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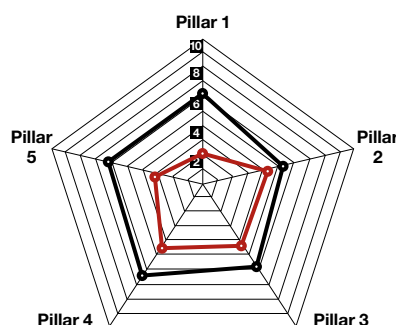
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Portugal

HRI 2009 Ranking: 23rd



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

- Portugal
- OECD-DAC average

Portugal dropped to last place in the HRI rankings this year, showing consistently poor performance in all pillars and indicators of the HRI. It ranked 21st in Pillar 2 (Prevention, risk reduction and recovery) and Pillar 3 (Working with humanitarian partners), the highest rankings it obtained this year. In the remaining pillars, Portugal ranked 23rd, the lowest ranking donor compared with its peers. It ranked 22nd for generosity and burden sharing.

In the quantitative indicators, Portugal's best rankings were in timeliness of funding to sudden onset disasters and un-earmarked funding, and 10th for respect for human rights law. All of the other indicators were within the bottom third of the donor group, with the majority ranked at either 22nd or 23rd.

However, assessing Portugal's performance against the qualitative indicators of the HRI is particularly challenging as there is little evidence that it funds or engages with humanitarian organisations at the field level. Only one response was collected for Portugal in the HRI survey, which is considered as representative given the very low number of organisations that receive funding from Portugal according to OCHA's FTS and other data sources. Accordingly, scores and rankings for the qualitative indicators of the HRI have been adjusted, and these data have been removed from the tables in order to preserve the confidentiality of the survey respondent.

HRI 2009 results

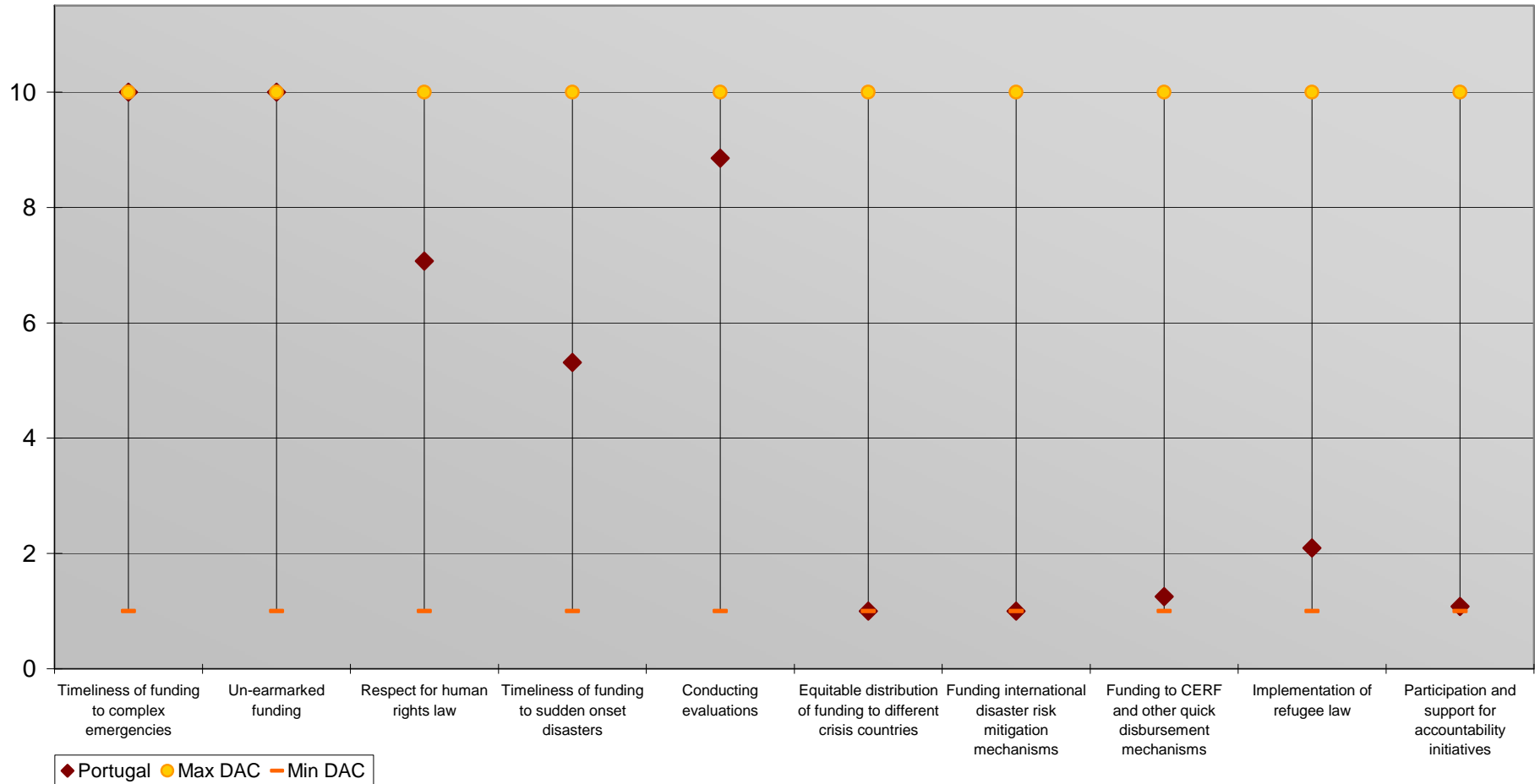
Highest scores	Score*	Rank**
Responding to needs		
Timeliness of funding to complex emergencies	10.00	1
Timeliness of funding to sudden onset disasters	5.31	12
Working with humanitarian partners		
Un-earmarked funding	10.00	1
Protection and International Law		
Respect for human rights law	7.07	10
Learning and accountability		
Conducting evaluations	8.85	15

