

Annex 11 : quick reference guide to emergency donors

ActionAid Emergency donors

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Donor and AA Focal Point		AIMS "Australia helps reduce the adverse impacts of conflict, natural and other disasters on vulnerable populations. The Australian Government stands ready to help countries in times of natural disasters. Assistance may take the form of relief supplies, medical teams, law and order personnel, transport and communication." (AusAID website)			
AusAID Casey McCowan <Casey.McCowan@actionaid.org> AA Australia					
Geographic	Total amount of overall pot	Management and Access	Sectors	Application procedure	Constraints, Dependencies and Reporting
PNG and the Pacific, Indonesia and East Asia, South Asia and Central Asia is the main focus. Africa is also a smaller focus of AusAID's program and to a lesser extent the Middle East). AusAID have some small programs in Latin America and the Caribbean but not a focus.	\$4,836 million, with \$4,087 million being administered by AusAID and \$325 million being allocated to humanitarian emergencies and refugees. Out of this \$210 M goes to emergency response, \$20 M goes to IFRC and the remainder goes to the UN (Budget 2011/12).	Access to emergency funds is largely through accredited NGOs i.e. ActionAid Australia (AAA). AusAID will give preference to those agencies under the Humanitarian Partnership Agreement of which AAA is not a member.	Integration of humanitarian action and development, disaster preparedness, food aid, refugees, rehabilitation and reconstruction, mine action.	AusAID channels its funding through accredited Australian NGOs of which AAA are one. AusAID also provides humanitarian aid through UN agencies and the Red Cross.	AusAID funding is not untied. Countries can rarely apply for funding directly. It is best to contact ActionAid Australia if there are upcoming funding opportunities. Funding to NGOs is made on a case by case basis. The reporting requirements involve interim narrative and financial reports (quarterly) and final reports (up to one month after the end of the project activities have finished).

Donor and AA Focal Point		AIMS Funding for Relief and Recovery work			
AGIRE Daniele Lodola AA Italy <Daniele.Lodola@actionaid.org> +3902074200246					
Geographic	Total amount of overall pot	Management and Access	Sectors	Application procedure	Constraints, Dependencies and Reporting
Global	Depends on what is raised	Managed by HVP, AA Italy is member of AGIRE. Key contacts: Daniele Lodola, Giulio Litta	Immediate response sectors (see below) + longer term recovery activities (can include management/overheads, capacity building, DRR, protection, livelihoods, etc. (can be spent up to 2 years post emergency)	A consultation with the member agencies (directors), including a teleconference, decides on whether or not to launch an AGIRE appeal. In case an appeal is launched, the NGOs operating in the affected areas must submit a Concept Note based on the ECHO formats, including the needs encountered and the organization experience in that area. Agire will then decide on the allocation of the grant. Full Proposals and budgets (always based on ECHO procedures) need to be submitted 15 days after the communication on the funds allocated to the NGO.	Often there are several updates on the grant following the fundraising activity and the detailed budget must be updated within 2 weeks. A final external audit by an audit firm appointed by AGIRE is required

Donor and AA Focal Point DEC David Twydell (UK) <David.Twydell@actionaid.org> Emergencies Funding Manager (DEC & DFID) +44 (0)203 122 0685, +44 (0) 7789 930 013			AIMS Funding for Relief and Recovery work.		
Geographic	Total amount of overall pot	Management and Access	Sectors	Application procedure	Constraints, Dependencies and Reporting
Global	Depends on what is raised	Managed by PFT, AAUK is member of DEC, Key contact: David Twydell	Immediate response sectors (see below) + longer term recovery activities (can include management/overheads, capacity building, DRR, protection, livelihoods, etc. (can be spent up to 2 years post emergency) The DEC are less keen on funding policy work and will not record any beneficiary numbers associated with a policy activity unless there has been an actual change of policy or legislation.	A consultation of 1 week with the member agencies, including a teleconference, decides on whether or not to launch a DEC Appeal. No application is needed, but proposals and budgets for the first 6 months need to be submitted 1 month after a DEC Appeal is launched.	AA UK allocation is currently 5.5%. Relief Phase 1 needs to be complete within 6 months. Recovery Phase 2 can last up to 18 months. Reporting quarterly for Phase 1, 6 monthly during Phase 2, with internal quarterly reports. Case study for Phase 1 and/or media description of 1 project required

