

# Q-Step internship: Department for International Development in Whitehall

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## Objectives

The aim of this report is to examine the Department for International Development (DFID) spending in the humanitarian sector in 2013.

This topic has seen great public attention since the coalition government in 2010 decided to increase spending on international development to 0.5% of GNI and the present government has further increased this to 0.7% in 2015. For this research I decided to use the OECD DAC page to gain the information required for this certain sector of development spending. This had the dataset for sector codes which would incorporate humanitarian spending.

The main focus of this research was to investigate if humanitarian spending was value for money and was going to the appropriate countries which have suffered from humanitarian disasters or wars that are ongoing in their states. In times of austerity in Britain it is crucial that Britain is being effective in its spending so it can justify this to taxpayers in the UK that there money is helping many people across the developing world. This research saw me look at trends in Multilateral spending as well as tiers such as tier 1 being at risk states and on track being least concerned.

## Method

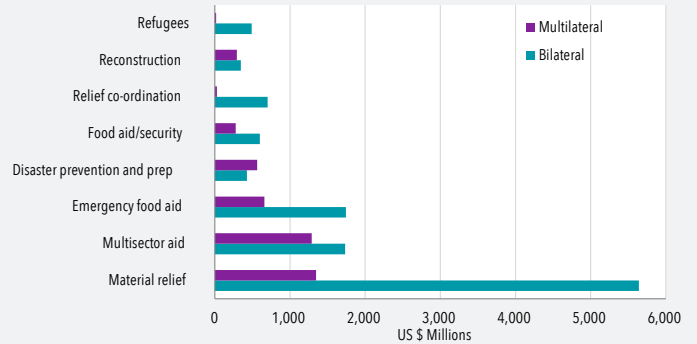
This was briefly mentioned in the previous text, but this is meant to gain a better perspective on what sources I used to gain this information and how I interpreted it. The main area of sourcing was from the OECD DAC database. I split this research into two sections when taking data from the dataset.

## Key Findings

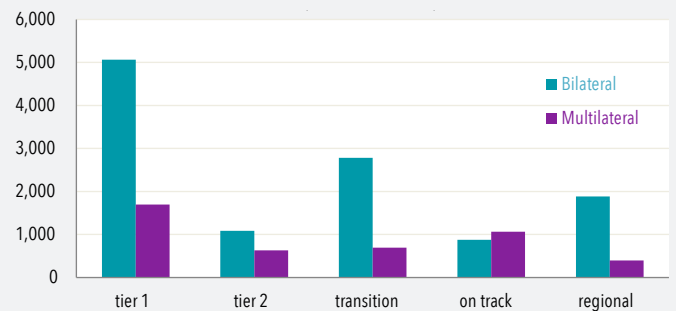
As we can see in these three images, the data shows that DFID Humanitarian spending is going to appropriate countries that suffer from conflict such as Syria.

## Conclusion

- DFID spending is going to the appropriate countries that suffer from conflict
- Although Turkey would be regarded as a near developed state and pushing for EU membership, it has been seeing a swell of refugees from Syria and the Middle-east and thus require aid to assist with this influx of people into the country
- Most of the spending in the Humanitarian sector is spent on Material relief aid

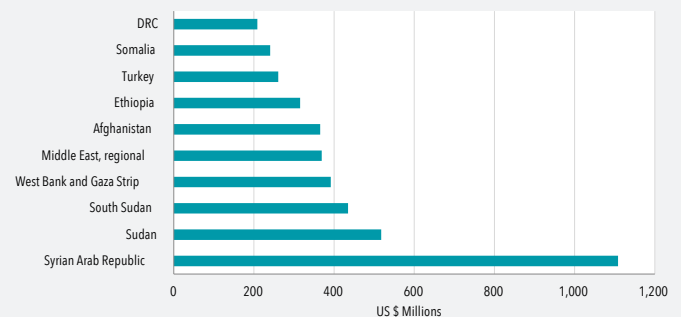


Total spend (ODA and OOF) by sector code and delivery channel in 2013



ODA and OOF spending by tier in 2013 (\$ millions)

## Top 10 recipient countries receiving multi-bi spend in the humanitarian sector, 2013



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