

# WHO Standby Partner Deployments in 2024

## Global Impact at a Glance

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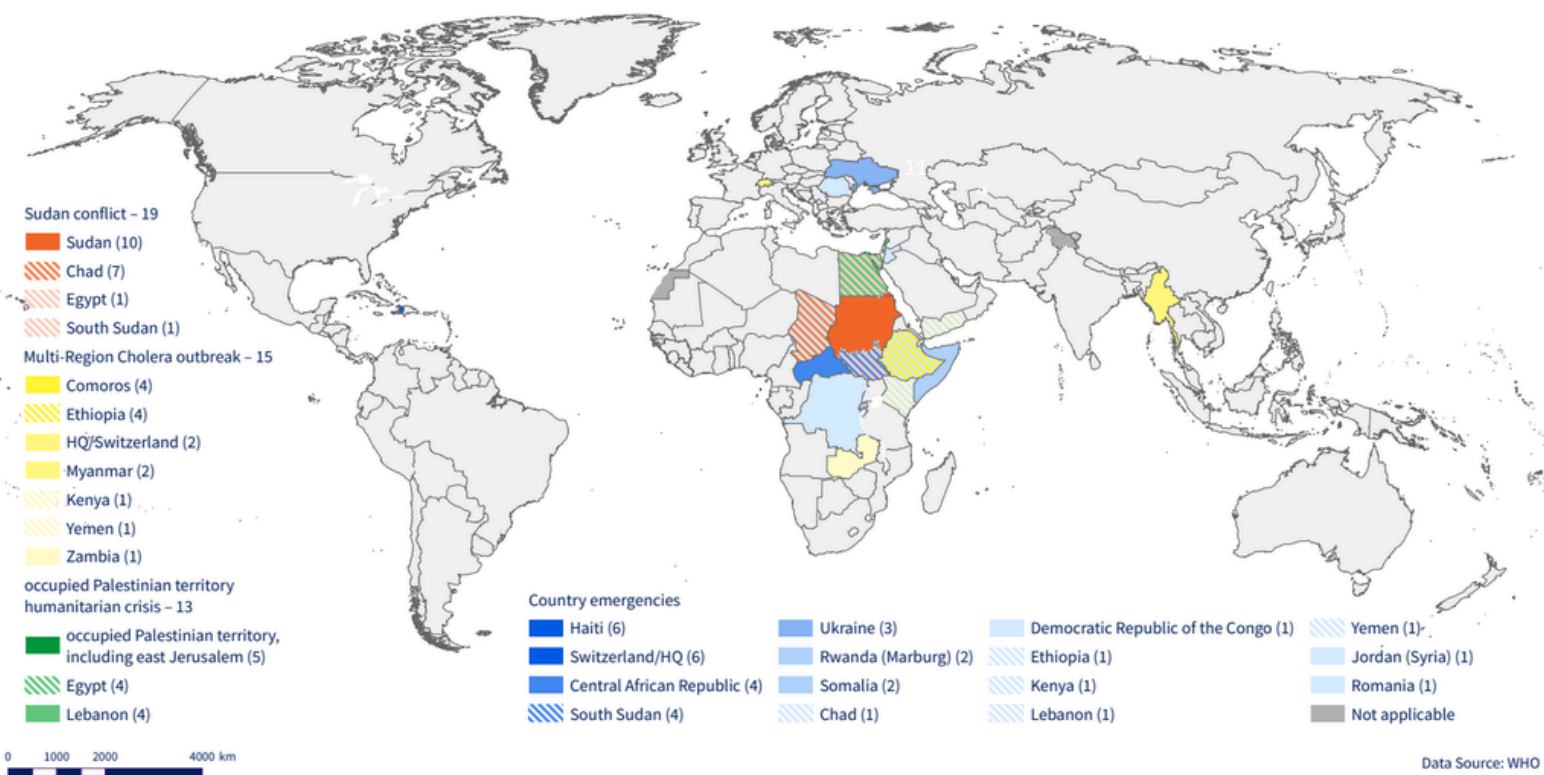
SBP Experts were in the field for a total of 338 months. 74% of this support was to acute Grade 3 emergencies