Donor and AA Focal Point DFID David Twydell (UK) <David.Twydell@actionaid.org> Emergencies Funding Manager (DEC & DFID) +44 (0)203 122 0685, +44 (0) 7789 930 013			AIMS Disbursement of funding for emergency response across a range of sectors.		
Geographic	Total amount of overall pot	Management and Access	Sectors	Application procedure	Constraints, Dependencies and Reporting
Global	No fixed amount	Rapid Response Fund is a new fund launched by DFID in February 2012. Coordination by AAUK Programme Funding Team Key contact: David Twydell DFID emergency response funds also available through DFID in-country, often via disbursement through UN agencies Access requires pre-existing relationship with DFID country office and engagement in coordination mechanisms (cluster system)	Range of different response sectors depending on nature of emergency and coverage by other donors	This is a brand new fund so the process is still being defined but once the fund has been launched for an emergency there is a brief proposal form submitted in the UK within 24 hours DFID country-office AACP's should ensure: - Pre-existing relationships with DFID / UN agencies - AA preparedness plans (in place and niche /info shared with Dfid) DFID currently channel funds to (I)NGO's either through the UN system or as direct grants. No systematic application process. Immediate contact / meetings & follow up required directly with DFID. Participation in cluster system / in-country networks essential	The report has to be submitted within 24 hours and the grant will last no longer than 6 weeks which will require the emergency response to be operational immediately. There are no formal reporting requirements during the 6 weeks although we will have to forward internal updates including sitreps to DFID. An end of grant report will be submitted at week 8. DFID in-country often unclear as to range of information (particularly financial) required through applications Pre-existing relationship with DFID essential to clarify requirements. Funding can still depend on being part of the 'club' Engagement with UN system essential to access DFID funded UN managed sub-granted income Please see copy of HERR for review of DFID's humanitarian funding.

Donor and AA Focal Point DPRF Sonya Ruparel <sonya.ruparel@actionaid.org> IHART Team Business Manager +44 (0) 203 122 0653, +44 (0) 7753 738 146, +44 (0)774 890 1566			AIMS Immediate release funds for initiating an emergency response (can be accessed in 24 hours)		
Geographic	Total amount of overall pot	Management and Access	Sectors	Application procedure	Constraints, Dependencies and Reporting
Global	Fluctuates	Managed by IHART. Key contact: Sonya Ruparel	Immediate response – not for management/overheads	CP applies through the Situation Report	Reporting internally one month after activities are completed, case studies and photos required

Donor and AA Focal Point ECHO Patricia Cassidy <patricia.cassidy@actionaid.org> Programme Funding Manager - ECHO (UK) Tel: +44 (0) 203 122 0574, Mob: +44 (0) 7903 168710			AIMS To provide emergency assistance and relief to the victims of natural disasters or armed conflict outside the European Union. ECHO is the European Commission funding mechanism for emergency funding. For more info on ECHO please see the Funding Programmes hive site within the 'Donor Intelligence' section.		
Geographic	Total amount of overall pot	Management and Access	Sectors	Application procedure	Constraints, Dependencies and Reporting
Global – but ECHO prioritises some countries over others depending on scales of disaster so funding not available everywhere. The list of countries it prioritises change yearly but will support any country outside EU if a major disaster hits	Around €800m per annum, with each country provided varying provisional budgets at start of year. These can change depending on scale of disasters that actually happen	Managed by AAUK in London. Key contact: Patricia Cassidy	Food Assistance, Short term food security, Livelihood Support, WASH, Health, Nutrition, Shelter, NFIs, Disaster Risk Reduction/ Disaster Preparedness, Protection, Coordination, Capacity Building.	Formal proposals have to be submitted by AAUK (contract signee with ECHO) on the 'eSingle Form' through the ECHO Coordinator in IPD. Contracts value varies significantly, no formal max or min amounts but lowest AA contract around €100,000 and highest around €1.5. For 3 month projects after a major disaster proposals to be submitted within 72 hours of disaster. Other contracts issued usually 6-18 months depending on the funding call, with informal deadlines imposed by ECHO. ECHO has field offices in most locations it works in and field office is best way of learning of funding opportunities.	Unlikely to secure funding without local ECHO office agreeing in principle the nature of the project. Therefore important to establish relationship with local ECHO office before pursuing funding. Countries cannot apply for funding directly, only AAUK allowed by EC rules to sign contracts with ECHO. ECHO is not mandated to provide development aid but can provide DRR/ DP funding. However these projects must have measurable results by the end of the project period. 2 formal reports required, an interim during implementation and a final 3 months after project completion

