

# **Romanian expertise in the field of humanitarian assistance**

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## 2017- Where are we?

- ▶ UN OCHA, January 2017: the number of people in need of humanitarian assistance has increased by 12,5 million people since last year
- ▶ The estimate for this year: **41,1 million people in 37 countries**
- ▶ The minimum estimated budget needed to meet the needs in 2017 is currently **23.5 billion dollars**
- ▶ Covered so far: **26%**



# 2017- Romanian MFA contribution

- ▶ Romanian humanitarian assistance so far this year was dedicated to Syrian refugees: 5.3 million Euros to mitigate the effects of the conflict on the population in Syria or the neighboring countries, especially children
  - ▶ Demonstrating the active engagement of our country in the international community's efforts to manage the humanitarian crises.
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- In order to alleviate the effects of humanitarian crises, Romania has favorably answered the calls for assistance from the international community by participating in joint efforts through World Food Programme or UNHCR, UNICEF) or by granting bilateral humanitarian assistance, as was the case for Turkey, Jordan or Serbia.
  - Romania has been active in **providing assistance to refugees**. We have offered financial contribution to the Syria EU Trust Fund, the **EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa**, the Facility for Refugees in Turkey, as well as to international organizations and partner countries.



# Cohesion of Humanitarian Aid- Civil Protection intervention

- ▶ Starting from 2015, Romania coordinates the **European flood scenario exercises** for civil protection modules, where we cooperate with UNEP, IOM and UNOCHA. In 2016, RO was one of the first states from EU to give humanitarian assistance after Hurricane Matthew, 50.000 EUR;
- ▶ At the activation of the EU Civil protection mechanism, RO had a positive response to the request for Haiti, a Romanian officer leading the team that will evaluate the damage caused by Hurricane Matthew. The Romanian expert coordinated the EU mission of evaluation in Haiti.
- ▶ In 2016, Romania assisted Macedonia at the end of August, at the activation of EU Civil protection mechanism for flood management.



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- In the period 2014-2017, Romania provided humanitarian assistance in amount of approximately 11.2 million Euros to 12 states in crisis situations such as: Syria and Iraq conflicts, eastern Ukraine conflict, Matthew Hurricane in Haiti, Nepal earthquake, the floods in Serbia and Bosnia-Herzegovina, the epidemic of Ebola virus.



➔ Thank you!