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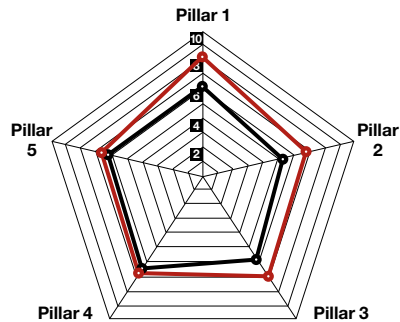
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Ireland

HRI 2009 Ranking: 3rd



HRI 2009 scores by pillar

- Pillar 1** Responding to needs
- Pillar 2** Prevention, risk reduction and recovery
- Pillar 3** Working with humanitarian partners
- Pillar 4** Protection and International Law
- Pillar 5** Learning and accountability

- Ireland
- OECD-DAC average

Ireland ranked 3rd overall in the 2009 HRI, moving up one place over last year. It took top ranking in Pillar 2 (Prevention, risk reduction and recovery), moving up from 5th place last year. It was among the top donors on Pillar 1 (Responding to needs), shifting from 4th to 3rd, and in Pillar 3 (Working with humanitarian partners), with a 5th place ranking, and Pillar 4 (Protection and International Law), at 7th place. In Pillar 5, however, Ireland slid from 6th place in 2008 to 10th place this year. Ireland ranked 1st among its peers for generosity and burden sharing.

In spite of Ireland's consistently high rankings across most of the pillars, its ranking by indicator vary widely. It ranked highest among the donor group for independence from non-humanitarian objectives, timeliness of funding to complex emergencies, funding local capacity, conditionality that does

not compromise humanitarian action and flexibility. It also ranked 1st for funding to UN consolidated appeals, funding IFRC and ICRC appeals, UN coordination mechanisms and CERF and other quick disbursement mechanisms. Ireland also excelled on indicators regarding respect for human rights law (1st), supporting the transition from recovery to development (2nd) and reporting requirements (2nd). In contrast, it was among the lowest donors in rankings for protection (21st), supporting the needs of refugees (21st) and supporting local and government authorities' coordination capacity (22nd). In the different crises studied this year Ireland scored slightly below the overall donor average.

