

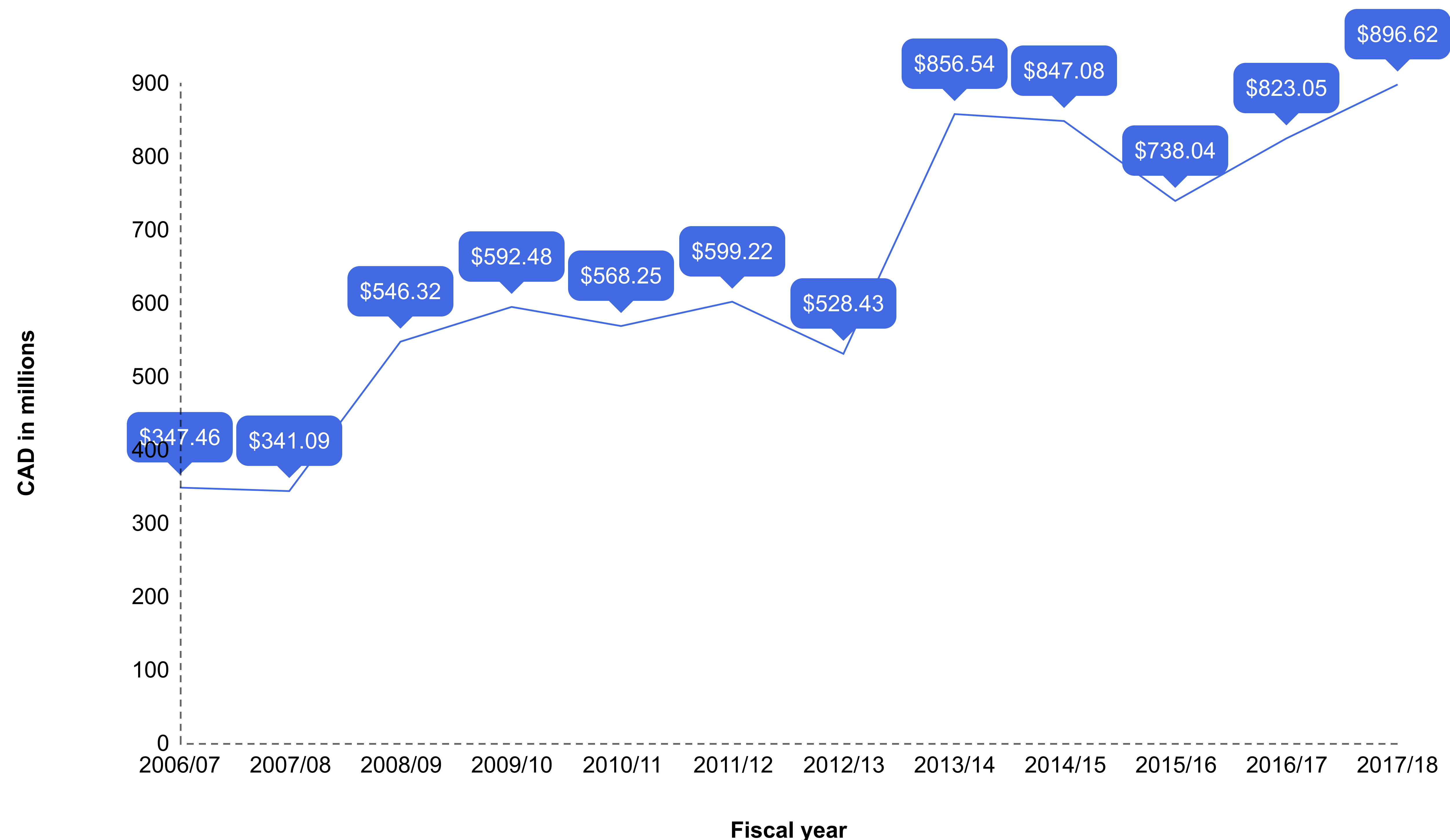


Whole-of-Government Humanitarian Spending — 2019 Update



Figure 01

Whole-of-government humanitarian spending

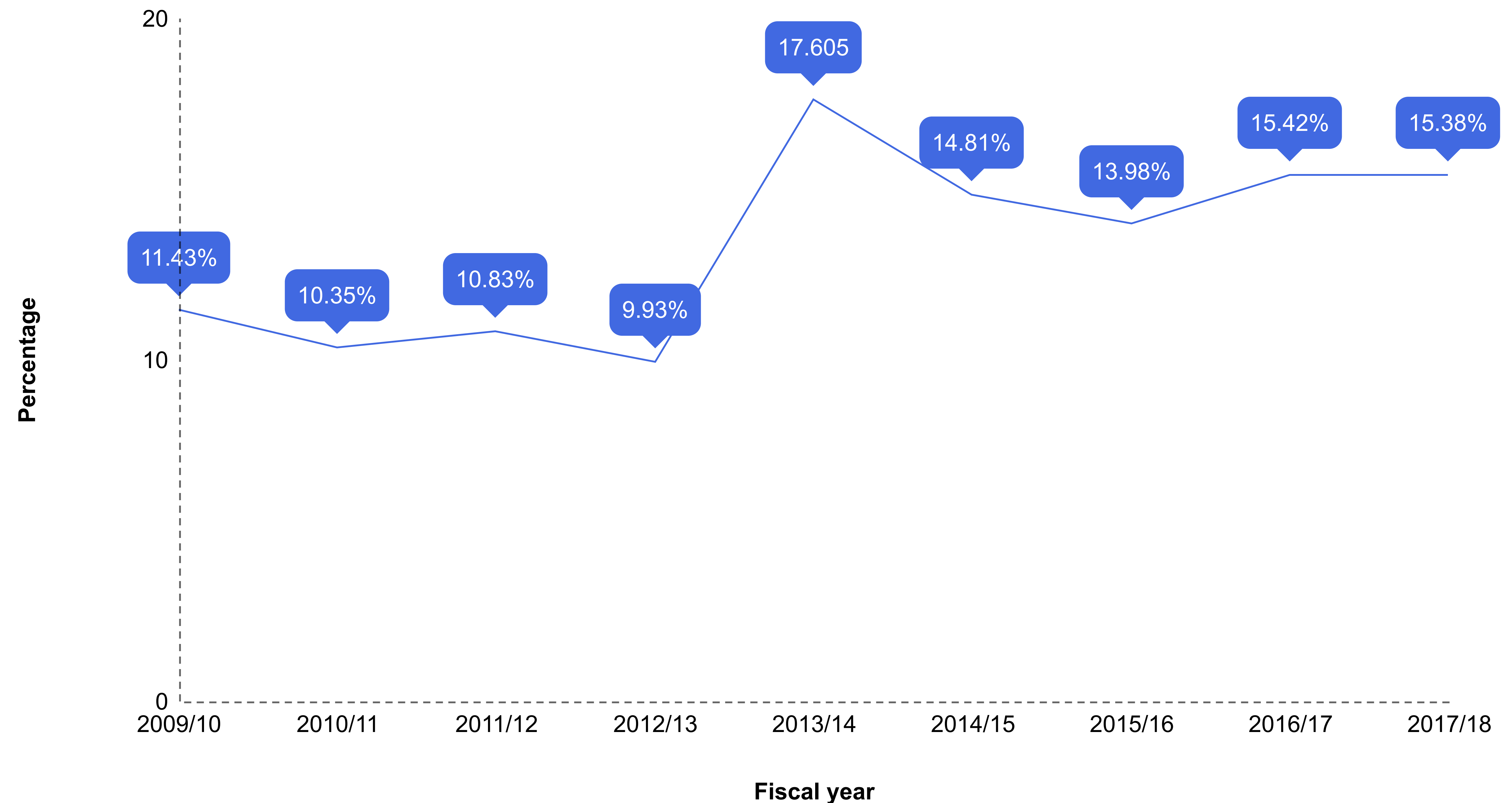


Source: International Assistance Statistical Reports, various years

Humanitarian spending rose dramatically between FY2012-13 and FY2013-14, from \$528 million to \$857 million. It fell briefly in FY2015/16 to \$738 million, but has since risen back to reach an all-time high of \$897 million in 2017/18. The jump from FY2012/13 to FY2013/14 represented a 62% (or \$328 million) increase, the largest year-on-year increase (both in dollar terms and as a percentage) in at least the last decade. Budget 2018 signalled the establishment of a dedicated