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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 annual International Development budget, in accordance with the policy of the Council of Ministers. The annual budget for International Development for the financial year 2018/19 was increased by the Isle of Man Budget for 2018/19 from £2.4 million to £2.5 million

The political membership of the Cabinet Office for the financial year 2018/19 was as follows:

- Hon Howard Quayle MHK, Chief Minister
- Hon Chris Thomas MHK, Minister for Policy and Reform
- Dr Alex Allinson MHK, Department Member

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:

- Ensure that International Development funding is targeted to support charities and projects that meet the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals;
- Focus International Development funding on those countries ranked as 'Low Development' on the United Nations Human Development Index;
- Provide a swift response to international humanitarian crises; and
- 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; and
- International Development Partnerships.

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.

As the Small Grants funding stream opened for applications in 2017, the 2018/19 financial year saw the 2nd instalment of funding. A full list of funded projects is available in [section 5](#).

A total of £179,164.05 was allocated for the 2nd instalments of the 2017-19 Small Grant projects.

Due to a delay to the start of the British Red Cross project the first payment of £34,611.00 for the project - 'Preparing for and responding to cyclical shocks in Chipinge and Mwenzi, including diversifying food and income opportunities' (SG003.17) was made in August 2018. The 2nd instalment was therefore accrued into the 2019/20 financial year.

In 2017 funding of £45,637.00 was agreed by Cabinet Office for an application from Oxfam (SG004.17). However, following reports of serious improprieties by some of Oxfam's aid workers in 2018, this amount was also accrued into the 2018/19 funding year in order to allow consideration of the outcome of the Charity Commissions Report before any payments were made.

In March 2019, Oxfam reported that despite not receiving funding from the Isle of Man Government they had completed the Small Grants project (SG004.17) via alternative funding. Therefore, the full funding that would have been awarded to Oxfam (£100,000.00) was reallocated to the Disasters Emergency Relief (DER) funding stream and accrued for payment in the 2019/20 financial year.

Global Development Education and Awareness Grant

The Global Development Education and Awareness Grant (GDEAG) is a £30,000.00 grant awarded annually to an Isle of Man registered charity, or group of charities working together, to carry out a programme of activities that educate and raise awareness of global development issues throughout the Manx population. Funding is awarded for a 12 month period, but may be extended for up to an additional 12 months without the need to reopen the application process.

The One World Centre¹ (OWC) was awarded the GDEAG of £30,000 in July 2017 to cover activities to be undertaken in a 12 month period. Following an evaluation of activities undertaken during the funding period it was concluded OWC fulfilled the requirements of the grant. Therefore, in line with the GDEAG funding guidance, the OWC were asked to produce an itemised activity plan detailing the planned activities for which a further GDEAG grant would be utilised. Based on documentation received the OWC were awarded the GDEAG for a further 12 months in July 2018.

The Annual Report for OWC can be found [here](#).

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.

In May 2018 Council of Ministers agreed that the budget for the 2018-19 financial year be increased by £50,000.00, therefore the total budget for 2018-19 was £650,000.00.

The DEC is a group comprised of 13 UK charities which respond to humanitarian crises, providing clean water, critical 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.

¹ Further information regarding the OWC is available at the OWC website <https://www.oneworldcentreiom.org/>

In the financial year 2018-2019, Isle of Man Government funding was donated to five appeals: the East Africa Crisis Appeal, the Yemen Crisis Appeal, the Emergency Appeal for People fleeing Myanmar, Indonesia Tsunami Appeal and Cyclone Idai Appeal. The total donation to the DEC in 2018-2019 was £400,000.

Isle of Man Government funding in Africa and Asia helped prevent droughts in the region escalating into famine and provide shelter and clean water, whilst helping survivors to cope with the trauma and rebuild their lives and livelihoods. In Yemen it helped the DEC reach nearly 1.4 million people with essential aid. Isle of Man funding also helped DEC member charities reach 540,000 Rohingya people in Bangladesh with food, water, sanitation and hygiene facilities.

Towards the end of 2018-2019 year the Isle of Man Government also funded a new appeal for Cyclone Idai which swept through Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe, leaving behind a trail of destruction, shortly followed by Cyclone Kenneth. It is estimated that over 2.4 million people were affected by Cyclone Idai. The funding provided was to prioritise the delivery of clean water, building toilets and hand washing facilities to tackle the outbreak of cholera.