HRI 2009 results

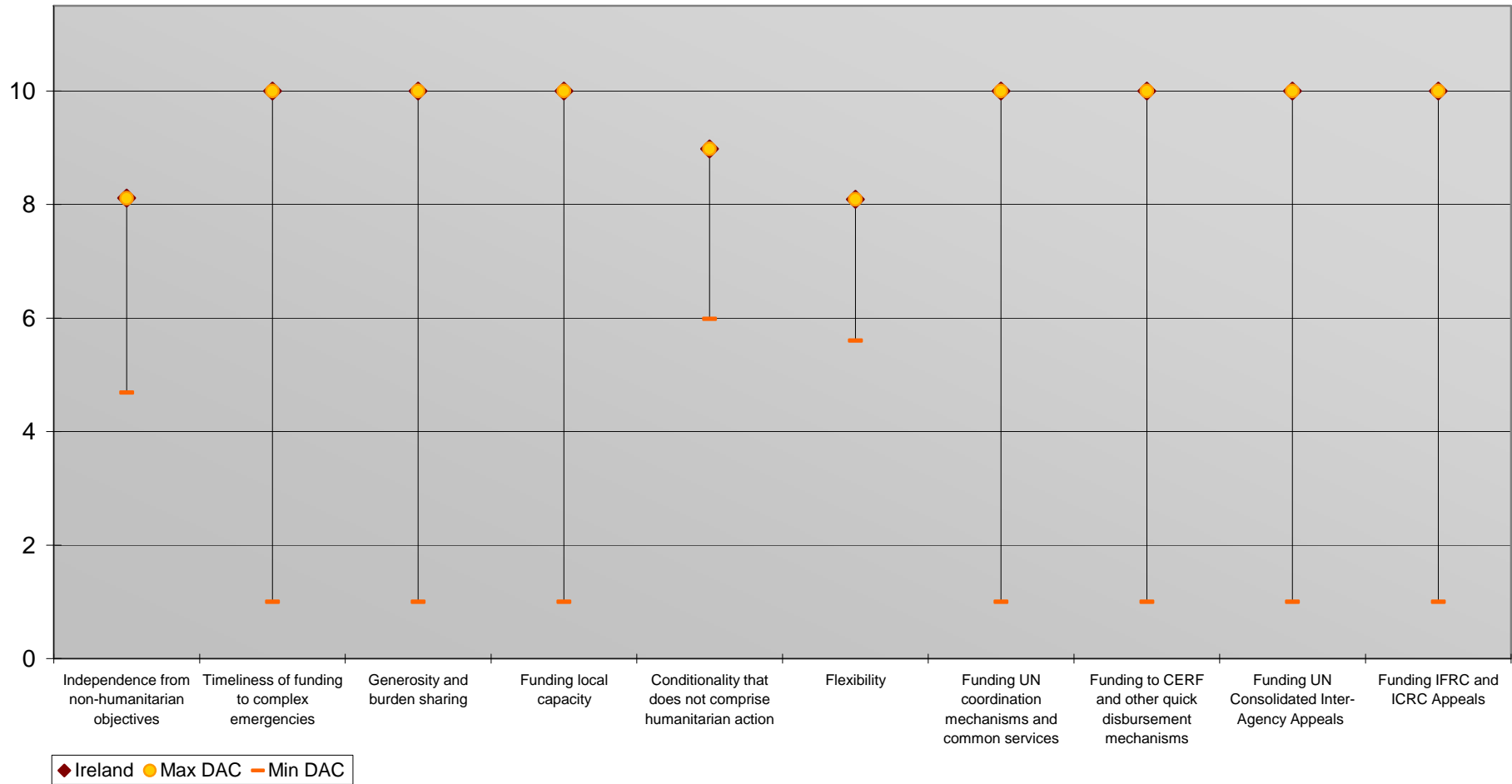
Highest scores	Score*	Rank**
Responding to needs		
Timeliness of funding to complex emergencies	10.00	1
Prevention, risk reduction and recovery		
Funding local capacity	10.00	1
Working with humanitarian partners		
Funding to CERF and other quick disbursement mechanisms	10.00	1
Funding UN coordination mechanisms and common services	10.00	1
Protection and International Law		
Respect of human rights law	10.00	1

Lowest scores	Score*	Rank**
Working with humanitarian partners		
Un-earmarked funding	4.80	6
Longer-term funding arrangements	4.58	16
Support local and government authorities' coordination capacity	4.22	22
Learning and accountability		
Use of recommendations from evaluations	5.10	21
Monitoring adherence to quality standards.	4.97	20

