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IOM global initiatives funding status

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I. What is MIRAC?

- Established in 2017, **MIRAC is IOM's entry point for flexible funding** (unearmarked and softly earmarked);
- The value of flexible funding for IOM is that it allows to implement strategic/institutional initiatives;
- In 2018, overall, IOM received **a total of USD 30 million voluntary unearmarked contributions**
- This is **equivalent to 1.7% of IOM's total** voluntary contributions
- The MIRAC grew from **two donors** in 2017 (UK and Sweden) to **seven donors** in 2018
- MIRAC deliberated on the **allocation of USD 26.5 million in 2018** up from USD 11.4 million in 2017

II. MIRAC funding update

Contributions allocated through the MIRAC (funds in USD)		
	2017	2018
Sweden	6 306 761	7 459 846
UK	5 174 644	5 256 242
Netherlands		7 500 000
Norway		1 756 235
Denmark		3 811 557
Portugal		227 531
Switzerland		502 008
Total	11 481 405	26 513 419

In 2019 contributions have been received from Sweden and Norway and are expected from the UK, Ireland and Denmark (for a combined expected total of USD 22 Million)

III. 2018 MIRAC Allocation Highlights

Contributions received in 2018 are contributing to supporting the Organization's Strategic Vision along the following categories:

- **Internal Governance**: Strengthening IT systems and control/oversight mechanisms to improve planning, monitoring and decision making.
- **Knowledge Management and Policy Capacity**: Building IOM's policy capacity to ensure the sound analysis and management of accumulated knowledge
- **Empowered Work Environment**: Investments to contribute to a positive workplace culture, free of harassment and bullying while fostering gender perspective and non-discrimination based on sexual orientation

III. 2018 MIRAC Allocation Highlights

- **Operational effectiveness**: Enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of IOM's operations through greater predictability and consistency
- **Communications**: Building a common understanding of complex and nuanced issues to communicate about migration in an objective and balanced manner
- **Targeted operational activities**: Responding to geographical and thematic priorities set by donors such as the Central Mediterranean Route, North Africa & the Middle East and the Horn of Africa

IV. Looking forward

- A **2018 annual report** on MIRAC unearmarked funding is being prepared and will be published this Summer in line with visibility and transparency commitments;
- A first **annual consultation of donors of unearmarked funding** to be organized by the end of 2019;
- Renewed advocacy and discussions with several donors regarding **potential new unearmarked contributions** to IOM;
- To support planning and long-term internal reforms, greater emphasis will be placed on **multi-year agreements for unearmarked contributions**

