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1. Introduction

The Cabinet Office is responsible for implementing the Isle of Man Government's policy on International Development and for the allocation of funding from the £2.4 million International Development budget in accordance with the policy of the Council of Ministers.

The political membership of the Cabinet Office for the financial year 2017/18 was as follows:

- Howard Quayle MHK, Chief Minister
- Chris Thomas MHK, Minister for Policy and Reform
- David Ashford MHK, Department Member (April 2017 – January 2018)
- Alex Allinson MHK, Department Member (from March 2018)

The Government's policy in relation to International Development was set out in the Programme for Government and is to "maintain our commitment to International Development".

The four objectives that support the Government's International Development policy are –

Isle of Man Government will:

- To ensure that International Development funding is targeted to support charities and projects that meet the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals
- To focus International Development funding on those countries ranked as 'Low Development' on the United Nations Human Development Index
- To provide a swift response to international humanitarian crises
- To support the voluntary sector to raise awareness of global development issues throughout the Manx population

2. Funding Streams

There are five funding streams through which the annual International Development budget is allocated.

- Small Grants
- Global Development Education and Awareness Grant
- Disaster and Emergency Relief
- Small Countries Financial Management Programme
- Multi Year Grants¹

Below provides a summary of the available funding streams, further information and details on the allocation of International Development funding can be found at:

<https://www.gov.im/about-the-government/departments/cabinet-office/international-development/>

Small Grants

Small Grants funding takes place over a two year funding cycle. The agreed annual budget is £270,000 per year - £540,000 in total over each two year funding cycle.

The Small Grants funding stream was open for applications between the 27th March and 21st April 2017. Seven applications were received and all projects received approval for funding, a full list of funded projects so far is available in [section 5](#).²

A total of £554,026 funding was allocated for projects that will run from July 2017 to July 2019. The additional £14,026 was made up of unallocated expenditure accrued from other funding streams. The second instalment of funding will be provided in the 2018 - 2019 financial year, after receipt of a satisfactory first year report.

Global Development Education and Awareness Grant

The Global Development Education and Awareness Grant (GDEAG) was introduced in the 2017 - 2018 financial year and awards £30,000 annually to either an Isle of Man registered charity, or group of charities, with the purpose of educating and raising awareness of global development issues throughout the Manx population.

The GDEAG funding stream was open for applications between the 25th of May and the 15th of June 2017. The One World Centre became the first recipient of this grant and has undertaken a number of activities to raise awareness of global development issues.³

Disaster and Emergency Relief

The Disaster and Emergency Relief funding stream has a budget of £600,000 per year and is reserved for Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) Live Appeals.

¹ The 2017/18 financial year saw the final year of the previous Multi-Year Grants funding.

² The application criteria for 2017-2019 funding cycle was also updated to require charities to register with the Isle of Man Financial Services Authority (FSA) as a Specified Non-Profit Organisation, if the project is taking place in a country listed as being at a higher risk of money laundering or terrorist financing by the FSA.

³ More information about the OWC and their activities can be found at: <http://www.oneworldcentreiom.org/>

The DEC is a group comprised of 13 UK charities which respond to humanitarian crises, providing clean water, humanitarian aid and medical care. The DEC's vast experience and expertise ensure aid is delivered as quickly and efficiently as possible to those most in need.⁴

In the financial year 2017-2018, Isle of Man Government funding was donated to three appeals: the East Africa Crisis Appeal, the Yemen Crisis Appeal and the Emergency Appeal for People fleeing Myanmar. The total donation to the DEC in 2017-2018 was £728,166.93. This included the full £600,000 Emergency Relief budget, as well as unallocated expenditure accrued from other funding streams.

Isle of Man Government funding in East Africa has helped prevent droughts in the region escalating into famine and in Yemen it has helped the DEC reach nearly 1.4 million people with essential aid. The Isle of Man funding has also helped DEC member charities reach 540,000 Rohingya people in Bangladesh with food, water, sanitation and hygiene facilities.