pool of funding for humanitarian assistance, with \$738 million – the year-end low of the last five years – as the starting point for this pool.

Figure 02

Humanitarian assistance as a percentage of total official development assistance



Source: International Assistance Statistical Reports, various years

Overall, humanitarian assistance seems to have stabilized as a portion of total official development assistance (ODA) at approximately 15%. This represents a significant change over the past decade in which humanitarian assistance has increased its proportion of total ODA by more than a third.

Table
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Whole-of-government humanitarian spending – breakdown by sector (millions)

TOTAL	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Material relief assistance and services	\$217.36	\$320.22	\$276.41	\$236.29	\$201.74	\$371.13	\$393.62	\$339.	\$316.47	\$453.41
Emergency Food Aid	\$219.74	\$222.59	\$204.08	\$293.82	\$196.35	\$301.33	\$230.51	\$161.29	\$266.98	\$280.61
Relief coordination: protection and support services	\$49.07	\$16.74	\$25.77	\$16.47	\$80.15	\$123.29	\$149.35	\$171.26	\$171.91	\$96.17
Reconstruction relief and rehabilitation	\$50.28	\$18.45	\$36.46	\$32.33	\$16.44	\$20.88	\$21.81	\$23.15	\$24.21	\$18.53
Disaster prevention and preparedness	\$9.87	\$14.48	\$25.53	\$20.31	\$33.75	\$39.91	\$51.79	\$43.34	\$43.49	\$47.90
TOTAL	\$546.32	\$592.48	\$568.25	\$599.22	\$528.43	\$856.54	\$847.08	\$738.04	\$823.05	\$896.62

