



# 2026 EMERGENCY WATCHLIST



## Overview of recommendations for the European Union and Member States

1. **Reinvest in diplomacy and peacemaking, restore respect for international humanitarian law (IHL) and guarantee safe access for humanitarian aid**, including by engaging further with emerging powers to build broader, more creative coalitions for peace; by increasing coordination between EU humanitarian and diplomatic arms, as well as between country and headquarter levels; and by ensuring structured NGO engagement to inform humanitarian diplomacy efforts.
2. **Prioritise aid funding to maximise impact and sustainability**, by increasing significantly the share of EU ODA going to fragile and conflict-affected states, and by reinforcing the connections between humanitarian and development interventions.
3. **Invest in proven, high-impact solutions**, including by continuing to champion and scaling up cash assistance, preventing health risks to children through immunisation, and consolidating efforts to prevent and treat malnutrition.
4. **Transform partnerships to unlock impact**, by protecting and strengthening the EU's partnerships with INGOs, NNGOs and local actors – including by partnering with NGOs for delivery in settings with de facto authorities to maximise the EU's ability to provide aid even when budget support is not an option.
5. **Protect people who face the greatest risks in conflict**, by ensuring that protection issues are systematically placed at the center of regional strategies, supported by dedicated and predictable, flexible, multi-year funding.
6. **Build resilience against climate shocks**, by directing more climate adaptation finance to FCAS and by allocating a minimum of 5% of the EU humanitarian budget to anticipatory action (AA), ensuring AA funding is accessible to local and national NGOs, and investing further in innovative approaches to AA.
7. **Defend the rights of refugees and displaced people**, by recommitting to international refugee protections, expanding safe pathways, and rejecting aid conditionality.