Small Countries Financial Management Programme

The Isle of Man continues to provide £300,000 annual funding to the Small Countries Financial Management Programme (SCFMP) which contributes to the growth and prosperity of small countries, through capacity building in the government financial sector of small developing countries. The Programme facilitates networking and sharing of best practice among officials regarding financial management and regulatory issues, specific to small developing countries.

The SCFMP held its 9th Programme in June 2017, a full report of the 2017 programme can be found at: <https://www.gov.im/media/1360157/scfmp-annual-report-2017.pdf>

Multi-Year Grants

The 2017/18 financial year saw the final year of the previous Multi-Year Grants funding, which will be replaced in 2018-19 by the newly created International Development Partnerships which will create two-year partnerships with a small number (maximum of 4) of respected and recognised international charities.

In the 2017-2018 financial year payments of £560,219.29 were made for the final year of committed 2015-2018 Multi-Year Grant funding. Two projects however were delayed and that committed expenditure will be accrued into the 2018-2019 financial year for payment.

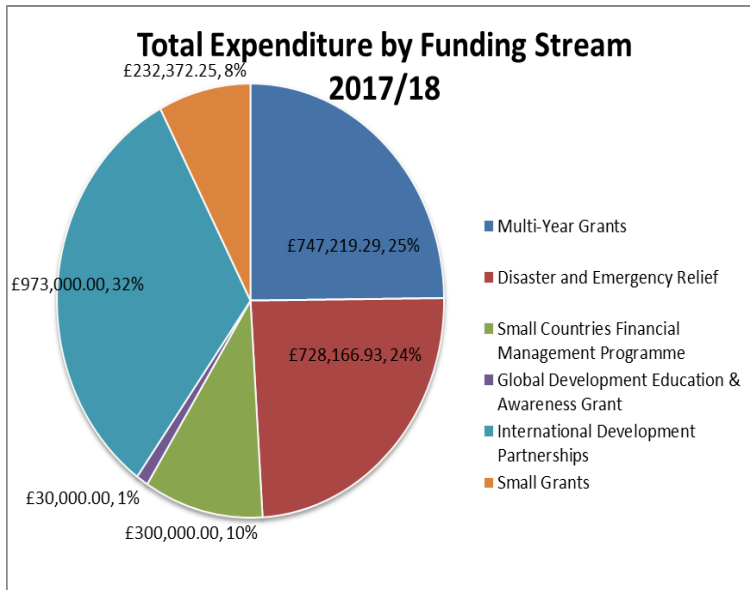
The final year Multi Year Grant payments were expended from the newly created International Development Partnerships (IDPs) budget of £1.2 million. The remainder of this budget was utilised to provide the second instalment of the Isle of Man Government's donation to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (further details are available in [section 3](#)).

⁴ Further information regarding the DEC is available at the DEC website <https://www.dec.org.uk/>

3. Financial Summary

The annual budget for International Development for the financial year 2017/18 remained at £2.4 million; with accruals from committed expenditure from the previous financial year, the total starting budget was £3,282,801.00.⁵

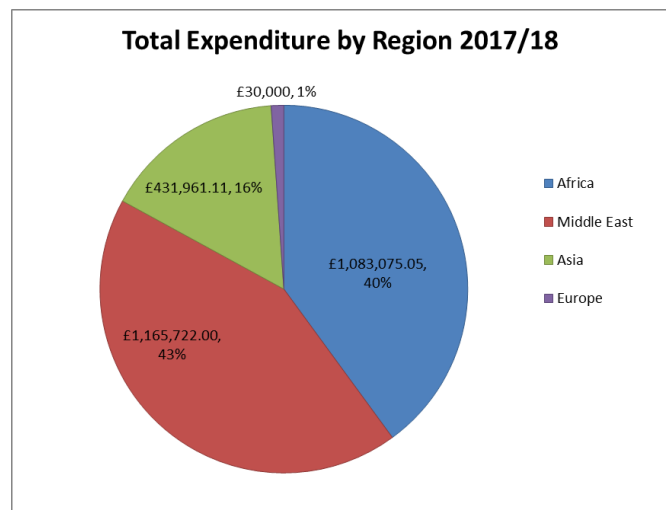
Total expenditure in the 2017/2018 year was £3,010,758.47. All remaining funds were committed and at the end of the year were accrued into the 2018/2019 budget.