Source: International Assistance Statistical Reports, various years

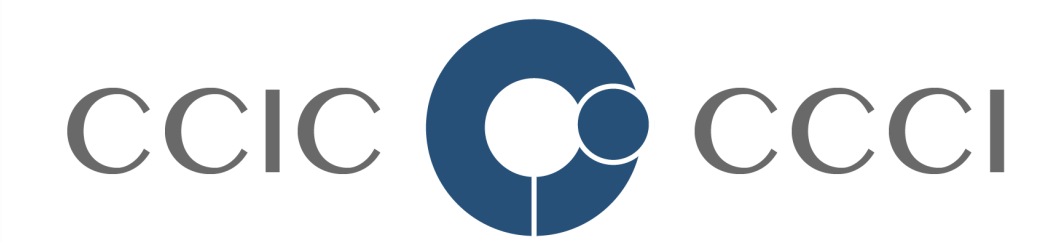
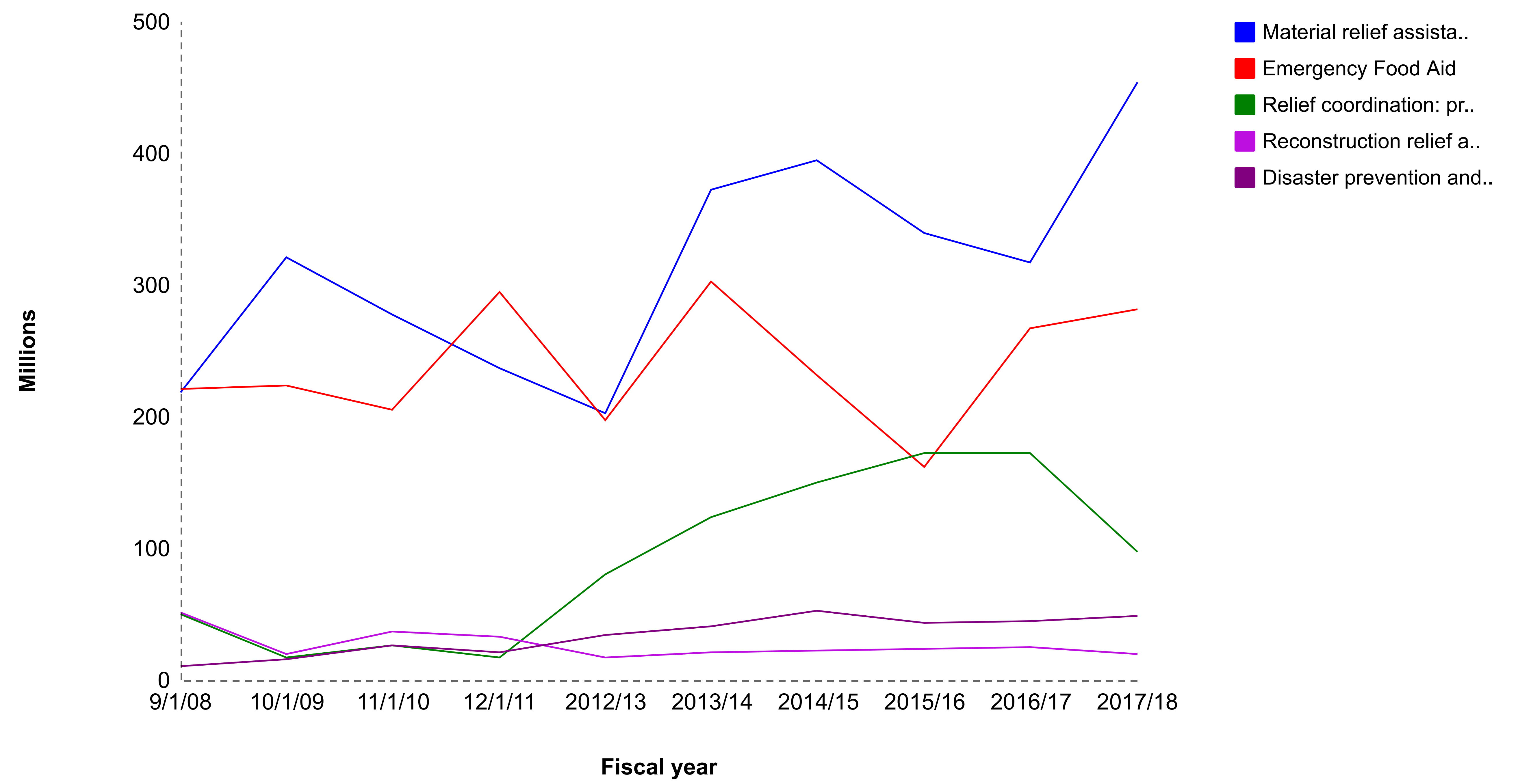


Figure 03

Whole-of-government humanitarian spending – breakdown by sector



Source: International Assistance Statistical Reports, various years

Material relief assistance and services, as well as emergency food aid, remain the predominant elements (over 80% collectively in 2017/18) of Canadian humanitarian assistance.

Relief coordination, which had seen an enormous eightfold increase over the past five years, dropped by nearly 45% in 2017/18. It still sits well above where it was five years ago.

Investments in disaster prevention and preparedness continue a period of growth relative to ten years ago, hitting \$48 million in FY2017/18. This constitutes just over 5% of all humanitarian assistance support.