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

Lowest scores	Score*	Rank**
Responding to needs		
Funding for forgotten emergencies and those with low media coverage	1.00	23
Equitable distribution of funding in accordance to needs in the crisis	1.00	23
Prevention, risk reduction and recovery		
Funding international disaster risk mitigation mechanisms	1.00	18
Funding local capacity	1.00	23
Working with humanitarian partners		
Longer-term funding arrangements	1.00	23

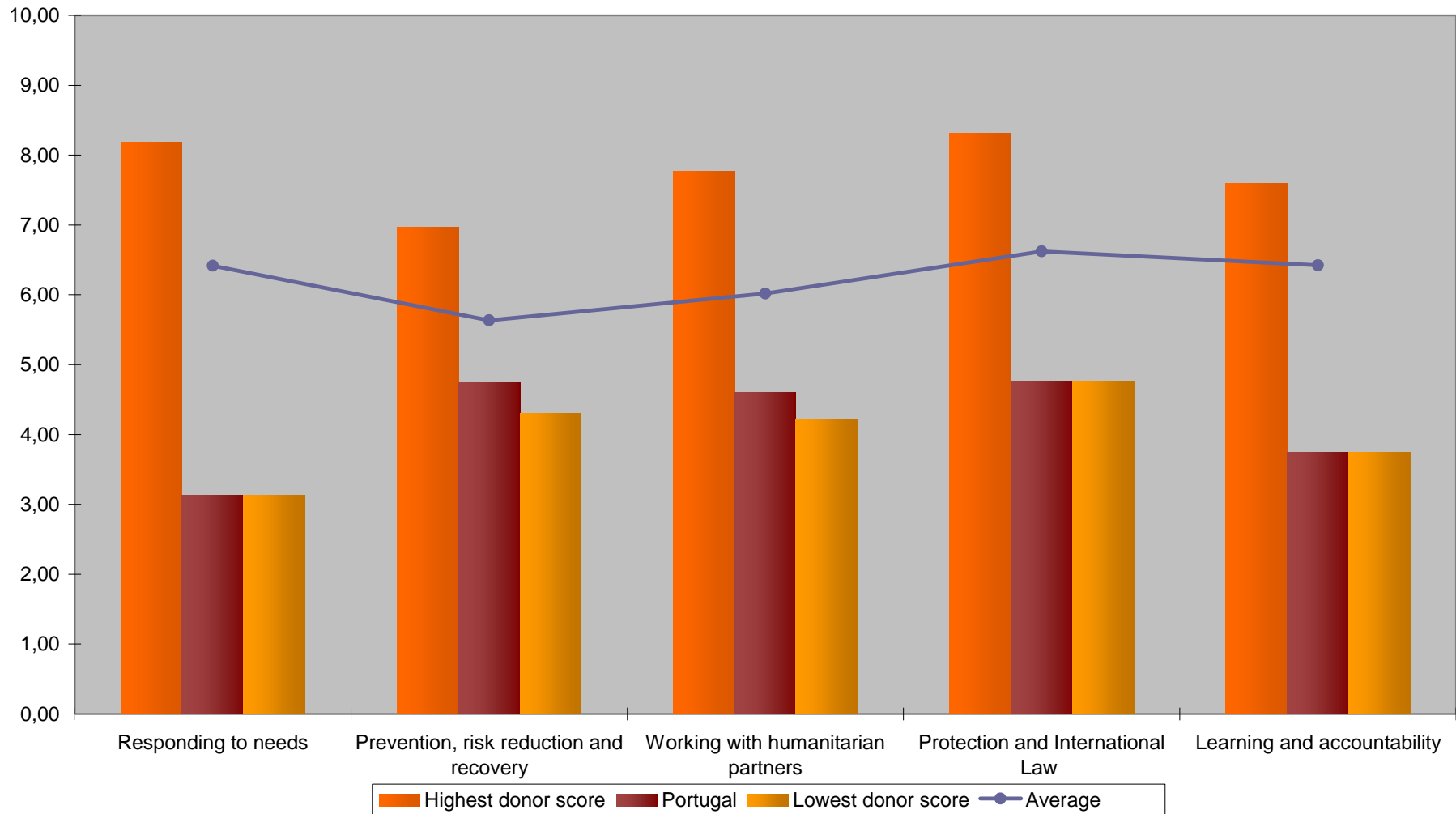
HRI Indicator			Portugal		DAC	Max	Min
			Rank	Score	Average	DAC	DAC
Pillar 1	1	Saving lives and maintaining human dignity	-	5.50	8.15	8.92	7.31
	2	Neutrality and impartiality	-	3.00	7.85	9.00	6.78
	3	Non-discrimination	-	3.00	8.31	9.37	7.33
	4	Independence from non-humanitarian objectives	-	1.00	5.95	8.11	4.69
	5	Needs-based responses	-	8.00	8.05	8.94	6.67
	6	Assessing needs	-		6.58	8.06	5.23
	7	Funding decisions based on needs assessments	-	8.00	7.44	8.23	6.04
	8	Support not affected by other crises	-	8.00	7.15	9.23	6.22
	9	Beneficiary involvement	-	1.00	6.65	7.91	4.88
	10	Donor capacity for informed decision-making	-	5.50	6.28	7.83	4.20
	11	Timeliness of funding	-	3.00	6.42	7.54	5.06
	12	Equitable distribution of funding to different crisis countries	17	1.00	6.76	10.00	1.00