* Based on HRI ten-point scale
 ** Ranking in comparison to peers

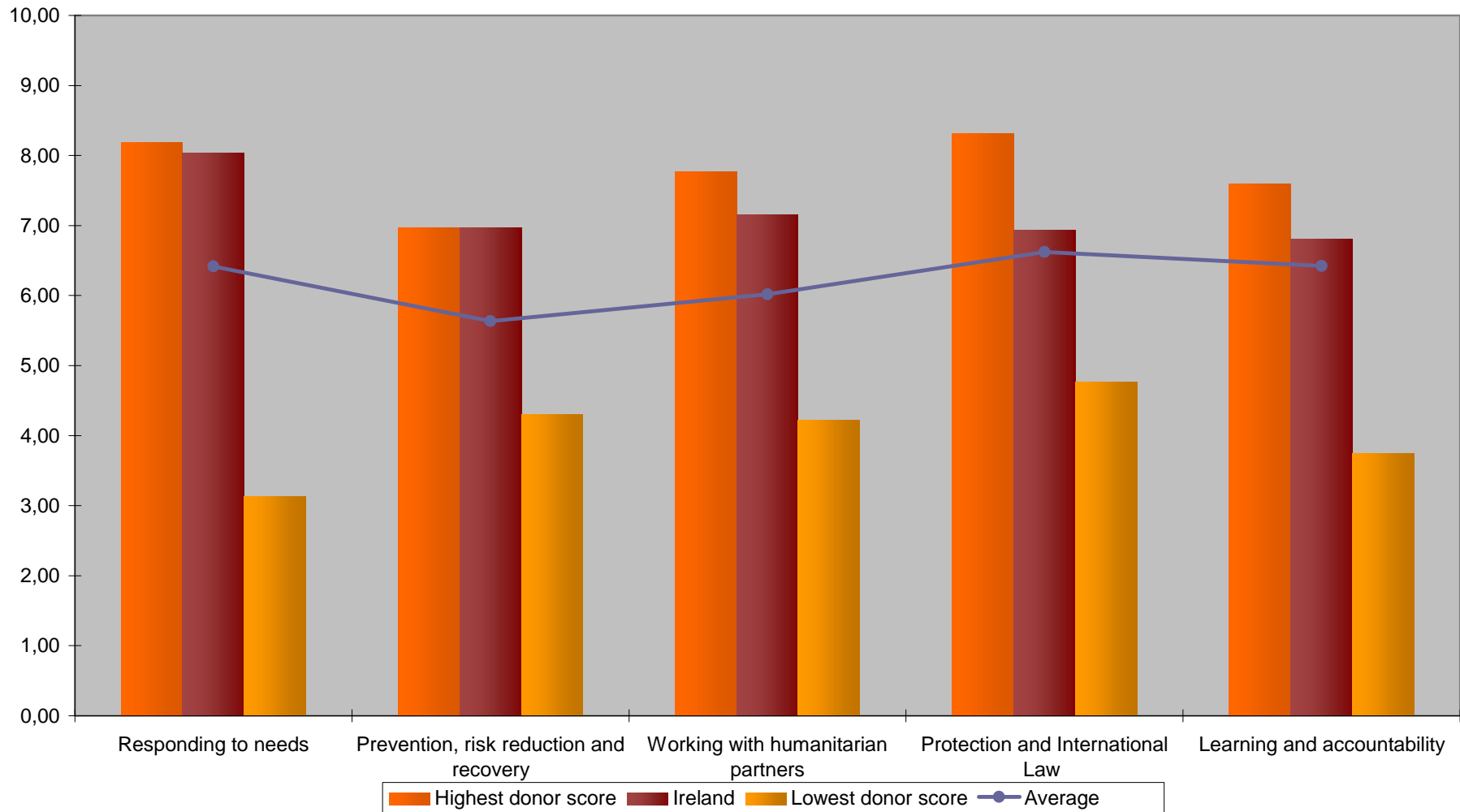
HRI Indicator			Ireland		DAC Average	Max DAC	Min DAC
			Rank	Score			
Pillar 1	1	Saving lives and maintaining human dignity	6	8.56	8.15	8.92	7.31
	2	Neutrality and impartiality	7	8.39	7.85	9.00	6.78
	3	Non-discrimination	11	8.67	8.31	9.37	7.33
	4	Independence from non-humanitarian objectives	1	8.11	5.95	8.11	4.69
	5	Needs-based responses	3	8.75	8.05	8.94	6.67
	6	Assessing needs	9	6.89	6.58	8.06	5.23
	7	Funding decisions based on needs assessments	17	7.10	7.44	8.23	6.04
	8	Support not affected by other crises	11	7.09	7.15	9.23	6.22
	9	Beneficiary involvement	17	6.52	6.65	7.91	4.88
	10	Donor capacity for informed decision-making	13	6.28	6.28	7.83	4.20
	11	Timeliness of funding	4	7.19	6.42	7.54	5.06
	12	Equitable distribution of funding to different crisis countries	16	5.90	6.76	10.00	1.00
	13	Funding to forgotten emergencies and those with low media coverage	16	6.36	6.87	10.00	1.00
	14	Timeliness of funding to complex emergencies	1	10.00	6.29	10.00	1.00
	15	Timeliness of funding to sudden onset disasters	9	6.71	5.32	10.00	1.00
	16	Generosity and burden sharing	1	10.00	4.45	10.00	1.00
	17	Equitable distribution of funding in accordance to needs in the crisis	14	6.71	6.87	10.00	1.00
	18	Equitable distribution of funding against level of crisis and vulnerability	22	6.22	8.70	10.00	1.00
		Pillar Total	4	7.53	6.90	7.86	3.90
Pillar 2	19	Mainstreaming risk reduction and prevention into the response	11	6.60	6.54	7.17	4.95
	20	Crisis prevention and preparedness measures	12	6.43	6.32	7.27	4.91
	21	Strengthening local community capacity for disaster and crisis preparedness	15	6.94	7.04	7.93	5.88
	22	Supporting the transition between relief, early recovery and development	2	6.97	5.98	7.04	5.02
	23	Building local capacity to work with humanitarian actors	19	5.82	6.75	7.53	5.14
	24	Funding local capacity	1	10.00	3.12	10.00	1.00
	25	Funding international disaster risk mitigation mechanisms	6	6.05	3.80	10.00	1.00
		Pillar Total	1	6.97	5.63	6.97	4.30
Pillar 3	26	Adapting to changing needs	20	5.67	6.46	7.57	5.13
	27	Reliability	17	6.88	7.36	8.19	5.49
	28	Coordination	19	6.34	7.06	8.00	4.54
	29	Advocacy for local and government authorities to carry out their responsibilities	18	5.97	6.78	8.80	5.41
	30	Support local and government authorities' coordination capacity	22	4.22	5.73	6.48	4.22