As outlined in the [2016-2017 Annual report](#), the Council of Ministers agreed in February 2017 to support the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) through a one-off donation of £973,000 to provide aid and humanitarian assistance to Syrian refugees in neighbouring countries.⁶ This donation was made in the 2017-2018 financial year and was provided by £654,953⁷ which was accrued from the 2016-2017 budget, and the remaining amount of £318,047 originating out of the transition from the multi-year grant funding to the newly created International Development Partnerships budget.

The donation to the UNHCR accounts for the largest expenditure for this financial year. The largest beneficiary was the Middle East, with the UNHCR donation making up the majority of this amount.

The second largest beneficiary was Africa (the continent with the greatest number of countries ranked as 'Low Development'), with Multi-Year Grant funding making up the majority of this amount (£660,219.29).⁸



⁵ In each financial year, the actual amount expended may fluctuate due to payments being staggered or delayed and so it is usually necessary to carry forward an element of expenditure committed, but not yet paid out, over to the following financial year. This accepted practice is overseen by Treasury.

⁶ <https://www.gov.im/news/2017/feb/17/isle-of-man-to-support-syrian-refugees-with-additional-funding/>

⁷ From the 2016-2017 budget £601,272 from the Small Grants budget was allocated to this cause along with £13,303.31 from unused IDC expenses budget and £40,378.10 from the Sierra Leone Project budget.

⁸ The £300,000 provided to the Small Countries Financial Management Programme is not included in this chart as the Programme takes place in the Isle of Man and the UK. However, the home countries of the participants is included in the Small Countries Financial Management Programme's annual report which is available here: <https://www.gov.im/media/1360157/scfmp-annual-report-2017.pdf>

4. Projects Funded in 2017/2018 – Case Studies

Multi Year Grants- Excellent Development (MYG029.15) Creating Sustainable Lives for People and Wildlife in the Northern Rangelands, Kenya

The Isle of Man Government provided a grant of £136,712.00 to Excellent Development for the Multi Year project 'Creating sustainable lives for people and wildlife in the northern rangelands, Kenya'. Funding was allocated for a three year period, starting in 2015 with project completion in August 2018.



Northern Kenya has a long history of drought; which has led to land degradation, resource insecurity and conflict between neighbouring communities competing over scarce resources.

With Isle of Man Government funding, Excellent Development has constructed four sand dams along the Tassia River with a further two nearing completion. Sand dams are concrete walls built across seasonal river beds. During heavy rain these dams fill up with water

and sand forming an aquifer. The sand ensures that the water does not evaporate and can be accessed all year round.

The construction of the sand dams has increased the communities' daily water intake from 5 litres a day per person, to 6.25-7 litres a day, drastically improving the health of 960 households. The rise in ground water levels has also encouraged surrounding pastureland to flourish. This increased access to water has reduced conflict between communities, as they are no longer battling for scarce resources.

A rainwater harvesting tank was also completed in the project's second year at Sieko Primary School to provide a sustainable source of clean water for the 150 students and nine staff. The tank is saving children, especially girls, vital hours that they can spend learning instead of collecting water.



DO! Developing Orphans – Small Grant Project, 2017-2019 Broadway Primary School, Uganda

In recent years northern Uganda has been affected by a series of acute humanitarian crises, not least The Lord's Resistance Army insurgency which has caused over 30 years of loss, suffering and hardship. This has led to many children being orphaned and finding themselves heading young families.

In 2017, a local Manx charity, DO! (Developing Orphans) were awarded £54,107 to build a multi-purpose hall and teacher accommodation for Broadway Nursery and Primary School in Uganda.



