of almost 40% within a year.

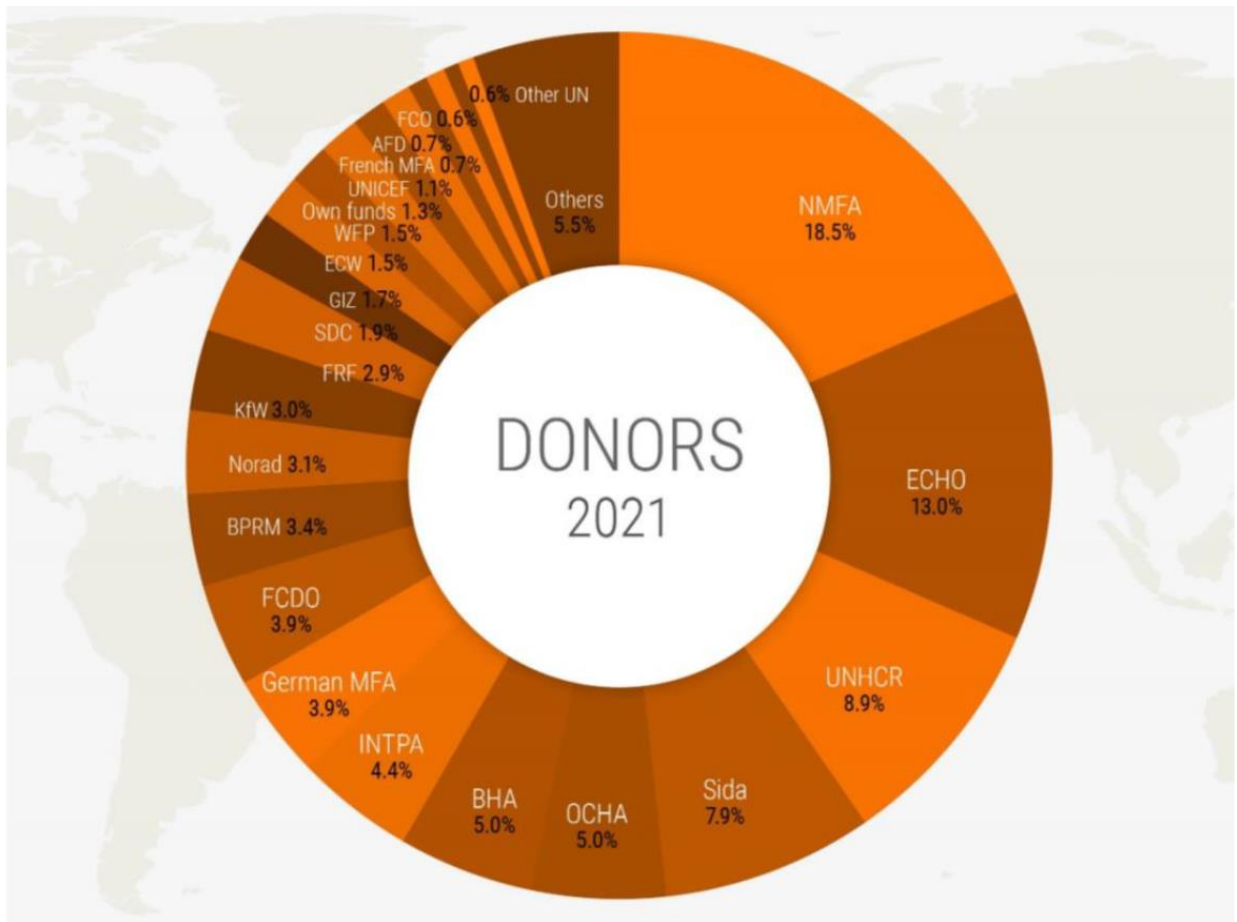
This was, in at least a large part, due to the global impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, triggering one of the deepest global recessions in history, and further exacerbating new and protracted crises.