IOM Funding Mechanisms

I. The Migration Emergency Funding Mechanism (MEFM)

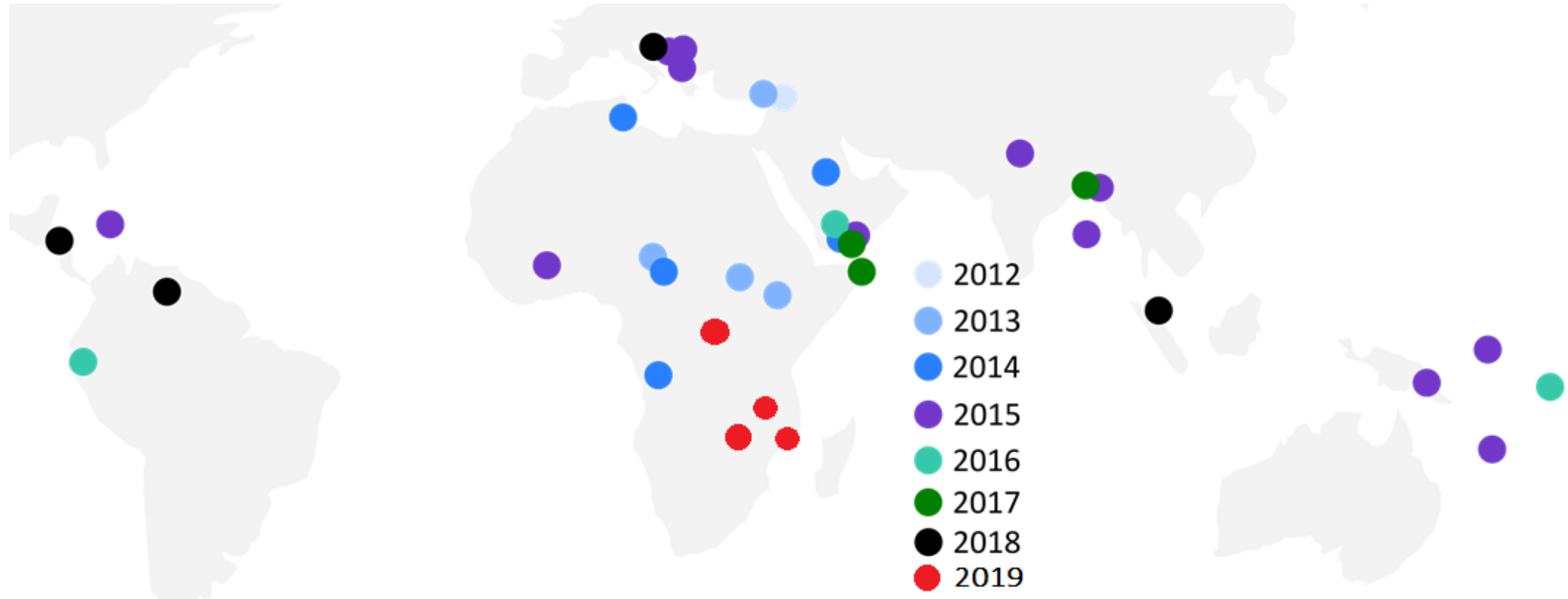
- Established in accordance with Council Resolution No. 1229 of 5 December 2011 to bridge the gap between the start-up of emergency operations and the subsequent receipt of funding
- Funded by voluntary contributions, the Fund's **target balance is USD 30,000,000**. However, the **current balance is just under USD 2,900,000**.



*Shelter distribution for Rohingya refugees in Kutupalong settlement
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In 2019, the MEFM has been used in the DRC in response to Ebola and in three countries affected by Cyclone Idai