In March 2018 DO! completed their first phase of the build with the erection of the Multi-Purpose hall. The hall will allow students to complete their Primary Leaving Examinations (PLE); to gain the qualifications they will need to continue with their education. This year, 30 Broadway Primary School students and an additional 120 primary school students from other schools, will use the facility to take their PLE in November 2018.

The second phase of the project; the building of the teacher's accommodation, will take place in 2018-2019. This accommodation will attract high quality teachers, to further improve the learning experience at the school.

United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) Protecting refugees during the Syria Crisis, Middle East

As described in [section 3](#), the Isle of Man Government made a one-off donation to the UNHCR of £973,000 in the 2017-2018 year, to support families forced to flee their homes by the Syrian civil war. Since its outbreak in 2011, over 5.56 million Syrians have been forced into neighbouring countries such as Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey. These Syrian refugees have restricted access to basic necessities including food, water and shelter.

The Isle of Man Government funding has been used to help provide a vital lifeline for 30,250 beneficiaries in Jordan and Lebanon. 2,000 Syrian refugee families have received cash assistance, meaning families no longer have to choose between buying food, paying rent or buying essential medicine.



750 Syrian refugee families have received emergency shelter kits and in addition, 1,100 families also received winter survival kits including blankets, heating stoves and a four-month supply of gas.

The work of the UNHCR is ongoing and the Isle of Man donation continues to be used to deliver further vital aid, particularly through cash assistance programmes, as demand remains high with 14,000 family's still awaiting support.

Disasters Emergency Committee - Emergency Appeal for People Fleeing Myanmar Disaster and Emergency Relief

In 2017-2018 the Isle of Man Government provided £292,722 to the DEC's Emergency Appeal for People Fleeing Myanmar. Violence broke out in Rakhine State, Myanmar in August 2017, causing more than 687,000 people, mostly Rohingya women and children, to flee across the border into neighbouring Bangladesh. This placed a massive strain on existing refugee camps and settlements in Bangladesh, meaning refugees were in urgent need of food, water and medical care.

The DEC's main focus in the refugee camps has been safety, hygiene and preventing famine. With the help of the Isle of Man Government funding, the DEC has set up 43 safe spaces to protect the most vulnerable children, women and elderly people. The DEC has supplied approximately 108,000 people with hygiene kits which include soap, sanitary items and toothbrushes. Around 90 water wells have been drilled by the DEC, supplying over 36,000 people with a permanent source of safe water. The DEC has also supplied 75,000 food packages. Ahead of the monsoon season, the DEC is working to strengthen sheltered accommodation and improve infrastructure in the camps.⁹

Sayed and family (pictured) took seven days to cross from Myanmar to Bangladesh, in which time Sayed's wife was shot and killed. He and his three children arrived at the Moinerghona refugee camp in the Cox's Bazar district of Bangladesh with just the clothes they were wearing. With the help of Isle of Man Government funding, the DEC has provided essential items to Sayed and his family such as cooking pots, fresh water, soap and materials to help secure their shelter.

Sayed expressed his gratitude during a recent site visit by the DEC.

'I am extremely grateful for receiving these things. We are extremely happy for getting these when we have absolutely nothing. We are very grateful for all the aid provided to Rohingya today.'



⁹ The sixth month report for the Emergency Appeal for People Fleeing Myanmar is available at: <https://www.dec.org.uk/article/2017-emergency-appeal-for-people-fleeing-myanmar-six-month-report>

5. Projects Funded in 2017-2018 – Full List

Small Grants Projects 2017-2018 (Year One Payment)¹⁰				
Excellent Development	Building resilient food and water secure communities in Ukambani, Kenya	Kenya	SG001.17	£55,771
Christian Aid	Isle of Man Christian Aid Week appeals projects	Kenya/Zimbabwe	SG002.17	£31,000
CAFOD	Chimanimani WASH for Sustainable Development	Zimbabwe	SG005.17	£50,000
DO! Developing Orphans	Construction of Multi-Purpose Hall and Teacher Accommodation for Broadway Nursery and Primary School	Uganda	SG006.17	£27,053.55
Pahar Trust Nepal	Construction of 2 school buildings to replace schools destroyed in the 2015 earthquake	Nepal	SG007.17	£41,272.50
TOTAL:				£205,097.05

