

1. Foreword by the Chief Minister

The Isle of Man Government has supported international development projects for over two decades. We are proud of this long tradition of providing assistance to those in need whether at home or further afield.

During 2012-13, the Isle of Man Government provided support for international development projects and emergency aid worldwide through the work of the Council of Ministers' International Development Committee.

The UN Millennium Summit of September 2000 agreed international targets - the Millennium Development Goals – aimed at combating poverty, hunger, disease, illiteracy, environmental degradation and discrimination against women. The International Development Committee takes these UN targets into account when prioritising funding for development projects.

We are in the fortunate position in the Isle of Man to be able to provide help to those in immediate and critical need through our emergency aid provision and to support longer term projects. These allow developing regions which have often been subject to significant internal and external pressures, to invest in their own future, delivering real improvements in water management, health and education. It is important that the Isle of Man, as an internationally responsible small country, continues to recognise the need to help others and to deliver, both directly and through providers large and small, projects which make a real difference to the quality of peoples' lives and their futures.

The International Development Committee is appointed by the Council of Ministers, and membership during the period of this report was as follows –

Hon P A Gawne, MHK, Chairman
Hon D Anderson, MHK
Mr R P Braidwood, MLC
Mr H Green MBE (lay member)
Ms C Bader (lay member)

The Committee operates within a remit and set of priorities approved by the Council of Ministers and I would like to thank the Chairman, Committee members and officers for their hard work and ongoing commitment towards the island's contribution in the field of international development.



Hon A R Bell MHK
Chief Minister
November 2014

2. Introduction by the Chairman of the International Development Committee

The International Development Committee is the Isle of Man Government body responsible for allocation of money to aid projects helping those in need in some of the world's poorest countries.

In December 2012, it was agreed that the Committee change its name from 'Overseas Aid' to 'International Development' to better reflect the work that is undertaken and to be more inclusive of stakeholders and other organisations. It also reinforces the message that the Committee supports projects helping those in poverty to help themselves, rather than being dependent on aid.

During the financial year period covered by this report, the Committee remained focussed on addressing the International Millennium Development Goals through funding development aid projects and continued to provide substantial assistance to emergency aid appeals. The Committee also continued to place emphasis on countries ranked as 'low' on the United Nations Human Development Index.

Utilising a budget of £2.4 million, the monies were split between three main funding streams. £780,000 went towards development aid (Small Grants); Multi-Year Grant projects received £800,000; and Emergency Aid Grants of £610,000 were awarded. Additionally funds were granted to the Small Countries Financial Management programme and projects undertaken in Sierra Leone.

The number of Small Grants applications received for this year was 159, but unfortunately it was only possible to fund 24 of these projects in light of the amount of budget available. All of the applications received were judged on merit and it was, as ever, extremely difficult for the Committee to decide which projects to support – I believe though that we made the right choices and that this report demonstrates that.

In addition, the Committee was pleased to be able to continue prioritising funding for charities based on the Isle of Man, particularly those which directly involve the Manx community such as the Pahar Trust Nepal project, providing a safe and secure learning environment for children in the region of Hangpang. The Committee was also pleased to fund other Manx based charities, including RO-MAN-AID's ongoing work in rural Romania with an Anti-Drop-out and Nurture Centre, situated within a community school. And again, the Committee was pleased to support the One World Centre Charity Challenge's initiative, raising awareness about development issues in our schools.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Committee members for their ongoing dedication and commitment in this vitally important area.



Hon P A Gawne MHK
Caairliagh (Chairman)
November 2014

3. Overview of the International Development Committee's activities in 2012/2013

The IDC budget 2012-13 was split into three main types of expenditure:

Small Grants £780,000

Multi-Year Grants £800,000

Emergency Aid £610,000

Table 1 (below) shows a breakdown of international development funding by the three funding streams and additionally monies granted to the Small Countries Financial Management programme (SCFMP) and projects undertaken in Sierra Leone.

The SCFMP received funding from the Small Grants budget which is illustrated separately as it is unique. The scheme, funded in part by the IDC, brings together Finance Ministries, central banks and regulatory bodies from small developing countries for a two week executive education programme and has a strong focus on financial integrity, prudent regulation and economic management. For further information on the programme please visit the website: <http://www.scfmc.im/>

The Committee also allocated funding to Sierra Leone - in support of the Isle of Man Government's donation of a fishing patrol vessel - to the amount of £4,270.21, equating to 0.18% of the total IDC budget. This has played a pivotal role in in boosting Sierra Leone's fishing industry which is a key source of the country's income.