Donor and AA Focal Point Sida Johan Bergqvist <johan.bergqvist@actionaid.org> Head of Programmes, Campaign and Communication, AA Sweden Mob: +46 (0) 73 380 80 74			AIMS Rapid, flexible and high quality funding for emergency responses.		
Geographic	Total amount of overall pot	Management and Access	Sectors	Application procedure	Constraints, Dependencies and Reporting
Global	Fluctuates	When Sida opens up to new partners, proposals will be submitted through AA Sweden and contracts will be managed by AA Sweden and IHART	Disaster preparedness and risk reduction, immediate relief, reconstruction.	Sida's humanitarian partners submit proposals to Sida's humanitarian team in Stockholm. Major partners have 3-year humanitarian funding agreements. These agreements are offered on an ad hoc basis, based on proven competence and track record, operational capacity, capacity for M&E and added value.	Sida is not in a position to take on new humanitarian partners at present, due to a lack of internal capacity, and AA can therefore not access funds. However, application guidelines and partners are currently under review so this may change.

Donor and AA Focal Point Appeal funding (public appeals) Sonya Ruparel <sonya.ruparel@actionaid.org> IHART Team Business Manager +44 (0) 203 122 0653, +44 (0) 7753 738 146, +44 (0)774 890 1566			AIMS Flexible funding for emergency response.		
Geographic	Total amount of overall pot	Management and Access	Sectors	Application procedure	Constraints, Dependencies and Reporting
Global	Depends on what is raised	Managed by IHART. Key contact: Sonya Ruparel	All – including long term – appeal funds can be spent up to 3 years post emergency.	No application, but proposals and budgets require approval from Oversight Committee (for red alert emergencies) or International Programme Manager in IHART – Paras Tamang.	In future appeal fund expenditure will need to be reported to show how different public appeal money is spent (e.g. how UK appeal funds spent). Is the most flexible money and should be spent after, or to co-fund, restricted money. Internal quarterly reporting against expenditure; monthly narrative reports and production of case studies and photos.

Donor and AA Focal Point UN - Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) OCHA manages the fund and distributes to relevant UN agencies based on priority projects identified by the UN Emergency Relief Coordinator (ERC). Donna Muwonge <Donna.Muwonge@actionaid.org> Senior Donor Coordinator, IPD. +44 2031220657			AIMS Allows the Emergency Relief Coordinator (ERC) to ensure coverage of life-saving programmes when funds are not available from other sources - Used to allocate funds to UN operational agencies to address critical humanitarian needs based on priorities established under the leadership of the Humanitarian/Resident Coordinator in the field		
			Primarily used as cash flow for UN agencies while they wait for pledges to be transferred.		
Geographic	Total amount of overall pot	Management and Access	Sectors	Application procedure	Constraints, Dependencies and Reporting
Global	Grant facility - Up to US \$450m, 2 'windows': - Rapid response - Under-funded – for which one third of funds is earmarked	Funds can only be accessed in country through participation in clusters. To access funding ActionAid's project must have been part of the UN Agency (the various cluster leads) led project submitted to CERF.	Any life-saving sector eligible (see "Life Saving Criteria) provided deemed a priority by the UN ERC for that particular emergency. Funding will be streamed through relevant Cluster lead agency (e.g WASH = Unicef). May contribute to the needs identified in the CAP /Flash appeal.	PARTICIPATE IN CLUSTERS. Needs can be advocated and projects then submitted through the cluster lead who in turn consults the country IASC for recommendations to the ERC. On agreement funding is then transferred to the relevant UN agency. If NGO project approved contracts will be set up with relevant UN agency.	Timeliness: Quick to disburse to UN agencies – can be very slow to get to NGOs. May need to chase contracts. Transparency: - NGOs do not always know if funds are from CERF or other source. Please try to find out and state this in your Crimson/ OPAL project as backdonor Decision-making process for fund allocation for "under-funded emergency" window is not transparent (What criteria used?). Input dependencies e.g. prior engagement with UN etc.
	Loan facility – up to \$50m			N/A	