Small Grants 10% payments 2015-2016				
British Red Cross	Community Resilience, incorporating Food Security and Livelihoods, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, in Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe	SG001.15	£3,208.90
CAFOD	Kalonge Water Project	Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)	SG002.15	£6,100.00
Pahar Trust	Shree Udaya Secondary	Nepal	SG013.15	£3,966.30

¹⁰The COPG also agreed to fund Oxfam and British Red Cross Small Grant projects, however, due to delays in registration with the FSA, they did not receive funding in the 2017-2018 period.

	School, Dhampus, Gargra, Kaski West Nepal			
Save the children	SHIKHON – Supporting the Hardest to Reach through Basic Education	Bangladesh	SG014.15	£7,000.00
Send a Cow	Hope, Means, Future	Zambia	SG015.15	£7,000.00
TOTAL:				£27,275.20

Disaster and Emergency Relief				
DEC	Yemen Crisis Appeal	Yemen		£192,722.00
DEC	East Africa Crisis Appeal	Kenya, South Sudan, Ethiopia and Somalia		£242,722.00
DEC	Emergency Appeal for people fleeing Myanmar	Myanmar, Bangladesh		£292,722.31
TOTAL:				£728,166.93

International Development Partnerships				
UNHCR	Response to the Syrian Refugee Crisis	Syria (neighbouring countries)		£973,000.00
TOTAL:				£973,000.00

Small Countries Financial Management Programme				
SCFMC	Small Counties Financial	Various		£300,000.00

	Management Programme			
TOTAL:	£300,000.00			

Global Development Education and Awareness Grant				
One World Centre	Global Development Education and Awareness Grant	Isle of Man	GDG003.17	£30,000.00
TOTAL:	£30,000.00			

Multi-Year Grant Project 2015-2018 (Year Three Payments)				
Excellent Development	Creating sustainable lives for people and wildlife in the Northern Rangelands, Kenya	Kenya	MY026.15	£26,111.00
Thare Machi Education	Technology for the Poor	Various African Countries	MYG011.15	£38,805.00
Plan UK	Teacher Training to Empower Girls	Uganda	MYG010.15	£61,130.29
ActionAid	Strengthening smallholder farmers' resilience to climate change and food crises in Mohale's Hoek, Lesotho	Lesotho	MYG012.15	£95,872.00
Right to Play	Play for the Advancement of Quality	Liberia	MYG014.15	£70,761.00

	Education			
Oxfam GB	Healthier Children and Communities: help to treat and prevent malnutrition in children in rural Niger	Niger	MYG029.15	£50,000.00
CAFOD	Livelihoods and Leadership: Tackling Gender Inequality and Sexual Violence in Conflict and Ebola Affected Liberia	Liberia	MYG030.15	£52,393.00
Kings Global Health Partnership (KGHP)	Preventing Life-time Disability and Reducing Child Mortality in Sierra Leone by Strengthening Healthcare Infrastructures and Orthopaedic Services through Clubfoot Clinics	Sierra Leone	MYG014.15	£80,273.00
Send a Cow	Addressing social and economic poverty for vulnerable families in Leribe	Lesotho	MYG033.15	£84,874.00
TOTAL:				£560,219.29

Multi-Year Grant Project 2015-2018 (Year Two Payments)				
HART UK	HIAM Health Malnutrition Rehabilitation and Education Centre, Timor Leste	Timor Leste	MYG020.16	£87,000.00
TOTAL:				£87,000.00

Multi-Year Grant Project 2012-2015 (Year Three Payments)				
Christian Aid	Supporting small scale fishers to build thriving and resilient livelihoods in the Sherbro Basin, Bonthe District, Sierra Leone	Kenya/Zimbabwe	MYG036.12	£100,000.00
TOTAL:				£100,000.00