Small Countries Financial Management Programme

The Isle of Man Government 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.

An additional £50,000 was granted to the SCFMP by the Isle of Man Government's Cabinet Office during 2018-19. The purpose of this funding was to facilitate an update to the SCFMC website And the creation of a member's area to further support engagement with past participants.

The SCFMP held its 10th Programme in June 2018, a full report of the 2018 programme can be found at: <https://www.gov.im/media/1366000/scfmc-programme-2018.pdf>

Multi-Year Grants

In May 2018 the third and final payment was made to the project 'Sierra Leone Community Board Health & Ebola Recovery programme' (MYG034.15). The project sought to improve the provision of healthcare in Sierra Leone with a focus on reproductive and child health and the prevention and control of communicable diseases including Ebola and HIV. The project was completed in December 2018.

In December 2018 the final payment was made to the project 'HIAM Health Malnutrition Rehabilitation and Education Centre' (MYG020.15). The project was approved in 2015 but was delayed and activities commenced in 2016, in order to align the start of this project with the conclusion of the previous three-year project HART UK delivered between the years 2013-2016.

International Development Partnership (IDP)

This was a new funding stream for the 2018/19 financial year, established to create a cohesive working relationship between the Isle of Man and a small number of charities, to facilitate long-term and sustainable change in the beneficiary country for a two-year period.

In 2018/19, in line with the policy agreed by Council of Ministers, Cabinet Office agreed applications for the IDP funding stream would be sought from projects which focus on three of the

United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which were only being addressed through a small number of projects receiving International Development Funding through other funding streams. These were:

- SDG5 Gender Equality;
- SDG7 Affordable and Clean Energy; and
- SDG15 Life on Land

The IDP's only targeted countries that ranked as 'Low Development' on the United Nations Human Development Index and funding was awarded to projects that can demonstrate sustainability post funding.

The application round for 2018/20 opened 16 March and closed 13 April 2018 and 36 Applications were received. Out of those 36 applications, 5 did not meet the funding criteria and were not given further consideration. The remaining 31 applications were then considered and scored on a scale of 1-5 for each of the funding criteria (1= does not fulfil criteria, 5= fulfils criteria with no exceptions). The applications that received scores of 50 or over (13 applications in total) were considered further.

Each of the 13 applications was assessed in further detail and consideration given to:

- i. value for money;
- ii. clarity of project objectives; and
- iii. governance.

In addition, where two projects were based in a similar geographical location or had similar project objectives, the project which scored higher against the shortlisting criteria, was included on the final shortlist. As a result seven applications were included in the shortlist.

On 13 June 2018, following consideration of the seven projects and recommendations from Officers Cabinet Office approved funding of:

- i. £685,788.98 for Christian Aid's project for Sustainable Livelihoods through Cooperatives, Renewable Energy and Gender Empowerment in Burundi;
- ii. £900,474.00 for Practical Action's project for Renewable Energy Empowering Women Farmers in Zimbabwe (REEWF); and
- iii. £600,245.00 for Right to Play's project for Girls on Track: Promote Female Empowerment through Quality Education in Tanzania.