	31	Respect for the roles of the different components of the humanitarian sector	21	7.04	7.92	8.86	6.70
	32	Conditionality that does not comprise humanitarian action	1	8.98	7.32	8.98	5.98
	33	Flexibility	1	8.09	6.76	8.09	5.60
	34	Longer-term funding arrangements	16	4.58	4.78	6.29	3.50
	35	Strengthening humanitarian response capacity	3	5.83	5.51	6.20	4.17
	36	Funding UN coordination mechanisms and common services	1	10.00	3.28	10.00	1.00
	37	Funding to NGOs	6	6.01	4.80	10.00	1.00
	38	Funding to CERF and other quick disbursement mechanisms	1	10.00	5.61	10.00	1.00
	39	Un-earmarked funding	6	4.80	3.62	10.00	1.00
40	Funding UN Consolidated Inter-Agency Appeals	1	10.00	6.34	10.00	1.00	
41	Funding IFRC and ICRC Appeals	1	10.00	6.88	10.00	1.00	
		Pillar Total	5	7.15	6.02	7.77	4.22
Pillar 4	42	Protection	21	6.78	7.62	8.60	5.95
	43	Advocacy for the respect for human rights	22	6.17	6.92	8.05	6.17
	44	Advocacy for the respect for and implementation of IHL	11	7.53	7.13	8.75	5.99
	45	Supporting needs of refugees	21	5.56	7.08	9.05	5.50
	46	Supporting needs of internally displaced persons	17	6.70	7.15	8.33	6.18
	47	Facilitating safe humanitarian access	4	7.00	6.57	7.35	5.43
	48	Respect for international humanitarian law	3	7.32	5.87	10.00	1.00
	49	Respect for human rights law	1	10.00	6.50	10.00	1.00
	50	Implementation of refugee law	8	5.35	4.64	10.00	1.00
			Pillar Total	7	6.94	6.62	8.31
Pillar 5	51	Accountability towards affected populations	20	5.54	6.20	7.58	4.53
	52	Transparency of funding and decision-making processes	12	6.00	5.75	7.54	4.50
	53	Evaluations of partners' programmes	20	6.28	6.69	8.26	5.50
	54	Support for monitoring and evaluation	13	7.02	6.87	7.93	6.22
	55	Use of recommendations from evaluations	21	5.10	6.00	7.09	4.88
	56	Promotion of good practice and quality standards	10	8.23	7.91	8.91	7.07
	57	Monitoring adherence to quality standards.	20	4.97	6.26	7.53	4.85
	58	Reporting requirements for humanitarian actors	2	8.37	7.78	8.40	6.68
	59	Participation and support for accountability initiatives	2	7.59	4.07	10.00	1.00
	60	Conducting evaluations	14	8.92	6.71	10.00	1.00
		Pillar Total	10	6.80	6.43	7.60	3.74

Ireland: ten main strengths



Note: This graph compares the ten highest scored indicators for Ireland compared to the highest and lowest scores in the DAC group.

Ireland scores by pillar



Note: This graph compares the average scores by pillar for Ireland compared to the highest and lowest scores by pillar in the DAC group.