Donor and AA Focal Point UN - Common Humanitarian Fund (CHF) UNDP is the administrative agent who are responsible for contracting NGOs (overall management by country HC and OCHA advisory group) Donna Muwonge <Donna.Muwonge@actionaid.org> Senior Donor Coordinator, IPD. +44 2031220657			AIMS To provide early and predictable funding to most critical needs as identified in the CAP for projects which previously have been under-funded.		
Geographic	Total amount of overall pot	Management and Access	Sectors	Application procedure	Constraints, Dependencies and Reporting
Sudan CAR Somalia (replaced HRF – June 2010)	Country specific – generally large (\$100m+)	Access to these funds is possible only through participation in the clusters. ActionAid projects must be part of the Consolidated Appeals Process (CAP) to be eligible for funding.	Any provided in line with the CAP (aka the HAP in DRC or the SWP in Sudan).	PARTICIPATE IN CLUSTERS. Needs can be advocated and projects then submitted through the cluster lead. Proposals then go to a 'POOLED FUND BOARD' (includes country HC, donors, UN agencies and NGOs) Contracts will then be set up with UNDP.	

Donor and AA Focal Point UN OCHA Emergency Response Fund (ERF) (aka HRFs & HERFs) Donna Muwonge <Donna.Muwonge@actonaid.org> Senior Donor Coordinator, IPD. +44 2031220657			AIMS Rapid and flexible funding for gaps in humanitarian needs – often for areas not covered by the CAP		
Geographic	Total amount of overall pot	Management and Access	Sectors	Application procedure	Constraints, Dependencies and Reporting
Currently in: Afghanistan, Columbia, DRC, Ethiopia (HRF), Haiti, Indonesia, Iraq, Kenya, Myanmar, Nepal, OPT, Pakistan (tbc), Sudan, Uganda, Zimbabwe.	Amounts per country vary (between \$1m-\$6m) but generally small, hence providing small grants. See individual country docs for more info.	Access to these funds is through OCHA in-country. It helps to be part of the clusters however, this is not an essential criteria for ERF.	Any humanitarian need requiring rapid funding.	Projects submitted to OCHA. Cluster leads and advisory board are used to advise HC in selection. Contracts are with OCHA.	Mixed experience. Generally positive. May have limitation to the number of contracts allowed at anyone time. Check contracts carefully.

Donor and AA Focal Point High Value Restricted Income			AIMS Varies depending on donors as donors include high net worth individuals, trusts, foundations and companies. Trust applications usually get sent out to a pool of trusts with criteria related to giving to emergencies/relief/humanitarian response, so funding may have more conditions. Funding from companies and high net worth individuals tends to be more flexible.		
Geographic	Total amount of overall pot	Management and Access	Sectors	Application procedure	Constraints, Dependencies and Reporting
Global	Depends on what is raised	Managed by individual affiliate high value teams (e.g. in UK, US, Italy etc.)	Trusts may have specific criteria, but otherwise money can generally be used flexibly. With red alert emergencies, appeals are generally used. Can be used to fund immediate and longer term activities (can include management/overheads, capacity building, DRR, protection, livelihoods, etc.)	AAUK usually submit topline concept notes to the pool of emergency trusts as soon as possible (ideally within a day) when a red alert emergency happens and makes a judgement call on orange alerts. Applications for the SCP, by way of a 3-6 page proposal are submitted throughout the year. Major donors and companies are often interested in the human stories, as well as facts and figures.	Because this is usually one of the most flexible forms of income, money should be spent after, or to co-fund, restricted money. Usually bi-annual or annual reporting with financial reports, narrative reports and production of case studies and photos

