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International Development Committee Annual Report 2011-12¹

Foreword

Millions in the developing world struggle daily against poverty, hunger, disease, natural disasters and war. As residents of a peaceful and prosperous country, we here in the Isle of Man have shown ourselves to be generous in helping those facing such adversity.

Our actions - whether taken on a personal, charitable organisation or government level - are hallmarks of a responsible, caring nation and demonstrate the Island's willingness to engage positively with the wider world.

The Isle of Man Government, through the International Development Committee (formerly the Overseas Aid Committee), has helped those in need of humanitarian assistance since the 1980s by providing funding to charities working in some of the poorest countries in the world. Although we are living through testing economic times, I am proud of the Government's continuing commitment towards creating a more sustainable future for all the world's citizens.

The Isle of Man Government's overseas aid policy focuses on the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals, which seek to improve health, education and equality, eradicate poverty and hunger and encourage environmental sustainability in the developing world. These goals allow the Committee to ensure that the funding is targeted at those most in need.

In this Annual Report you will find further details of the important projects supported by the Committee in 2011-12. I would like to thank the Committee members for their continuing dedication and work which has undoubtedly had a positive impact on the lives of the poorest people in the developing world.

Hon A R Bell MHK
Chief Minister
January 2013

¹ The Isle of Man Government's Overseas Aid Committee was renamed the International Development Committee in January 2013.

Introduction by Chairman of the International Development Committee

The Isle of Man International Development Committee is pleased to allocate funding for development and emergency aid projects internationally which contribute to efforts to reduce poverty in the developing world.

The Committee allocates funding to Manx and UK based charities which carry out projects in some of the poorest countries in the world. The Committee's assessment of project applications is based on the United Nations Millennium Development Goals, which are internationally agreed targets for reducing poverty, improving health and education and other associated issues in the developing world

This year's annual budget remained at £2.4 million, as it has since 2009. This was split into three funding streams: £891,973 for 'Small' Development Grants; £885,646 for Multi-Year Grants; and £612,881 for Emergency Aid.

Overall 208 applications for Small Grants were received though we only had sufficient funding to support 46 of these worthy applications. In addition ten ongoing Multi-Year projects were supported.

All the projects offer tremendous value for money and excellent development prospects for the countries and people concerned. These exemplary projects include CAFOD's project in Ethiopia which promoted economic and social empowerment for poor unemployed and self-employed women and girls in Addis Ababa, and the Christian Aid project in Malawi which addresses food security and community coping mechanisms in response to natural disasters in the Mwanza district.

Once again, the Committee made available matched funding for the One World Charity Challenge, which continues to provide a valuable opportunity to educate young Manx people about development issues while benefitting charities in the process.

The Committee continues to make more information about its work available to the public. In previous years a summary of each project was provided in the Committee's Annual Report. This year for the first time the Committee has published on its website the full final reports from charities whose projects were funded.

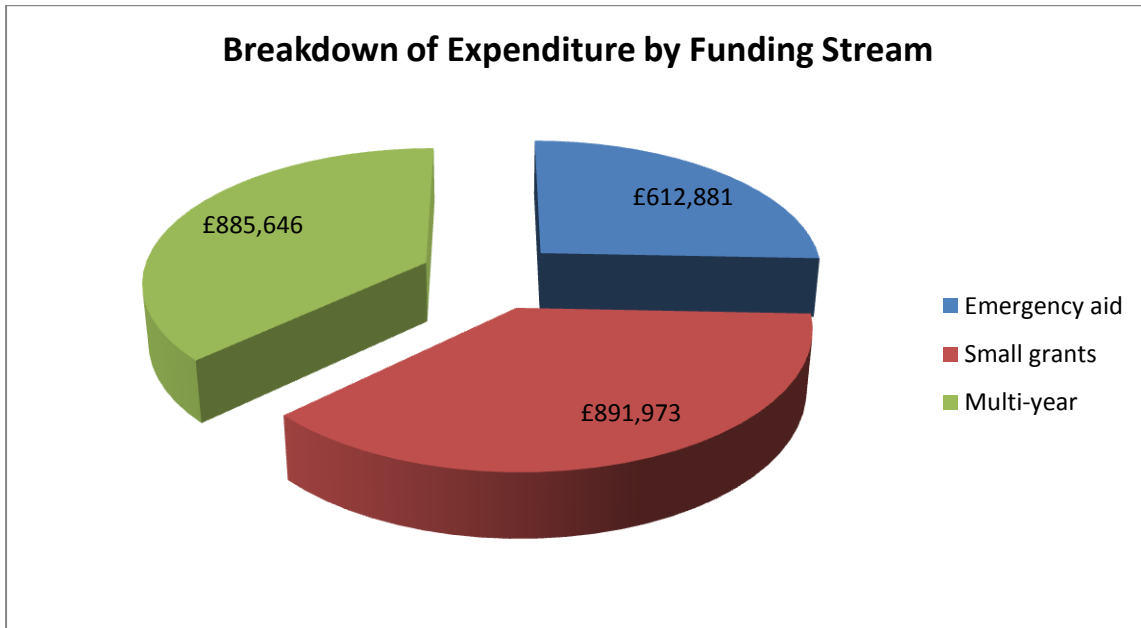
It is my honour to serve as Chairman of this Committee and I would like to thank my fellow Committee members for their continued enthusiasm and commitment to the Committee's work.