1 Overall performance

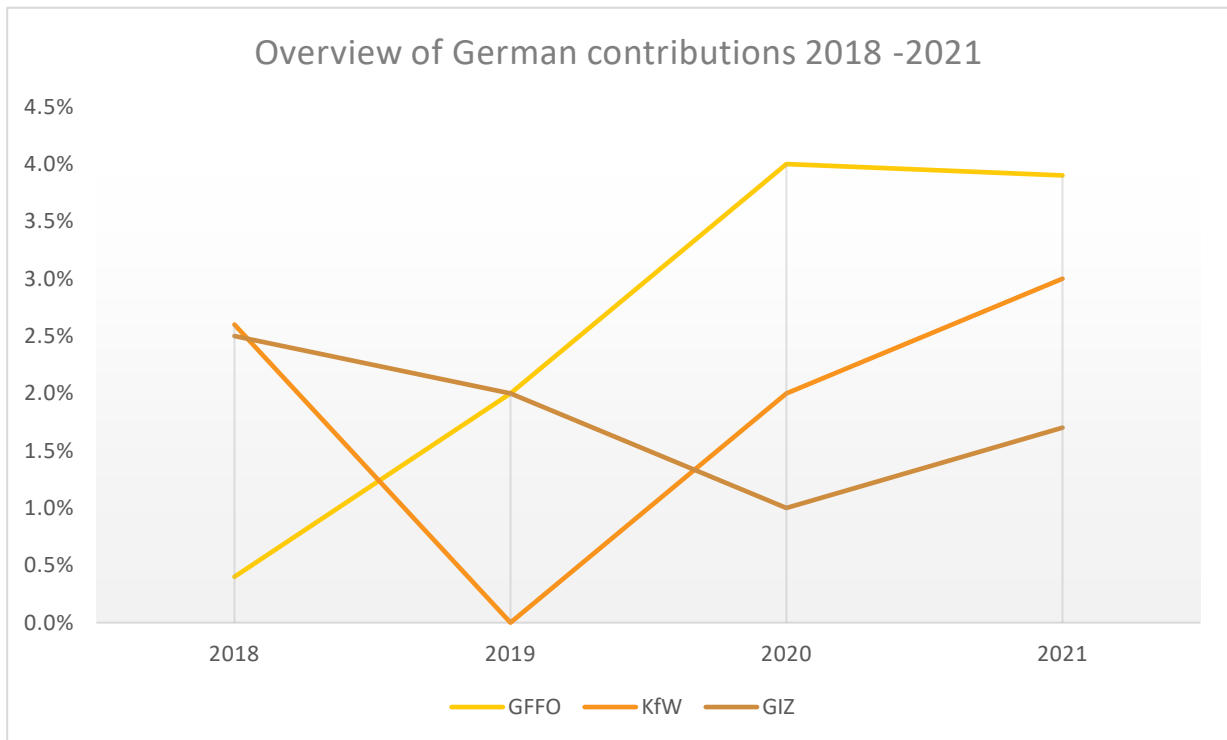
NRC Worldwide

In 2021, NRC reached over 9.8 million persons in need through its six core competencies: (1) WASH, (2) Food Security; (3) Shelter; (4) Information, Counselling and Legal Assistance (ICLA); (5) Education; and (6) Camp Management in 35 countries. There was a significant increase in the number of people reached through camp management activities, followed by shelter. ICLA had a slight reduction in reach, as did education, livelihoods and food security (LFS), and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH).





Globally, German donors continued to contribute significantly to the overall funding that NRC receives. During the reporting period, German funding made up over 10% of NRC, split between GFFO (5.8%), KfW (3.8%), and GIZ (1.7%).