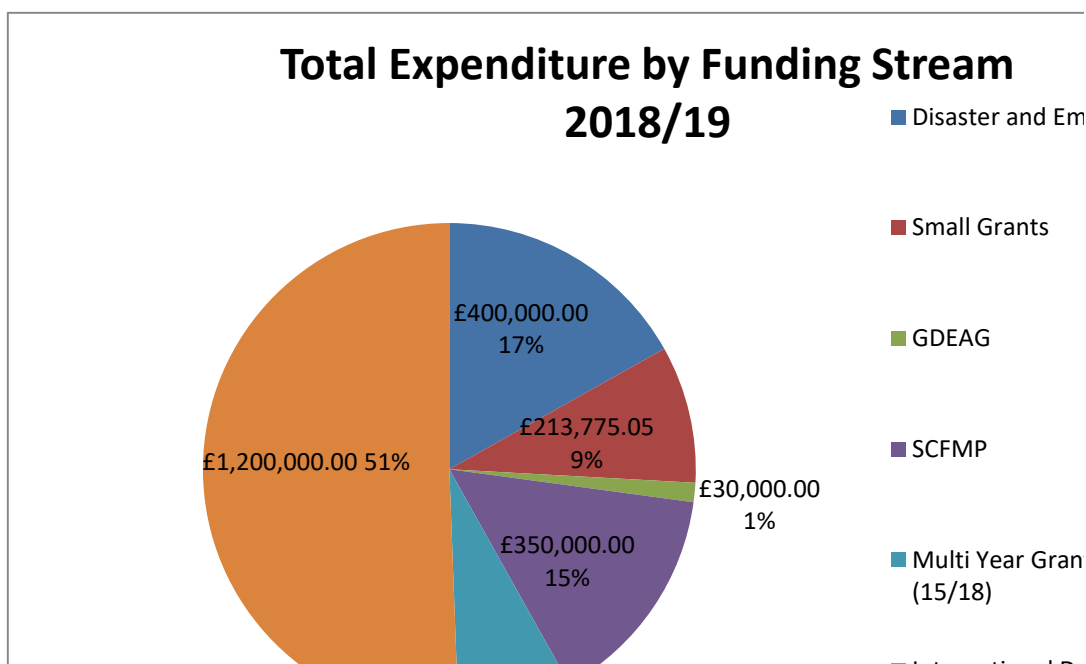
These were considered the three strongest applications in respect of the IDPs criteria, and the mix of projects resulted in the three UN SDGs, agreed as a priority for this funding stream, being addressed. These projects also provided a geographical spread of beneficiary countries.

3. Financial Summary

The annual budget for International Development for the financial year 2018/19 was increased by the Isle of Man Budget for 2018/19 to £2.5 million. Combined with accruals from committed expenditure from the previous financial year, the total starting budget was £2,772,043.46.²

Total expenditure in the 2018/2019 year was £2,376,481.00. All remaining funds were committed and at the end of the year were accrued into the 2019/2020 budget.

² 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.

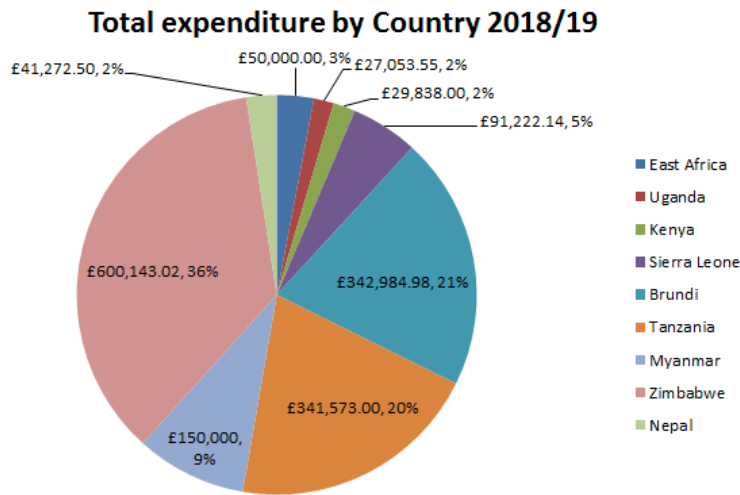


As the full annual budget was not expended, £250,000.00 was left unallocated. This was earmarked for DEC at the end of the financial year but there were no live appeals other than Cyclone Idai which we had just donated to. Therefore, under the policy agreed by Council of Ministers, Cabinet Office considered how best to allocate the remaining funding and made recommendations to Council of Ministers.

During the 'Small Grants Funding' application process, £540,000.00 was allocated to six different charities. There was a further application that met all the criteria for funding, but due to the high number of excellent applications and the budget being finite, at the time that project could not be funded. That further application was submitted by Send a Cow (SG 0319). The overall aim of the project was to empower 6,600 smallholder farms and their families with the knowledge, skills and means to live healthily and sustainability from the land for £60,772.00. As there was £23,150 remaining in the Small Grants 2018/19 budget Cabinet Office recommended that £37,622 of the unallocated budget was reallocated to Small Grants funding stream enabling the Send as Cow project to receive funding.

Council of Ministers had also requested that the Cabinet Office continue to consider, across all the International Development funding streams, how further support could be provided for the ongoing crisis in Syria. In 2017/18 financial year a Partnership had been formed with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, a global organisation dedicated to protecting refugees, forcibly displaced communities and stateless people, and funding provided with the specific objective and supporting Syrian Refugees. The Cabinet Office therefore recommended that the remaining unallocated funding for the 2018/19 year be donated to UNHCR, to provide further support to Syrian Refugees in Jordan and Lebanon.

