

# Emergency Response Fund

2024



Welcome the stranger.  
Protect the refugee.



Representatives from HIAS engage with members of the Embera Wounaan indigenous community and newly arrived migrants at their initial destination in Bajo Chiquito, Darién province, Panama, on August 2, 2023, following their passage through the Darién Gap. (Tarina Rodriguez for HIAS)

HIAS' Emergency Response Fund (ERF) allows for rapid, flexible emergency response within 72 hours of the start of a crisis. In the very first hours of a disaster, the need for life-saving support is often greatest. Lives have been disrupted and populations forcibly displaced; it is then that humanitarian organizations like HIAS (often present before the disaster) must respond, quickly and decisively. HIAS' Emergency Response Fund is designed to rapidly fund initial operations and provide critical, life-saving assistance in the earliest hours. HIAS maintains this fund annually, allowing it to stand ready to quickly serve those with urgent needs. While other funding is on its way, it is HIAS' Emergency Response Fund that can rapidly kickstart HIAS emergency responses.

**HIAS' Emergency Response Excellence:** HIAS is committed to becoming a premier emergency response organization. HIAS focuses on proactively responding to emergencies around the world to better assist displaced populations and vulnerable host communities. These emergencies include complex, protracted situations arising out of conflict or political upheaval, or those triggered by a natural disaster. Through the HIAS Emergency Department, we provide immediate help to short or long-term displaced communities.

## The Emergency Response Fund allows HIAS to...



Provide funds  
within 72 hours



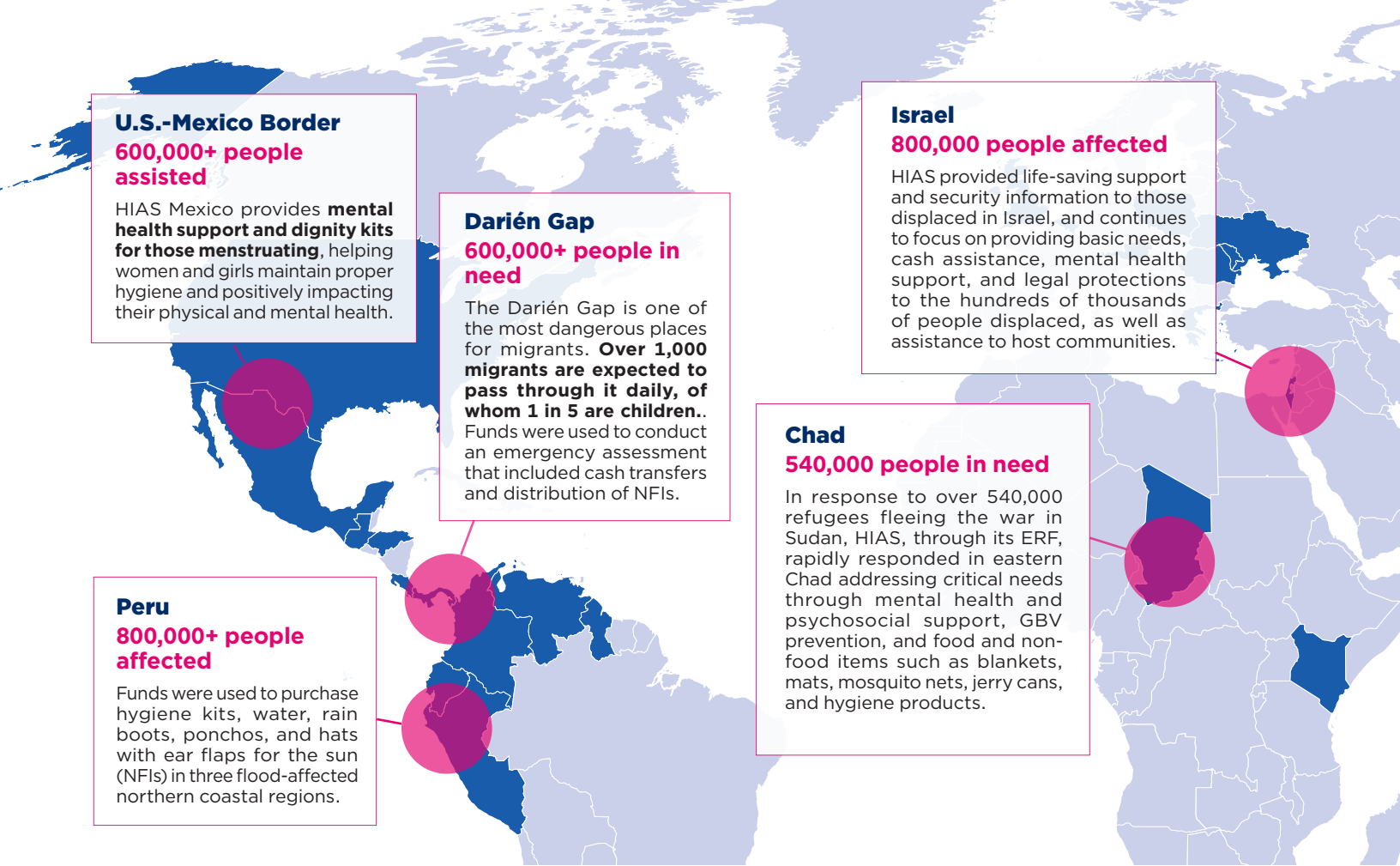
Increase  
flexibility



Leverage additional  
resources



Invest in local  
organizations



A HIAS staffer addresses people displaced by flooding in N'Djamena, Chad on November 10, 2022. (HIAS Chad)

## Response Spotlight: Chad

To date, over 540,000 refugees have crossed from Sudan into Chad since war erupted between the Sudanese army and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF). Present in Chad for over 20 years, HIAS rapidly responded in eastern Chad to the influx of Sudanese refugees. ERF funding has allowed HIAS to address critical needs through mental health and psychosocial

support, GBV prevention, and the strengthening of social protection fleeing services. The funding allows HIAS to provide new arrivals with food and non-food items such as blankets, mats, mosquito nets, jerry cans, and hygiene products.

## How You Can Help

Please consider making a donation or gift to the Emergency Response Fund. The ERF allows HIAS to rapidly respond to the urgent needs of forcibly displaced in both acute and protracted emergencies. All funds will be strategically utilized to save lives, reduce suffering, and leverage resources for maximum impact. HIAS is seeking to raise \$3 million for our Emergency Response Fund in 2024.

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