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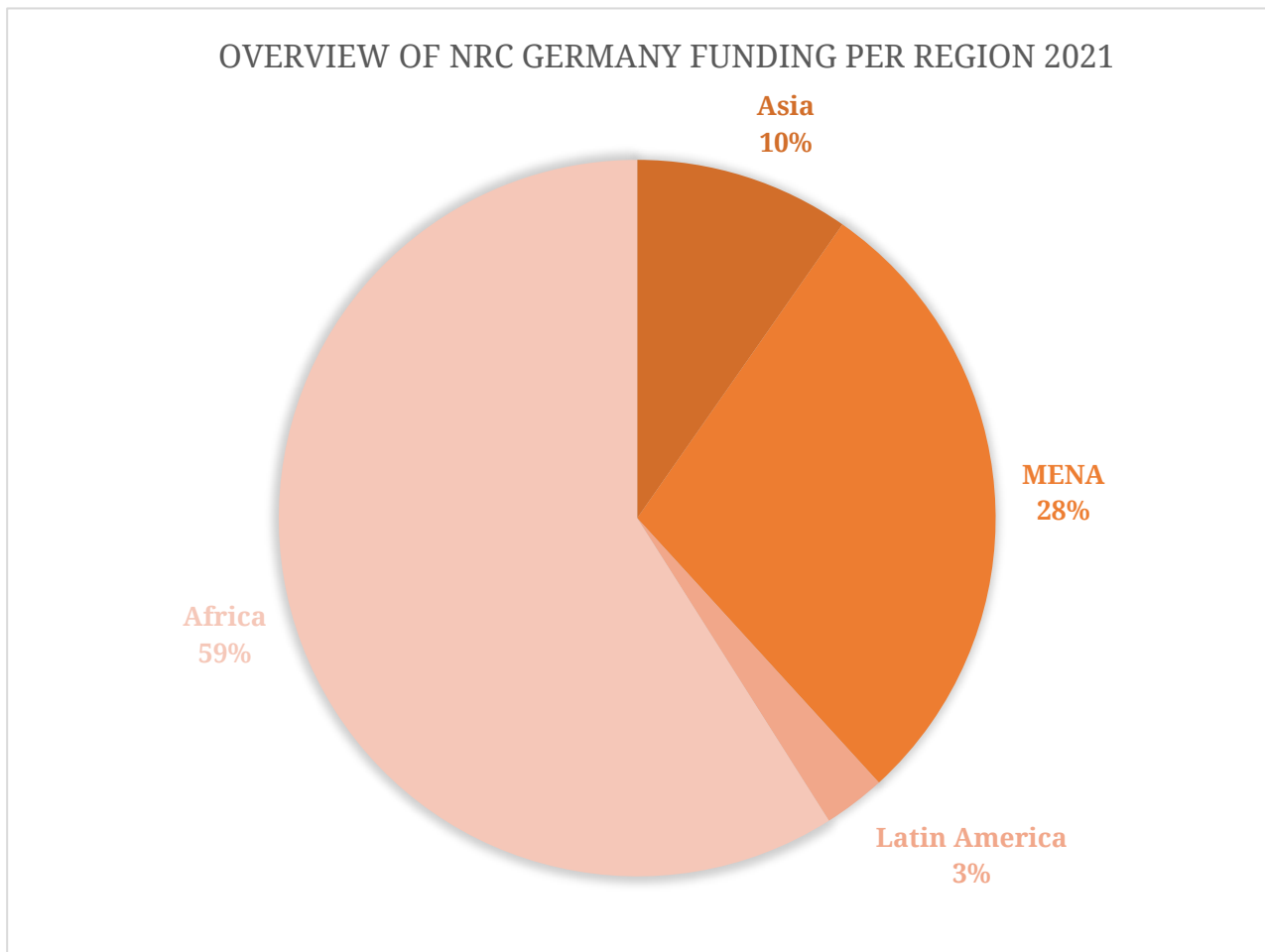
Established in 2017 as a representative office of the Norwegian Refugee Council, NRC Flüchtlingshilfe (from here on NRC Germany) continues to raise money for NRC's overseas programmes that meet the needs of conflict-affected refugees and internally displaced people, and provides humanitarian policy advice to German donors, parliamentary committees, and peer non-governmental organisations.

In the reporting period, NRC Germany continued to work closely with key German partners, namely channelling financial support from the German Federal Foreign Office (GFFO) and its two operational agencies, the KfW Development Bank (KfW), and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) to NRC programmes worldwide.

In 2021 alone, NRC Germany signed a total value of over EUR 42 million for new projects in Africa, the MENA region, and Asia. In 2021, 100% of new project funding came from the Federal Foreign Office and NRC Germany ranked among the highest recipients of GFFO funding for humanitarian funding.

Including continuing projects that were signed before 2021, NRC Germany had a total project volume of over EUR 70 million, split between 12 ongoing and new projects.

A regional breakdown is provided in the overview below:



2 Projects

Funding through NRC Germany supports NRC projects worldwide, both through single-country, regional, and global projects active in the Middle East, Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

A list of new projects in 2021 is outlined below:

Country	Donor	Project	Objective	Funding in EUR (incl. own funds)
Afghanistan	GFFO	Winterisation, food assistance and hygiene kits for IDPs, returnees and those affected by conflict and drought in Kabul, Parwan, Lugar, Paktia, Khost, Nangarhar, Kandahar, Uruzgan and Zabul provinces	NRC aims to reduce the suffering and improve the living conditions of the most vulnerable and shock affected people through the provision of humanitarian assistance in the target areas. The project will address Shelter, WASH, and Food Security needs for vulnerable communities.	1,664,503.81 €
Syria	GFFO	Providing Lifesaving Assistance and Protection to Vulnerable Communities	As a follow up to a previous project, NRC Syria Response Office aims to enhance access to protection and lifesaving assistance for IDPs and host communities. To achieve this, the project addresses WASH, ICLA, LFS, and Shelter needs.	7,400,000.00 €
Lebanon	GFFO	Promoting legal protection for refugees and other vulnerable groups in Lebanon	NRC aims to promote legal protection for refugees from Syria and other vulnerable groups. The project will improve refugees and other vulnerable groups' access to civil documentation, legal residency, and housing rights.	3,149,157.48 €
Regional: Whole of Africa (Burkina Faso, Central African Republic, Ethiopia,	GFFO	Multisectoral response to meet the humanitarian needs of people affected by displacement and vulnerable host communities in Africa while enhancing the	Through this regional multisectoral project spread over nine countries in East, Central and West Africa, NRC aims to address basic needs and enhance access to livelihoods and food security, WASH, Shelter, and	30,005,026.07 €