Hon P A Gawne MHK
Caairliagh (Chairman)
January 2013

Overview of the International Development Committee's activities in 2011-12

For the 2011-12 financial year the Committee received an allocation of £2.4 million. The budget was split into three main types of expenditure – Small Grants, for which over £890,000 was allocated; Multi-Year Grants, for which £885,000 was allocated; and Emergency Aid, for which over £610,000 was allocated.

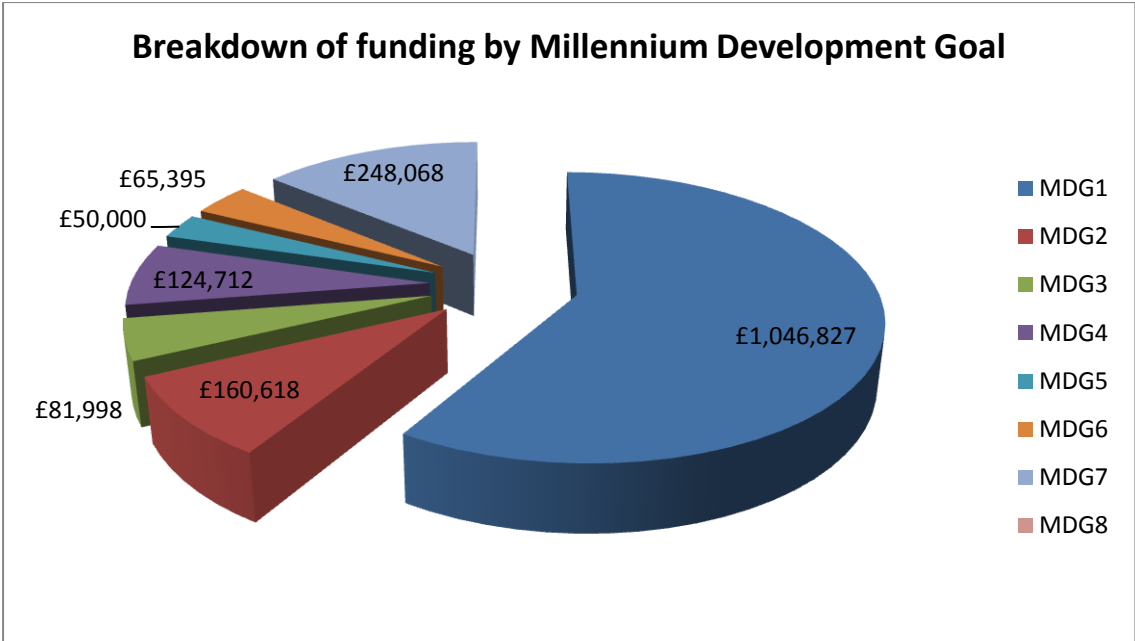
The figure below shows a breakdown of international development funding by the three funding streams.