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Top countries

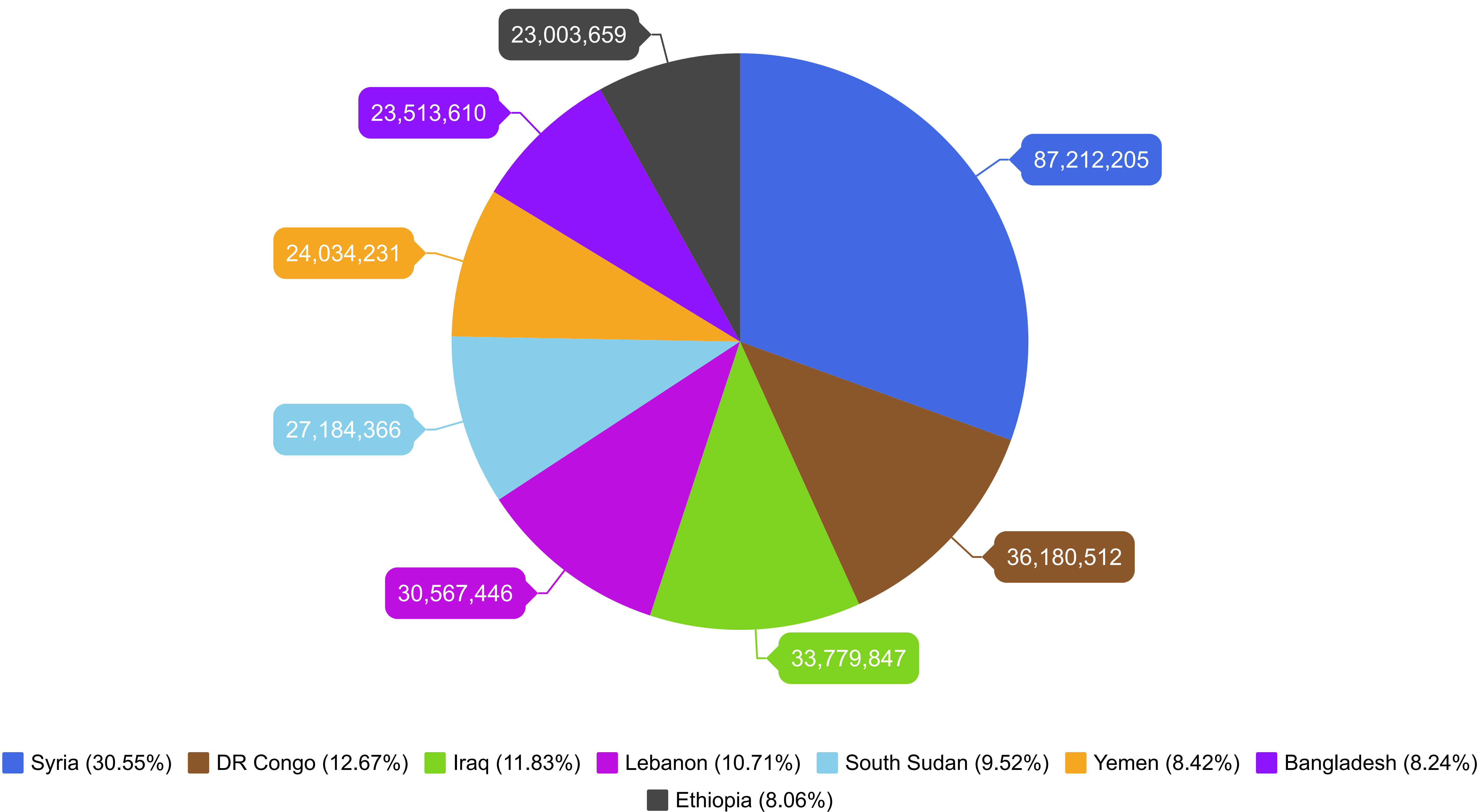
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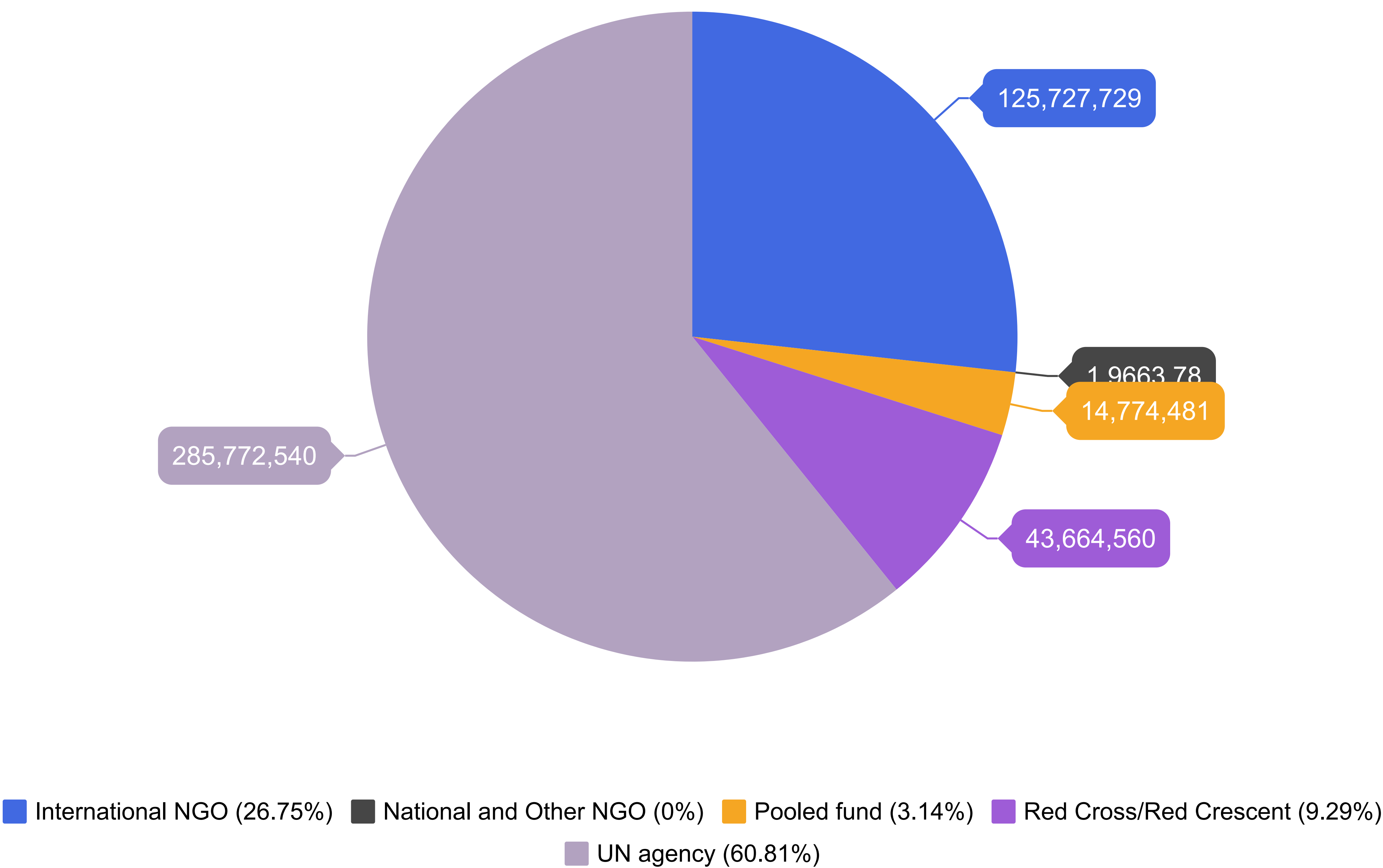


Source: United Nations OCHA Financial Tracking Service, 2018

Figure

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Allocation of Canadian humanitarian assistance (millions)



Source: United Nations OCHA Financial Tracking Service, 2018; excludes unspecified allocations



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