Kenya, Mali, Niger, Mozambique, Sudan, Uganda)		access to clean energy for environmental protection.	Protection. In addition, the project also has a NORCAP component to better respond to climate change and support resilience efforts.	
Total				42,218,687.36 €

In addition to the projects signed in 2021, NRC Germany also had following projects that were either ongoing or ending in 2021:

Country	Donor	Project Name	Objective	Funding in EUR (incl. own funds)
Regional: Cameroon, Nigeria	GFFO	Multisectoral emergency assistance (cash transfers and food security, shelter, protection, clean water, sanitation and hygiene) for Nigerian refugees, IDPs, returnees and vulnerable host communities in Extrême-Nord, Cameroon, and North-East Nigeria	NRC aims to enhance timely, unhindered and equitable access to multisector assistance and protection interventions through principled humanitarian assistance in Cameroon and Nigeria by providing MPCA, Shelter, WASH and ICLA support.	6,010,473.08 €
Ethiopia	GFFO	Improved access to livelihoods opportunities and basic services for vulnerable, displacement-affected populations in Benishngul Gumuz region, Ethiopia	Through this project, NRC aims to support vulnerable and displacement affected communities by supporting households with LFS measures, the provision of Education in Emergency (EiE) for conflict-affected children, WASH services, Shelter and NFIs, and access to ICLA.	2,000,000.00 €
Afghanistan	KfW	Access to Safe and Adequate Housing for Vulnerable Displacement-affected Families in Afghanistan	NRC aims to enhance access to Shelter, WASH, ICLA and livelihoods support for refugees, returnees, and vulnerable host communities through	5,200,000.00 €

			multisector humanitarian assistance.	
Somalia	GFFO	Integrated life-saving assistance for displaced people and vulnerable host populations in Bari, Sool, Sanaag and Togdheer Regions, Northern Somalia	Through the provision of WASH services and unconditional cash transfers, NRC aims to support vulnerable and disaster affected communities with lifesaving humanitarian assistance.	1,500,000.00 €
Yemen	GFFO	Provision of Life-Saving Protection Assistance to Internally Displaced People, Returnees and Vulnerable Host Communities in Yemen.	NRC aims to strengthen formal and community-based protection systems, enhance access to relevant ICLA services, and strengthen mixed migration and cross-border programming through evidence-based advocacy for IDPs, returnees and vulnerable host community members.	3,330,266.31 €
Venezuela	GFFO	Integrated protection and Humanitarian Assistance to people in Táchira, Zulia and Bolivar states affected by the Venezuelan crisis	Through this project, NRC aims to improve self-reliance, including food security, WASH and legal protection of vulnerable people including IDPs, host communities, and stateless persons or those in need of international protection.	1,976,496.86 €
Syria	GFFO	Providing Lifesaving Assistance and Protection to Vulnerable Communities	NRC Syria Response Office aims to enhance access to protection and lifesaving assistance for IDPs and host communities. To achieve this, the project addresses WASH, ICLA, LFS, and Shelter needs.	6,286,448.16 €
Regional: Burkina Faso Niger	GFFO	Providing an integrated and timely humanitarian assistance to displacement affected	This project seeks to support vulnerable displaced and host communities at	2,200,000.00 €

	population in Burkina Faso and Niger	household and at community level, meeting immediate basic needs and supporting resilience through shelter, WASH, LFS, education and ICLA.	
Total			28,503,684.41 €



NRC Germany conducts a field visit in Uganda as part of the Whole of Africa project.

Improving livelihoods through multi-purpose cash assistance in Somaliland

Layla Abdi, a 34-years-old mother of four children, three boys, and one girl, lives in Lebigun village in Burao district, Togdher region in Somaliland. Like many families, Layla was displaced by the Elnino drought in late 2017, and arrived in Lebigun village. Life has not been easy for her family.

“The drought was very bad. It has affected our lives. Our livestock has died; we lost everything. It has also made it harder for me to bring up my four children. The livestock was our main source of income”.

Before arriving in this village, Layla had more than hundreds of livestock (goats & sheep). She used to earn a good income after selling livestock products, including milk and butter.