The second chart provided illustrates funding provided to charities broken down by the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) it has been targeted towards. It should be noted that Emergency Aid is excluded from the MDG table as it is not evaluated on the basis of MDGs. Over half of the funding was spent on addressing the first MDG, which is focused on ending poverty and hunger in the developing world.

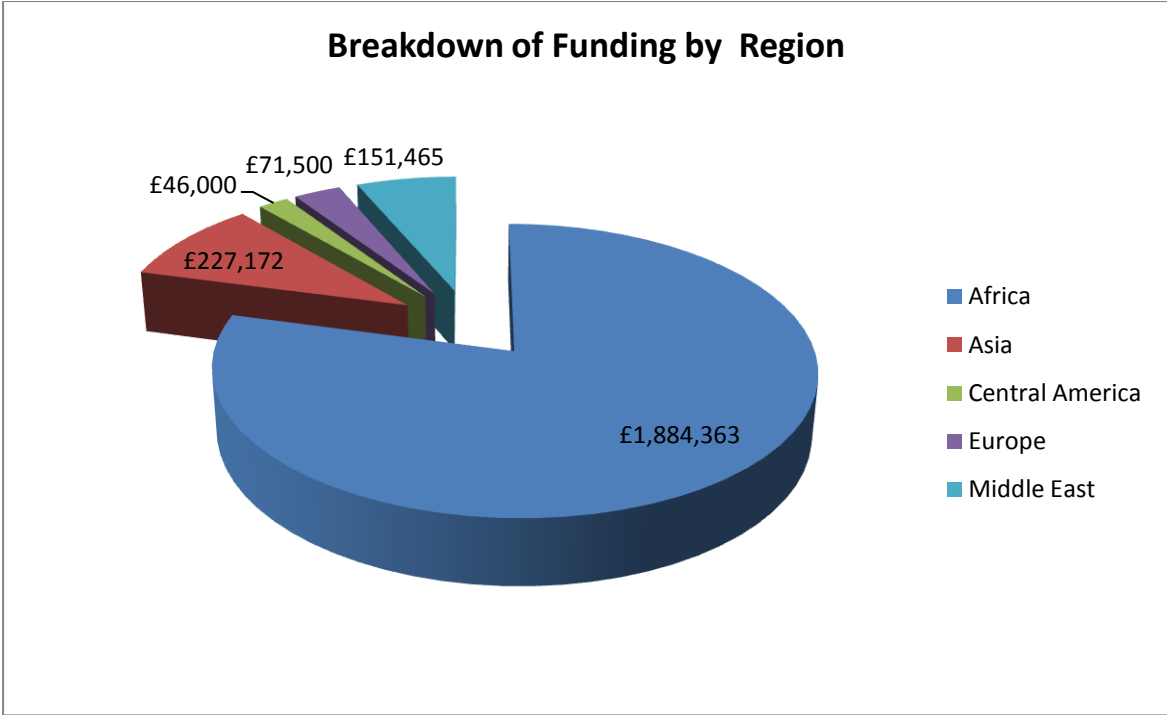
A further eighth of the Committee's funds for the year, almost £300,000, addressed the second MDG, which aims to ensure that by 2015 all children will have access to a full course of primary schooling.

The third largest amount spent was on MDG seven, which seeks to ensure environmental sustainability. This is accounted for by two multi-year projects, one by WaterAid and one by Oxfam, which both seek to improve access to water and sanitation in Sierra Leone.



Finally the breakdown of funding by region – chart three - demonstrates that over three quarters of funding for 2011-12 was allocated to projects based in Africa.

The second highest amount, about £227,000, almost a tenth of the budget, went to projects and emergencies in Asia. Much of the funding to the Middle East is accounted for by the money provided by the Committee to help those affected by the conflict in Syria and the drought in Afghanistan during the period.



Funding was also provided for emergencies in Central America. Finally, £21,500 was provided to RO-MAN-AID for a project in Romania, which accounts for the spending in Europe.

The recipients of the largest amounts of aid over the period were:

UNICEF - £165,000

Oxfam - £154,941

British Red Cross - £106,244

Christian Aid - £92,442

Save the Children - £70,000

Further information on all the projects can be found on the International Development Committee website.