### HRI 2008 scores by pillar

**Responding to humanitarian needs**

- Learning and accountability: 8.20 (20)
- Number of evaluations: 3.67 (22)

**Supporting local capacity and recovery**

- Involvement of beneficiaries in design and implementation: 8.03 (11)

**Working with humanitarian partners**

- Ensuring rapid recovery of sustainable livelihoods: 6.74 (18)
- Reducing unearmarked funding: 5.11 (29)

**Funding to crisis countries with historical ties and geographical proximity**

- Sub-Saharan Africa: 57.9%
- South Asia: 9.9%
- Latin America and the Caribbean: 7.3%
- East Asia and Pacific: 3.6%
- Europe and Central Asia: 4.3%
- North Africa: 12.4%
- Middle East and North Africa: 13.4%

### The Humanitarian Response Index 2008

The EC's bilateral humanitarian aid amounted to US$1.33 billion in 2007. The European Commissioner's relief assistance is provided through its Humanitarian Aid Department (ECHO). This aid is complementary to the humanitarian assistance of individual European Union (EU) countries and makes up roughly half of total EU humanitarian funding. It is funded by contributions of EU Member States. ECHO's mandate is defined in Council Regulation (EC No. 1257/96), which enshrines the basic principles of humanitarian aid. The new European Commission on Humanitarian Aid guides the implementation of humanitarian aid and sets out ECHO's comparative advantage and added value vis-a-vis the bilateral policies of Member States. ECHO has a large field presence, including 43 field offices, and bases financing decisions on its own needs assessments, which determine how it earmarks aid; its fast-track primary emergency decision allows it to provide up to €43 million almost immediately to respond to sudden crises. ECHO's DRR strategy rests on three factors: strengthening the resilience of vulnerable communities through DRR/PSF, integrating disaster preparedness in humanitarian relief action, and advocacy for integrating DRR into development cooperation. As a very large donor, the EC has traditionally relied on multilateral organizations and does not contribute to pooled funding. ECHO operates under a legal obligation to evaluate the activities it funds.

Source: (ECHO), DAC Peer Review for the EC (ECHO, 2007).

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### HRI 2008 results

**Overview of humanitarian aid**

| Region | EC Share of total DAC (%)
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**Total humanitarian aid (USD m)**

- 2006: 1,297.2
- 2007: 1,453.1

**Total humanitarian aid provided (USD m)**

- 2006: 1,287.2
- 2007: 1,433.1

**Humanitarian aid per capita (USD)**

- 2006: 11.1
- 2007: 11.4

**Regional distribution of funding, 2007**

- Unspecified: 4.0%
- East Asia and Pacific: 3.6%
- Europe and Central Asia: 4.3%
- Latin America and the Caribbean: 7.3%
- South Asia: 9.9%
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- Sub-Saharan Africa: 57.9%

**Main channels of humanitarian aid, 2007**

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**Notes:**
1. Data shown for current aid only (USD). Sources: (ECHO), DAC Peer Review for the EC (ECHO, 2007).
2. Core earmarked humanitarian flows to UNRWA, UNICEF, WFP, UNHOA, UNTSO, ICRC and IFRC, 2007 core funding to UNRWA and ICRC proxied by 2006 data.
3. For 2006, these were ECHO Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF), Repatriees in Need Fund (RIF), Sudden Onset Humanitarian Fund (SOH), Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Pooled Fund, and Emergency Response Funds (ERF) for DR Congo, Indonesia, Somalia, Republic of Congo, and Ethiopia. For 2007, these were DREF, CDF, DRC Pooled Fund, and ERF for Central African Republic, DRC, Ethiopia, and Somalia.
4. EC 2007 (DAC/DCO) data are provisional.
5. When 2007 population data are not available, 2006 data used.

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