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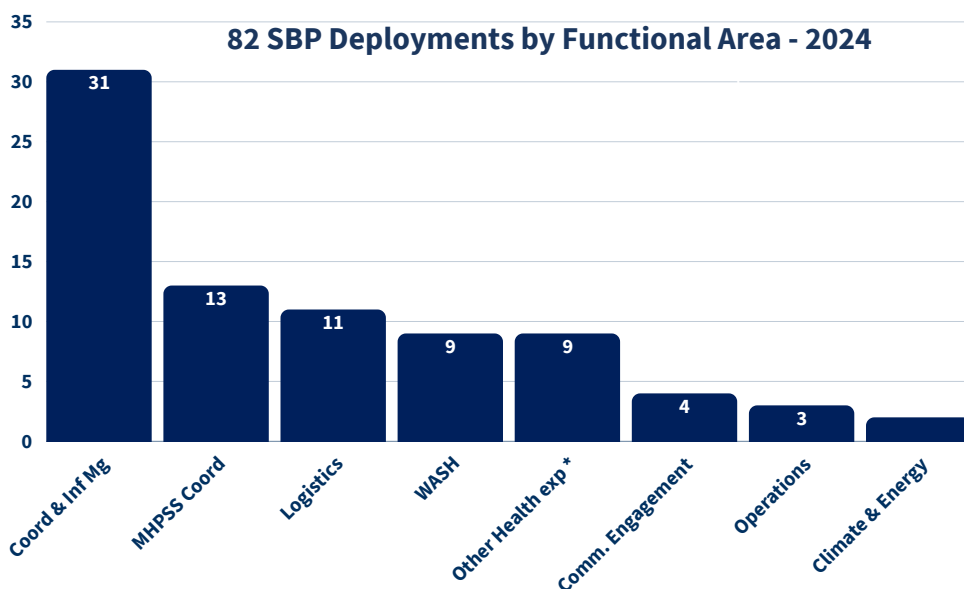
in-kind support from WHO's Standby Partners to 20 WHO offices

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graded emergencies supported 15 were humanitarian and 3 outbreaks (22 % of all SBP deployments).



### 82 SBP Deployments by Functional Area - 2024



“The standby partner deployments have been one of the backbones of WHO health emergency response in Sudan by gap-filling critical positions. Whether as IMO or coordinators or technical experts, the employees have swiftly integrated with the country office team and hit the ground running, making substantive contributions to key areas. In the resource-constrained operating field such as the one we are facing now, Standby Partner deployments will continue to be important in complementing our operations in Sudan”.

**Dr Shible SAHBANI**  
WHO Representative - Sudan

\*Health expertise: IPC, EMT Coordination, Public Health, Surveillance, Nutrition, Health Recovery

# Highlights of the collaboration with WHO's Standby Partners

## Partnerships

In 2024, WHO signed a new Standby Partner agreement with the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). The agreement with the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB) was also finalized in October 2024 and officially signed in February 2025. WHO currently maintains **11 active Standby Partner agreements** with CANADEM, the Center for International Peace Operations (ZIF), the Danish Emergency Management Agency (DEMA), the Government of the Netherlands (RVO), iMMAP Inc., MapAction, NORCAP (part of the Norwegian Refugee Council), RedR Australia, the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB), the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), and UK-Med. WHO expresses its sincere appreciation for the continued collaboration and support of its partners.

## Collaboration on training:

### Strengthening Mental Health and Psychosocial Support for Emergency Deployments

From December 16-19, 2024, WHO, in collaboration with UNICEF, UNHCR, and RVO, conducted a training in Istanbul, Türkiye, to enhance MHPSS professionals' expertise for emergency response.

A total of **29 MHPSS experts** from Standby Partner organizations - **RVO, NORCAP, SDC, ZIF, UK-MED, RedR Australia, MSB** - participated. Funded by the Netherlands and WHO, this initiative supported the global MHPSS Surge Mechanism, enabling rapid psychosocial response in humanitarian crises.

Ongoing collaboration will enhance global mental health response capacity and ensure critical support for affected populations.

### Voices from the field

*"Working in Gaza means navigating challenges that test our resolve daily. Yet, amidst the struggle, I find the light of hope in every child treated and every life saved. To me, my work isn't just a job or a task; it's a commitment to resilience, compassion, and belief that health is a fundamental right for all, even in the toughest of circumstances."*

**Dr. Husna Daffalla, Sub National Health Cluster Coordinator (photo)**

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Photo: Polio vaccination campaign in Gaza in 2024.