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Question for written answer E-002083/26
to the Commission
Leire Pajín (S&D)
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Subject: The EU's role as a global humanitarian leader in the context of the 'Humanitarian Reset'

The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) has announced an additional contribution of USD 1.8 billion by the United States to humanitarian funds aimed at responding to emergencies in specific countries, to be targeted at least 17 countries during 2026. This announcement comes in the context of OCHA's 'Humanitarian Reset' initiative, which seeks to improve the effectiveness, prioritisation and delivery of humanitarian assistance in the face of reduced global humanitarian funding. While the countries selected by the United States to receive additional humanitarian aid will receive additional aid, this will leave many other countries exposed to ever increasing humanitarian needs.

1. How does the Commission assess the recent additional humanitarian contribution by the US Administration to OCHA's 'Humanitarian Reset' initiative?
2. Does the Commission intend to present, in 2026, a report on the role and contribution to the 'Humanitarian Reset' initiative?
3. How does the Commission intend to reassert itself as a global humanitarian actor, and contribute to reducing disparities in humanitarian funding between countries and regions?

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Answer given by Ms Lahbib on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission welcomes the additional humanitarian contribution provided by the US Administration to the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) pooled funds, extending for a year vital support to 21 crisis contexts.

As contributor to OCHA pooled funds, the Commission will continue to advocate that their implementation remains principled, needs-based and in line with localisation objectives.

The EU and its Member States are at the forefront of steering an inclusive, sustainable and transformative Humanitarian Reset. Progress will continue to be tracked, in coordination with Member States under Team Europe approach. The Commission stands ready to brief the European Parliament as part of its regular exchanges.

The EU is taking decisive strategic action to assert its strategic leadership in shaping a more effective and principles-based global humanitarian system.

With the adoption of a Joint Communication on EU Humanitarian Aid on 27 May 2026 ⁽¹⁾, the EU commits to reach those most in need efficiently and in a principled manner by reiterating the EU's commitment to the protection of humanitarian principles, personnel and affected people, by identifying ways to increase cost-effectiveness and reduce humanitarian needs and by promoting more strategic alliances with other donors, peace and development actors, including international financial institutions and the private sector, to address the humanitarian funding gap and ensure a coordinated, sustainable response to crises.

In a world where humanitarian needs are outpacing resources, the EU approach is clear: solidarity is not optional, it is a moral duty and a strategic imperative.

⁽¹⁾ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=comnat:JOIN_2026_0025_FIN.