Table 1

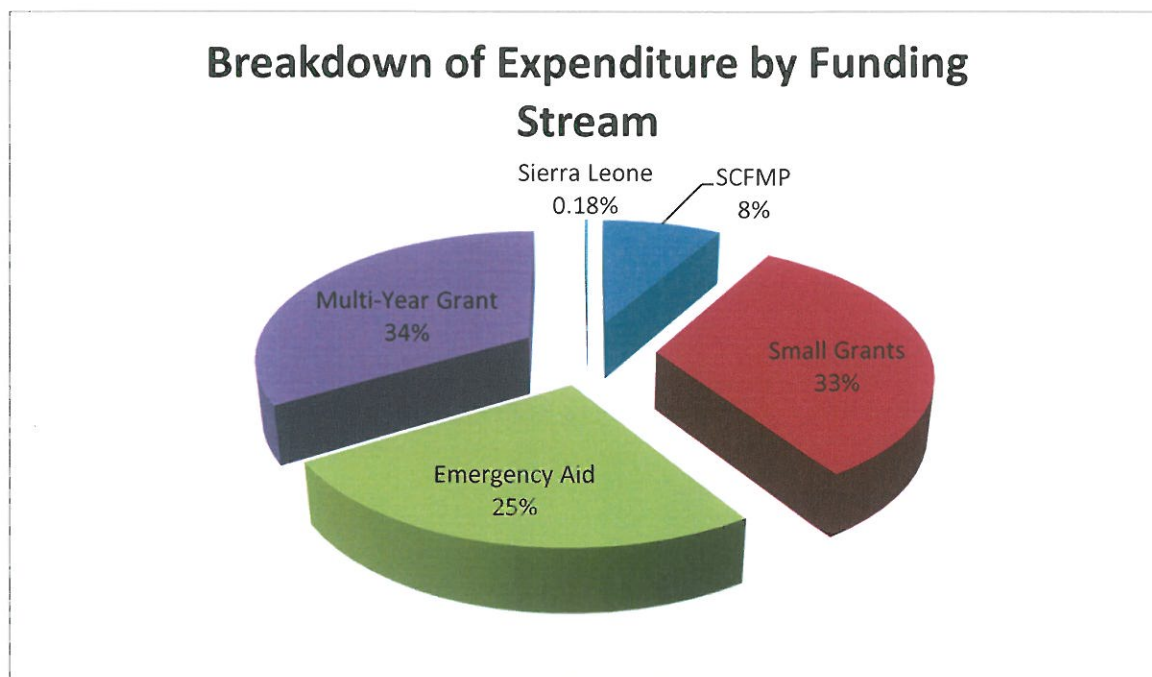
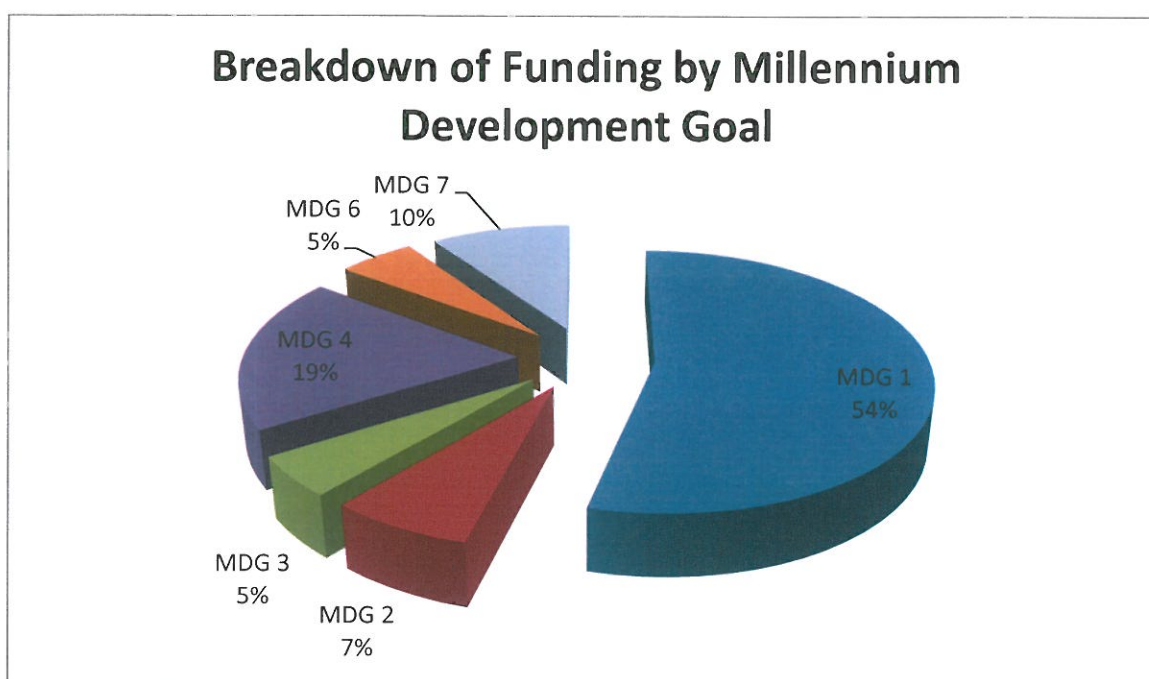


Table 2 (below) illustrates funding provided to charities broken down by the Millennium Development Goal (MDG)¹*. Emergency Aid funding is not included in the table as it is not evaluated on the basis of MDGs but on the basis of the emergency in question.

