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# Following health money, from the donor to the patient

Cholera response 2026 — public data and HealthCheck declarations

Funds of the cholera response in the DRC in 2026: flows reported to OCHA whose description mentions cholera. According to UNICEF, the 2025 outbreak was the worst in 25 years; WHO counts 83,266 cases and 2,384 deaths between early 2025 and late February 2026. The 2023-2027 multisectoral cholera elimination plan, costed at USD 192 million, remains severely underfunded (UNICEF).

**Date** 2 November 2026

**Sources** OCHA FTS · USAspending.gov · HealthCheck declarations

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# 01 About HealthCheck and CERC

HealthCheck (sante.cerc.cd) is a free, open public platform built by the Anti-Corruption Research Centre (CERC), a Congolese research centre based in Kinshasa and Bukavu. It follows, facility by facility, the quality of health services and the money meant for them.

Patients, health workers and health committees (CODESA) report the problems of facilities — medicine stock-outs, unofficial fees, no night duty, hygiene — and follow them until they are checked on site. The « Health funding » module adds the traceability of aid, from the donor to the patient.

The platform works in French, English and Swahili and is designed for mobile phones first. No individual medical data is collected; the names of the people who report are never published.

# 02 How HealthCheck works

HealthCheck follows health money link by link. Each actor has its own form; the declarations are then compared and checked.

1 **Donors** declare what they funded, to whom they entrusted it and for what purpose, with the contract, the budget and the project period.

2 **International agencies and local organisations** declare what they received, passed on and delivered, and for which facility.

3 **Health facilities** declare what actually reached them (funds, medicines, equipment) and how they used it.

4 **The community and CERC** check on the ground: CODESA members, civil society and citizens check each engagement (seen, partly, not seen) and evaluate the transparency, access to information and effectiveness of the project. CERC compares the declarations and publishes the gaps.

The available public data (OCHA FTS, USAspending, CERF) are integrated and refreshed weekly. All the data can be downloaded as CSV. A gap between two declarations is never presented as proof of fraud: CERC first asks both sides to explain it.

# 03 Why HealthCheck matters

### The Government and the Ministry of Health

A real-time view of the aid received by each facility, health zone and province, including aid outside the State budget; a steering tool for the INSP and the provincial health divisions; evidence to demand accountability from the partners.

### Donors

Follow their funds beyond the implementing partner, to the facility and the patient; publish contracts and budgets; independent community verification and open data for their reports and audits.

### International agencies

Show, facility by facility, what was delivered; automatic reconciliation with the declarations of donors and facilities strengthens their credibility.

### NGOs and local organisations

Recognition of their role, their own declarations of the aid they hand over, and visibility of their results with donors.

### Civil society

Citizen check and evaluation forms, open data and evidence for advocacy.

### Health facilities and staff

Declare what they actually received, show how they used it, make their needs known, and be protected against unfounded accusations.

### Patients and communities

Know what their health centre received, report safely what is really missing, and see every problem followed until it is fixed.

# 04 Key figures: Cholera response 2026

## What the partners reported to OCHA

**17.2 M USD**
Reported for this funding (20 flows)

**15.8 M USD**
Paid

**62 %**
Through UN pooled funds

**2.9 %**
To Congolese organisations (500 k USD)

97 % of the funds reported to OCHA went to UN agencies and international NGOs, as implementing partners, and 2.9 % to Congolese organisations.

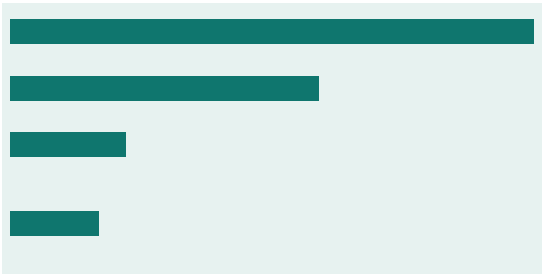
# 05 Where the money comes from

## By type



| | | |
|---|---|---|
| UN pooled funds (DRC Humanitarian Fund, CERF) | 10.6 M USD | 61.8 % |
| Governments | 5.1 M USD | 29.7 % |
| European Union and multilateral | 1.5 M USD | 8.5 % |

## Main sources



| | |
|---|---|
| Central Emergency Response Fund | 8.8 M USD |
| Japan, Government of | 5.1 M USD |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo Humanitarian Fund | 1.9 M USD |
| European Commission's Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection Department | 1.5 M USD |

## Detail

| Organisation | Type | Amount |
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| Central Emergency Response Fund | UN pooled funds (DRC Humanitarian Fund, CERF) | 8.8 M USD |
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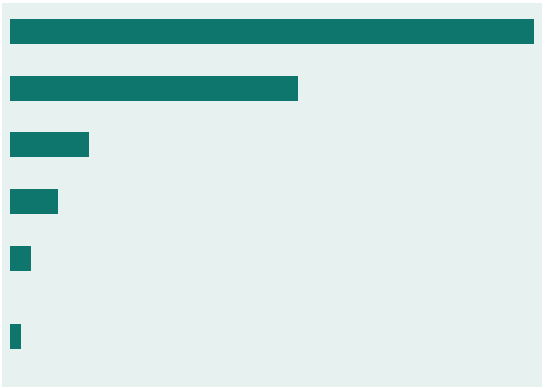
# 06 Where the money goes

## By type



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|---|---|---|
| UN agencies | 15.3 M USD | 89 % |
| International NGOs | 1.4 M USD | 8.1 % |
| Congolese organisations | 500 k USD | 2.9 % |