Layla was registered as one of NRC’s multi-purpose cash assistance beneficiaries under integrated life-saving assistance for displaced people and vulnerable host populations in Bari, Sool, Sanaag and Togdheer regions, northern Somalia. Layla received three rounds of multi-purpose cash assistance.

“I received \$85 per month for three months through mobile money transfer. This has improved our lives much better. When I received the cash, I was able to buy food for my children and other essentials, like clothes, which was not possible before the cash assistance”.

The multi-purpose cash assistance had positively impacted the lives of Layla’s family and other vulnerable communities in Burao district, Togdher region. The assistance has also increased the purchasing power of all the target households. They have had the freedom to buy food, milk, medicine, and clothes for their households.



3 Fundraising

Supported by the External Relations Department in the NRC Head Office in Oslo, 2021 marked the beginning of the pilot phase for private fundraising, previously referred to as a pre-pilot which was slowly rolled out in 2020.

Funds which are received through fundraising / donations provide much needed own funds for NRC. Own funds ensure that NRC has enough flexible funding to respond quickly to emergency situations. In addition, the availability of own funds ensures that donor requirements of organisations providing a certain percentage of own funds to grants can be met (the general requirement from GFFO is 10% for example).

NRC Germany is a member of the Deutscher Fundraising Verband.

Modalities of fundraising

NRC Germany has different modalities of fundraising, however the majority is conducted through face-to-face street fundraising. In 2021, 4,883 regular donors were acquired through street fundraising. International fundraising efforts were impacted by the severe flooding in the Ahr Valley, which resulted in an increase in domestic fundraising rather funding for crises abroad.

Minor digital donor acquisition was also conducted. In addition, NRC Germany also has an 'online shop', where donations are collected to enable NRC's work in providing non-food items, schoolbooks, livestock, winterization items, shelter, and other necessities vital for persons affected by displacement worldwide.

Contributions

For the financial report, please see the attached Annex.

4 Events and Coordination with other actors

The Institutional Partnership Advisory (IPA) team in the NRC Berlin office continues to work closely with the German government and other government bodies and organisations represented in Germany. NRC Germany is also well connected with the German NGO landscape through regular exchanges with entities such as the Centre for Humanitarian Action (CHA) and the umbrella organisation of development and humanitarian non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in Germany (VENRO).

Engagement institutional donors

Despite a reduction of in-person meetings, engagement with institutional donors, particularly the German Federal German Office, continued despite the ongoing pandemic, leaving heavily on hybrid and online events.

As part of preparatory meetings ahead of the 46th G7 Summit in June, NRC, VENRO, ACF, IRC and Save the Children participated in the German Sherpa Office meeting in April.

Together with Centre for Humanitarian Action (CHA) and the Norwegian Embassy, NRC Germany also co-hosted the ‘The Grand Bargain 2.0 and new dynamics for humanitarian reform’ event, represented by NRC Secretary General (SG) Jan Egeland.



NRC Secretary General Jan Egeland with GFFO Humanitarian Director Susanne Fries-Gaier and CHA Director Ralf Südhoff.

During the same visit, NRC SG also met with senior officials from the GFFO, including State Secretary Antje Leendertse and the Humanitarian Director Susanne Fries-Gaier. As a direct result of the visit, Germany joined the Grand Bargain Facilitation Group, which had not been considered possible previously. NRC also participated in high-level meetings with KfW officials, including the Heads of Departments for MENA and Asia, as well as the respective Heads of Divisions.

Collaboration with other NGOs and partners

NRC continued to collaborate and partner with other NGOs throughout 2021, both through events and joint efforts to shape humanitarian policy with German institutional donors. This included a joint facilitation of progressive humanitarian donors, CHA, INGOs, and think tanks.

NRC Germany, together with 40 other representatives of humanitarian organisations, also participated in a GFFO-organised meeting on the current situation in Ethiopia, where NGOs had the opportunity to voice concerns about the lack of humanitarian access in Tigray. In close collaboration with NRC UK, NRC Germany has been working with **ACF** on gaining more space for humanitarian issues in general and the **UK Famine Compact** in light of the G7.

5 Looking Ahead

For 2022, NRC Germany aims to maintain its current funding levels, within its different regional and country-specific projects, as well as seek additional funds to respond to ad hoc humanitarian emergencies. The economic impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic will continue to be felt on a global level, and will most likely to continue exacerbate ongoing and new humanitarian crises.

NRC Germany will also continue its advocacy efforts with institutional donors and partners, together with the wider NGO community. Through joint collaboration, this will further contribute to give a collective voice to the wider humanitarian and NGO environment in Germany.