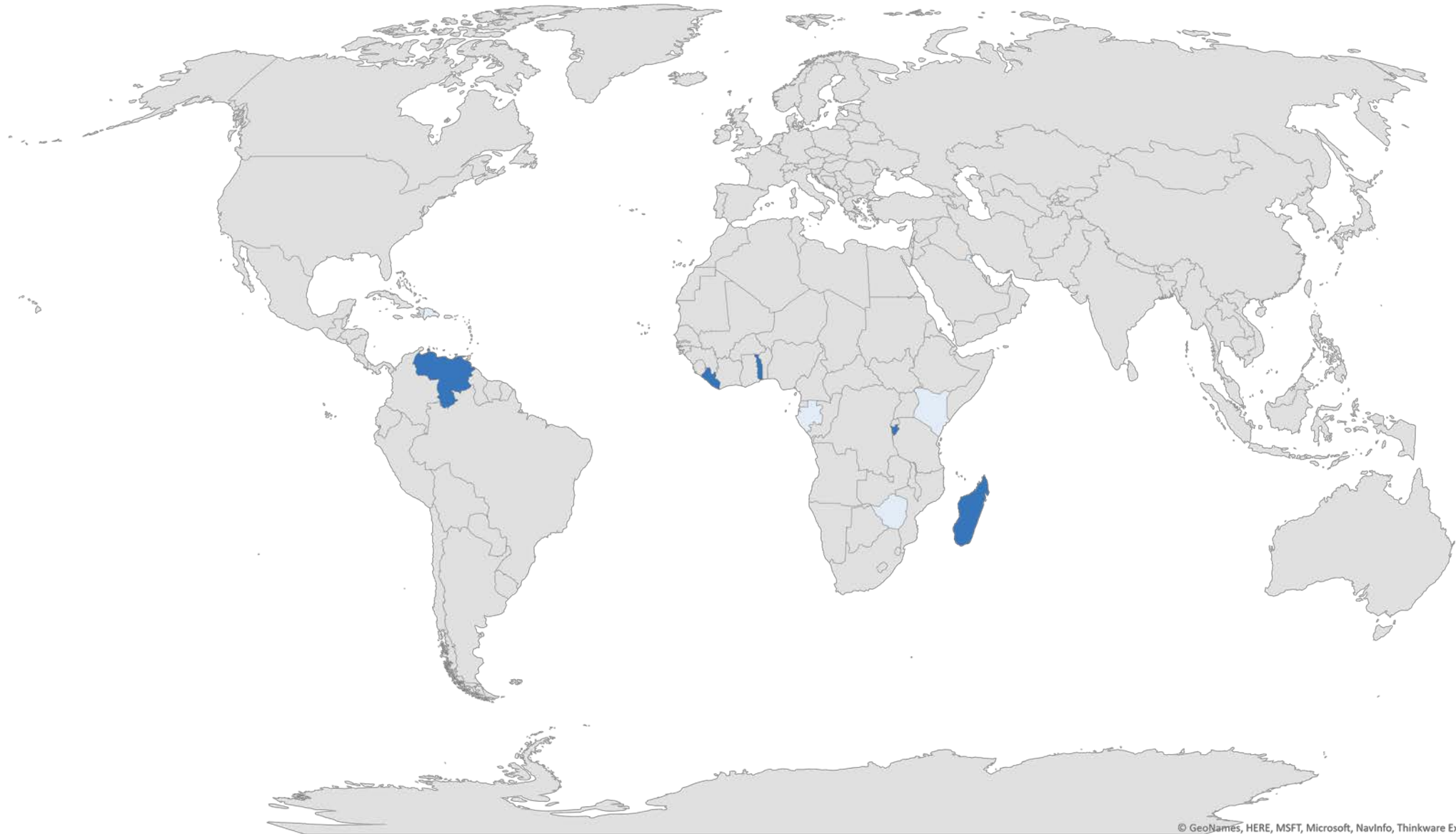
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II. The Global Assistance Fund (GAF)

- Established in August 2000 – over **3,000 vulnerable migrant** women, men, girls and boys assisted since then.
- An emergency support mechanism providing **individualized support** to Victims of Trafficking, Abuse, Violence and Exploitation, Unaccompanied Minor Children and Migrants with severe Medical Conditions.
- **In 2018: 462 persons** assisted
- Funded by voluntary contributions, the Fund's **target balance is USD 2,000,000**
- Current balance: **USD 550,000**

II. The Global Assistance Fund (GAF):

Top 5 countries of destination and origin in 2018



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III. Rapid Response Transportation Fund (RRTF)

- The RRTF was established in late 2000 to facilitate joint operations between IOM and UNHCR, specifically the safe and expedient movement of persons of concern to UNHCR.
- Over the years, the RRTF has enabled IOM to respond rapidly and efficiently to emergency humanitarian transportation requirements in close collaboration with UNHCR.
- Funded by voluntary contributions, the Fund's **target balance is USD 5,000,000**
- Current balance: **USD 830,011**

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III. Rapid Response Transportation Fund (RRTF) in 2018

- IOM has been responding to the **influx of Burundian refugees into Tanzania** since April 2015 providing health screenings and transportation from border entry points to camps.
- In 2018, IOM disbursed \$350,000 to support **transportation of new arrivals** from border points to camps and to provide **voluntary repatriation** to refugees wishing to return to Burundi.



*South Sudanese refugees arrive at Gimbi way station.
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