## Main recipients



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|---|---|
| United Nations Children's Fund | 9.3 M USD |
| United Nations Population Fund | 5.1 M USD |
| People in Need | 1.4 M USD |
| World Health Organization | 875 k USD |
| Red Cross of the Democratic Republic of the Congo | 350 k USD |
| Unir pour la Cohabitation, l'Autopromotion et le Développement Intégré | 150 k USD |

## Detail

| Organisation | Type | Amount | Paid | Via pooled funds |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| United Nations Children's Fund | UN agencies | 9.3 M USD | 7.9 M USD | 7.9 M USD |
| United Nations Population Fund | UN agencies | 5.1 M USD | 5.1 M USD | – |
| People in Need | International NGOs | 1.4 M USD | 1.4 M USD | 1.4 M USD |
| World Health Organization | UN agencies | 875 k USD | 875 k USD | 875 k USD |
| Red Cross of the Democratic Republic of the Congo | Congolese organisations | 350 k USD | 350 k USD | 350 k USD |
| Unir pour la Cohabitation, l'Autopromotion et le Développement Intégré | Congolese organisations | 150 k USD | 150 k USD | 150 k USD |

# 07 What the recipients did with the money

Sectors and purposes declared to OCHA, and activities reported publicly by the organisations or the press. They are not audited results tied to specific dollars.

## Main international recipients

### United Nations Children's Fund

Received : **9.3 M USD** · Paid : 7.9 M USD



Education 54 % Water Sanitation Hygiene 31 % Not specified 16 %

**Declared purpose :** « UNICEF Rapid Responses to alleviate the immediate lifesaving needs of the most vulnerable population, affected by conflicts, displacements, cholera outbreaks and/or natural disasters through in Ituri, North Kivu, South Kivu and Tanganyika »

*No result published yet.*

### United Nations Population Fund

Received : **5.1 M USD** · Paid : 5.1 M USD



Health 50 % Protection - Gender-Based Violence 50 %

**Declared purpose :** « Addressing the maternal and reproductive health and protection life-saving needs of underserved and crisis-affected communities in Afghanistan; Saving the lives and Protecting the Dignity of Women and Girls in emergency affected communities in the Somali region in Ethiopia; Strengthening Community R »

*No result published yet.*

### People in Need

Received : **1.4 M USD** · Paid : 1.4 M USD



Nutrition 64 % Water Sanitation Hygiene 36 %

**Declared purpose :** « Assistance humanitaire vitale et rapide pour répondre aux besoins les plus critiques dans les zones de santé à forte sévérité intersectorielle Réponse vitale en faveur des populations les plus vulnérables affectées par la malnutrition aiguë et expos »

*No result published yet.*

### World Health Organization

Received : **875 k USD** · Paid : 875 k USD



Health 100 %

**Declared purpose :** « CERF Rapid Response: Democratic Republic of the Congo Dec 2025 (Anticipatory Action - Cholera) Projet d'action anticipatoire visant à fournir une aide sanitaire d'urgence aux communautés touchées par le choléra dans la ZS Butumba dans la Provinces du Haut-Lomami. Pr »

*No result published yet.*

## Congolese organisations · 500 k USD

### Red Cross of the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Received : **350 k USD** · Paid : 350 k USD



Water Sanitation Hygiene 100 %

**Declared purpose :** « Réponse humanitaire d'urgence aux personnes déplacées internes (PDI) et communautés hôtes les plus vulnérables affectées par la crise d'Uvira Appui au renforcement des mécanismes communautaires de prévention et de lutte contre le choléra aux personnes a »

*No result published yet.*

### Unir pour la Cohabitation, l'Autopromotion et le Développement Intégré

Received : **150 k USD** · Paid : 150 k USD



Water Sanitation Hygiene 100 %

**Declared purpose :** « Réponse humanitaire d'urgence aux personnes déplacées internes (PDI) et communautés hôtes les plus vulnérables affectées par la crise d'Uvira Appui à la réponse EHA par les activités CATI au profit des populations des entités affectées par la crise de c »

*No result published yet.*

## Health facilities

No public source says what the health facilities received from this funding or what they did with it. Only the facilities can say it: this is the « last mile » HealthCheck documents.

## 08 HealthCheck declarations and citizen follow-up

Declarations published on HealthCheck by facilities, donors, agencies and local organisations, and citizen checks.

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| declarations published | facilities | donors | citizen checks | transparency index |

No declaration is published yet. The forms are open to facilities (directors, health workers), donors, international agencies and local organisations.

## 09 Recommendations

1. Publish, partner by partner, the amounts received, spent and remaining of this funding.
2. Ask implementing partners to declare on HealthCheck, facility by facility, the amounts and supplies passed on, with contracts and budgets.
3. Quickly reallocate unused funds to the health zones and facilities that need them.
4. Carry out an independent audit of the response funds and publish its results.
5. Involve the INSP and the provincial health divisions in using the HealthCheck dashboards.
6. Mobilise CODESA members and civil society to check the published engagements on the ground.

# 10 Method, sources and limits

- OCHA Financial Tracking Service (FTS): flows to the DRC in 2026 whose description mentions « choléra », « cholera », excluding EBOLA2026. Onward flows (money passed on by an organisation that had already received tagged funds) are counted once only.
- USAspending.gov: US awards performed in the DRC whose description mentions « cholera »; « committed » does not mean « paid ».
- Activities: public statements of the organisations, UN reports and press, with their source.
- Amounts are those reported by the organisations and were not verified by CERC. The sources differ in scope and date: their gaps show a need for traceability, not proof of misuse.

Public data updated on 30 October 2026.