54% of the Committee's funds (£825,571.70) addressed MDG 1 which aims to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger by 2015.

A further 19% was spent on MDG 4, aiming to reduce child mortality. This is accounted for by four Small Grant projects totalling £142,500.00 and two Multi-year payments totalling £150,000.00. The remaining 27% was spent on MDGs 2, 3, 6 and 7.

Table 2



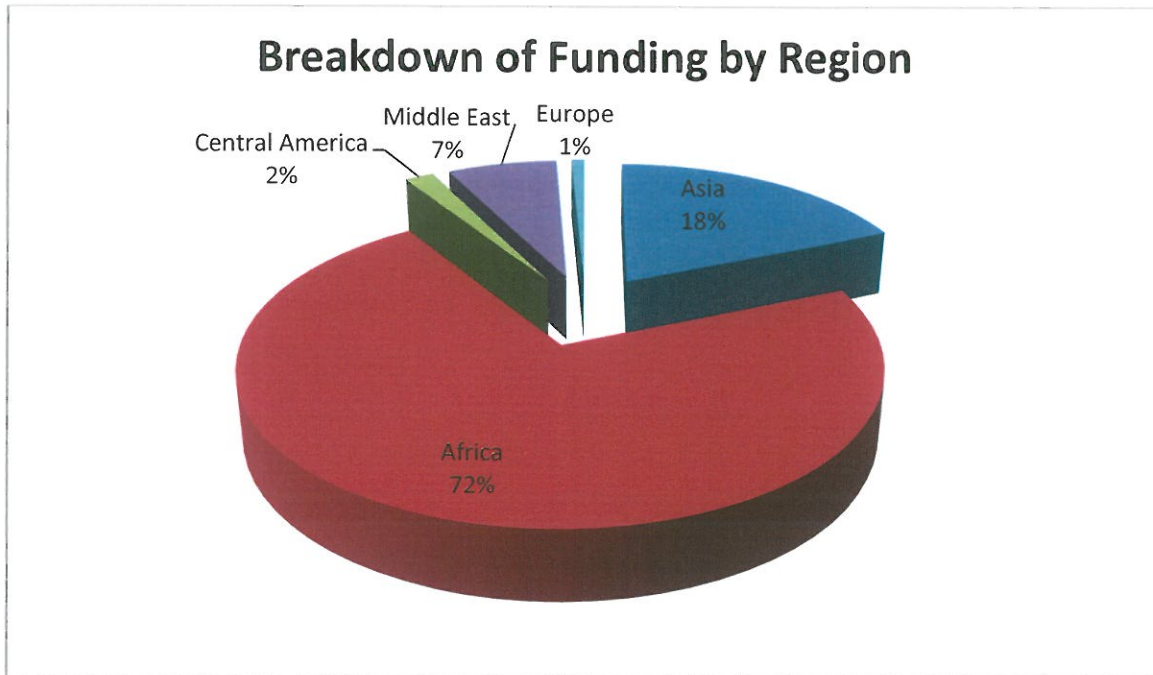
Finally, Table 3 shows the breakdown of funding by region - of which 72% of the 2012/13 budget was allocated to projects in Africa.

The second highest amount of £380,000.00 (18% of the budget) went towards projects and emergencies in Asia. Much of the funding allocated to the Middle East went towards emergency aid projects in Syria and the surrounding regions responding to the growing needs of the Syrian refugees.

£35,000 (2% budget allocation) of funding was provided for a project supporting indigenous communities in Nicaragua (Central America) and a further £15,845.00 was provided to RO-MAN-AID for a project in Romania, accounting for the European allocation of 1%.

¹ MDG 1 - Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
 MDG 2 - Achieve universal primary education
 MDG 3 - Promote gender equality and empower women
 MDG 4 - Reduce child mortality
 MDG 5 - Improve maternal health
 MDG 6 - Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
 MDG 7 - Ensure environmental sustainability
 MDG 8 - Global partnership for development

Table 3



For further information on funding and applications, please visit <https://www.gov.im/about-the-government/offices/cabinet-office/international-development-committee/> or alternatively contact the Secretary to the International Development Committee directly on 01624 685363 or via email idc@gov.im.