UN Appeals – Quick reference

OCHA uses the CAPs and Flash Appeals to ask donors for support for particular crises

Appeal	Purpose	Duration	Process	Why participate?	Administration
Consolidated Appeals Process (CAP)	Launched annually in response to complex emergencies More than just an appeal – but can assist in strategic planning	12 months (exceptional 18mths)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OCHA asks for input into the CAP OCHA (the HC) will ask cluster leads and the country level IASC to provide information. Increasingly NGOs are also being asked to participate in this process (usually through cluster meetings). OCHA will provide information on what level of detail is required, but usually just a 1 or 2 page summary of our programme in the country/ region over the time of the CAP OCHA solicits donor support 	<p>Increasingly seeing donor interest in funding through such appeals – eg SIDA has approached us directly through seeing our projects in Philippines and Haiti flash appeals. CERF is often used in the initial stages of a Flash to cover immediate needs. CHF funds may also be used to contribute to under-funded areas of the CAP showing that these appeals and the UN funding streams are closely linked.</p> <p>By participating we are helping to ensure that the needs in the country are realistically portrayed to the donors.</p>	<p>Normally involves submitting a one page summary of our programme Donors always come to us directly rather than through OCHA. We then have a responsibility to update OCHA either directly or through the UN Financial Tracking Service (FTS) http://ocha.unog.ch/fts/pageloader.aspx</p> <p>All CAPs and Flash Appeals can be found on the Financial Tracking Service (FTS). Useful to monitor donor pledges on the FTS and see where money is allocated (more on the FTS later). We are well aware that there are some problems in adding information to CAPs and Flashes - e.g. with regard to situations where the CAP appeal itself is longer or shorter than the programme we have designed (therefore skewing figures). However we can submit a proportion of any such programme or amend to fit. Essentially this is a tool that can be of benefit to us in securing funding and in overall coordination and is therefore encouraged.</p>

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FLASH	Launched by UN in response to sudden onset emergencies	3-6 months (exceptional 12 months – e.g Haiti)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OCHA contacts key NGOs when new Flash appeal is being developed and helps NGOs connect with cluster coordination on the ground. UN agencies and NGOs provide overview of programme and funding needs Usually top-line information only – the sector you plan to work in (e.g. WASH, Food Aid, etc); location, estimated number of beneficiaries, and estimated budget. OCHA solicits donor support 	<p>Increasingly seeing donor interest in funding through such appeals – eg SIDA has approached us directly through seeing our projects in Philippines and Haiti flash appeals. CERF is often used in the initial stages of a Flash to cover immediate needs. CHF funds may also be used to contribute to under-funded areas of the CAP showing that these appeals and the UN funding streams are closely linked.</p> <p>By participating we are helping to ensure that the needs in the country are realistically portrayed to the donors.</p>	<p>Normally involves submitting a one page summary of our programme Donors always come to us directly rather than through OCHA. We then have a responsibility to update OCHA either directly or through the UN Financial Tracking Service (FTS) http://ocha.unog.ch/fts/pageloader.aspx</p> <p>All CAPs and Flash Appeals can be found on the Financial Tracking Service (FTS). Useful to monitor donor pledges on the FTS and see where money is allocated (more on the FTS later). We are well aware that there are some problems in adding information to CAPs and Flashes - e.g. with regard to situations where the CAP appeal itself is longer or shorter than the programme we have designed (therefore skewing figures). However we can submit a proportion of any such programme or amend to fit. Essentially this is a tool that can be of benefit to us in securing funding and in overall coordination and is therefore encouraged.</p>