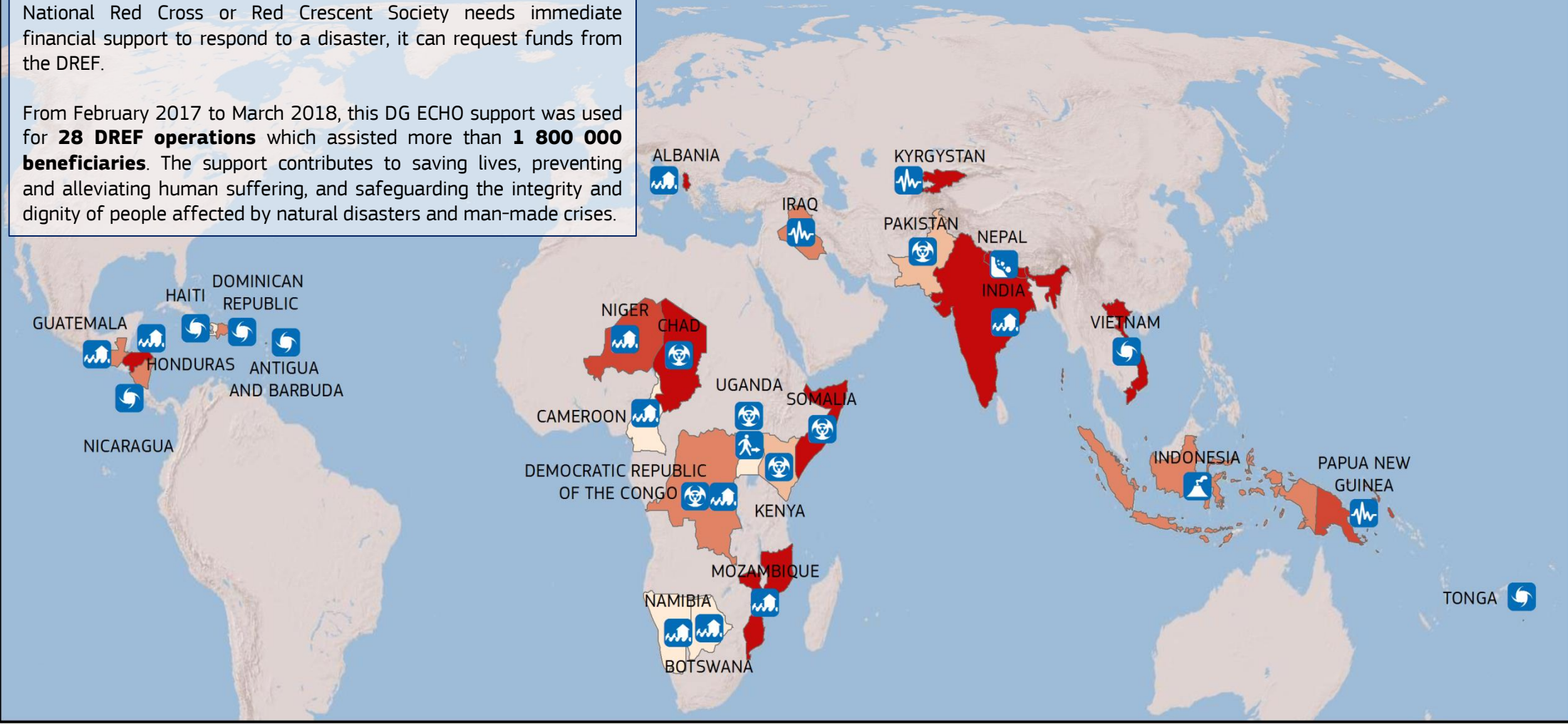


DG ECHO support to the DISASTER RELIEF EMERGENCY FUND (DREF)

In 2017, DG ECHO gave **EUR 3 million** to the **International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)** to support its **Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF)**. When a National Red Cross or Red Crescent Society needs immediate financial support to respond to a disaster, it can request funds from the DREF.

From February 2017 to March 2018, this DG ECHO support was used for **28 DREF operations** which assisted more than **1 800 000 beneficiaries**. The support contributes to saving lives, preventing and alleviating human suffering, and safeguarding the integrity and dignity of people affected by natural disasters and man-made crises.



- Disaster**
- Earthquake
 - Floods
 - Infectious disease
 - Landslides
 - Refugees
 - Tropical Cyclone
 - Volcanic Eruption

