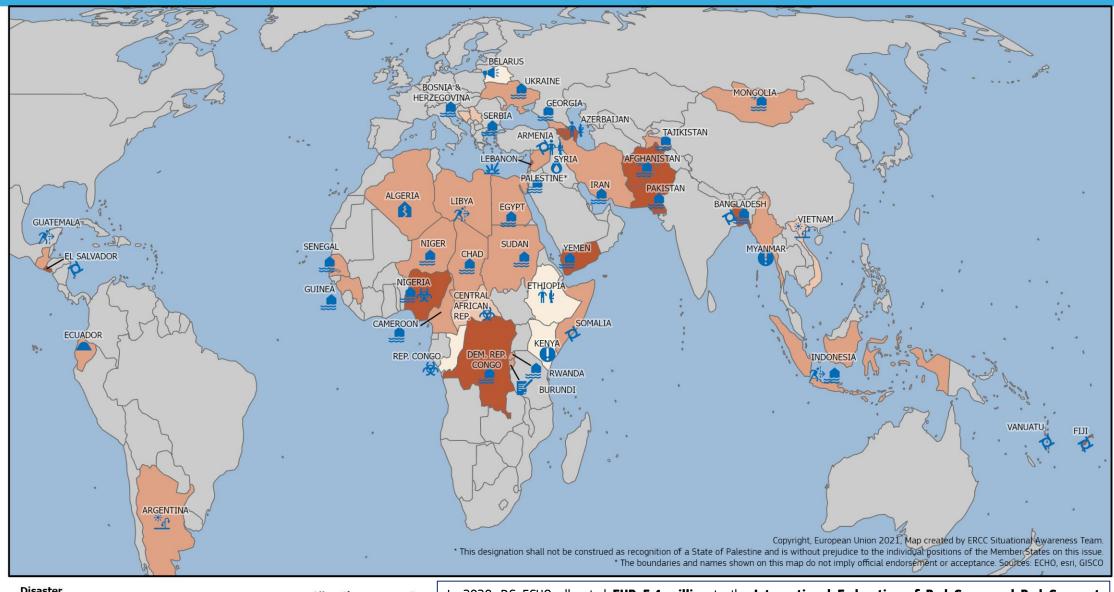
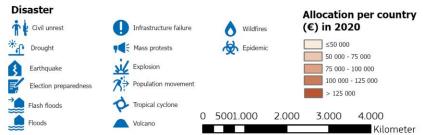
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In 2020, DG ECHO allocated **EUR 5.4 million** to the **International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)** to support its **Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF)**. DREF provides immediate financial support to National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies worldwide, enabling them to carry out their unique role as first responders after a disaster.

From January to December 2020, this EU funding was used for **49 DREF Operations and 3 Forecast-based Early Actions** in 44 countries. The support has been vital to providing effective and timely humanitarian assistance to the local communities affected by disasters, as well as to securing essential health services, hygiene promotion and social mobilisation.