Council of Ministers agreed to the Cabinet Office's recommendations and the £250,000 of unallocated 2018/19 funding was distributed in the following way:
 £37,622.00 – Send a Cow, Ikawa N'Inka ("Coffee and Cows")
 £212,378.00 – UNHCR, Syrian Refugees in Jordan and Lebanon



For the 2018/19 year the country to receive the largest amount of funding was Zimbabwe due to newly formed International Development Partnerships.

4. Projects Funded in 2018/2019 – Case Studies

Christian Aid - International Development Partnership, 2018/20 - IDP 015.18 Sustainable Livelihoods through Cooperatives, Renewable Energy and Gender Empowerment in Burundi

The Isle of Man Government provided a grant of £342,894.98 to Christian Aid for the newly formed International Development Partnerships project 'Sustainable Livelihoods through Cooperatives, Renewable Energy and Gender Empowerment in Burundi'. Funding was allocated for a two year period, starting in 2018 with project completion due in 2020.



Burundi, Muyinga, Kayanza, Ngozi and Kirundo in Northern Burundi and Rumonge in Southern Burundi. Ranked 184 out of 188 in the Human Development Index, Burundi has one of the highest rates of poverty in the world. More than fifteen years of civil war combined with a fragile political process and recurrent climatic shocks have had a profoundly negative impact on Burundi's already weak economic infrastructures and growth indicators. More than 64.6 percent of Burundians live below the national poverty line.

With Isle of Man Government funding, Christian Aid plan to increase the incomes and financial security of 6,394 poor and marginalised farmers across five districts in Burundi. Their 3 major outcomes will be:

- Outcome 1: Empowered coffee farmers are better linked to remunerative markets through strengthened coffee cooperatives, increased quality of the Horamama Women Brand and investment in renewable energy processors
- Outcome 2: Small scale female sustainable palm oil processors are fully aware of their roles in reversing environmental degradation through the use of flexi biogas systems as a source of green energy and fertiliser
- Outcome 3: Marginalised women and girls are socially empowered through community health resilience and economically strengthened through the creation of a women's sunflower producers organisation, and have better access to finance for renewable energy powered enterprises

In order to raise awareness on the Isle of Man the charity has held regular talks across the island which has been open to the public, church groups and the Women's Institute (WI). Alongside this they have also attended assemblies across the Island's schools including all Year 9 Geography students at Ramsey Grammar.

6,394 small scale farmers will benefit through membership of cooperatives, the provision of renewable powered processing equipment and access to fair pricing structures, in order to increase their incomes.

29,474 people will benefit indirectly, either as non-members of the cooperatives selling through the cooperatives and associations, family members of the direct beneficiaries and recipients of public health awareness training in Matango Commune.



Pahar Trust Nepal – Small Grant Project, 2017-2019 – SG007.17
Construction of 2 school buildings to replace schools destroyed in the 2015 earthquake, Nepal

The project was to construct two new school buildings to replace two that were destroyed in the 2015 earthquakes (Shree Ramkot Secondary School, Rankot, Kaski and Shree Himalaya Secondary School, Mauja, Kaski).



These two schools were not originally built by the Pahar Trust Nepal and were unfortunately not built to a specification which would withstand the recent earthquakes. In one community, the school was restricted to a single remaining classroom, while in the other classes were still taking place in tarpaulin shelters.

The primary aim of the project for Shree Himalaya Secondary School, Mauja, Kaski was to deliver a 6-room, 2-storey school building to provide a safe and secure learning environment for the students of the village and

surrounding area.

This construction project was completed in May 2018 supported by local contractors, the local community and a group of 42 volunteers from Santander bank who spent 5 days at the village supported by Charity Challenge. The group built 'curtain walls' on the ground floor of the building, created concrete steps and planted trees in the garden area.



Community support has been invaluable in delivering the project which included the need to repair and improve the road access to the village after it was washed away in the monsoon. They have also provided labour and materials to ensure the project has progressed well.

The project commenced in June 2017 and was originally scheduled to be completed in March 2018. However, due to damage caused to the road during the monsoon the project experienced delays.

The road had to be rebuilt and due to its instability only small deliveries were able to be made. The building was finally completed in May 2018 and was officially opened by the Pahar Trust Chairman in November 2018. Construction of the second school in Ramkot is set to begin with the release of the Isle of Mans second payment. The project is due to be completed by July 2019.



Disasters Emergency Committee - Emergency Appeal for Indonesia Tsunami Disaster and Emergency Relief

In 2018-2019 the Isle of Man Government provided £100,000 to the DEC's Emergency Appeal for Areas Affected by Indonesia Tsunami. The DEC launched the Indonesia Tsunami Appeal on 4 October 2018 after an earthquake measuring 7.4 on the Richter scale rocked the Indonesian island of Sulawesi on 28 September, triggering a terrifying tsunami that reached 18 feet in height and left a trail of destruction in its wake. In some places, the ground turned to liquid mud, destroying whole villages.

Tens of thousands of homes were destroyed and entire communities decimated. At least 2,100 people were killed, 1,300 are still missing and 4,400 were seriously injured.

The disaster left 200,000 survivors in need of humanitarian assistance, around a quarter of whom were children. At the start of 2019, 133,000 people were still displaced, with many living in tents and reliant on aid.

The DEC's main focus was on supplying food and clean drinking water, installing toilets and improving living conditions by providing materials to build shelters and basic household goods. DEC funds were also used to provide protection services to vulnerable women, children and older people, as well as health services through mobile clinics and repairs to local health posts.



With the cash grant she received from one DEC member charity, Sukinem was able to start a small business. Before the disaster, she and her husband were vegetable farmers growing chilli, tomatoes and green vegetables in the village of Sigi, until liquefaction destroyed their house and land. After receiving the cash, they decided to start a micro trading business. Sukinem bought dirty onions from a bigger trader in the main market of Palu and after cleaning the onions, she sells them in a smaller market in Sigi. She makes a small profit, enough for food and to send her children to school.

5. Projects Funded in 2017-2018 – Full List

Small Grants Projects 2018-2019 (Year Two Payment)				
Charity Name	Project Title	Country	Application Number	Funding received
Excellent Development	Building resilient food and water secure communities in Ukambani, Kenya	Kenya	SG001.17	£29,838.00
Christian Aid	Isle of Man Christian Aid Week appeals projects	Kenya/Zimbabwe	SG002.17	£31,000.00
CAFOD	Chimanimani WASH for Sustainable Development	Zimbabwe	SG005.17	£50,000.00
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:	£179,164.05			

Disaster and Emergency Relief				
Charity Name	Project Title	Country		Funding received
DEC	East Africa Crisis Appeal	Kenya, South Sudan, Ethiopia and Somalia		£50,000.00
DEC	People fleeing Myanmar Appeal	Myanmar, Bangladesh		£150,000.00
DEC	Indonesia Tsunami Appeal	Indonesia		£100,000.00
DEC	Cyclone Idai Appeal	Mozambique		£100,000.00

TOTAL:	£400,000.00
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International Development Partnerships (First Year Payments)				
Charity Name	Project Title	Country	Application Number	Funding received
Christian Aid	Sustainable Livelihoods through Cooperatives, Renewable Energy and Gender Empowerment in Burundi	Burundi	IDP015.18	£342,894.98
Right to Play	Girls on Track: Promoting female empowerment through quality education in Tanzania	Tanzania	IDP017.18	£341,573.00
Practical Action	Renewable Energy Empowering Women Farmers (REEWF)	Makumbe, Zimbabwe	IDP035.18	£515,532.02
TOTAL:	£1,200,000.00			

Small Countries Financial Management Programme				
Charity Name	Project Title	Country		Funding received
SCFMC	Small Counties Financial Management Programme	Various		£300,000.00

	Small Counties Financial Management Programme	Various		£50,000
TOTAL:	£350,000.00			

Global Development Education and Awareness Grant				
Charity Name	Project Title	Country	Application Number	Funding received
One World Centre	Global Development Education and Awareness Grant	Isle of Man	GDG003.17	£30,000.00
TOTAL:	£30,000.00			

Further information

Going forward in order for the Isle of Man Government to further their openness and transparency we are now beginning to publish the projects Annual Reports on our website. For more information please go to <https://www.gov.im/about-the-government/departments/cabinet-office/international-development/>