	13	Funding to forgotten emergencies and those with low media coverage	23	1.00	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	12	5.31	5.32	10.00	1.00
	16	Generosity and burden sharing	22	1.00	4.45	10.00	1.00
	17	Equitable distribution of funding in accordance to needs in the crisis	23	1.00	6.87	10.00	1.00
	18	Equitable distribution of funding against level of crisis and vulnerability	23	1.00	8.70	10.00	1.00
		Pillar Total	23	3.90	6.90	7.86	3.90
Pillar 2	19	Mainstreaming risk reduction and prevention into the response	-	8.00	6.54	7.17	4.95
	20	Crisis prevention and preparedness measures	-	5.50	6.32	7.27	4.91
	21	Strengthening local community capacity for disaster and crisis preparedness	-		7.04	7.93	5.88
	22	Supporting the transition between relief, early recovery and development	-	3.00	5.98	7.04	5.02
	23	Building local capacity to work with humanitarian actors	-	10.00	6.75	7.53	5.14
	24	Funding local capacity	23	1.00	3.12	10.00	1.00
	25	Funding international disaster risk mitigation mechanisms	18	1.00	3.80	10.00	1.00
		Pillar Total	21	4.75	5.63	6.97	4.30
Pillar 3	26	Adapting to changing needs	-	1.00	6.46	7.57	5.13
	27	Reliability	-	8.00	7.36	8.19	5.49
	28	Coordination	-	8.00	7.06	8.00	4.54
	29	Advocacy for local and government authorities to carry out their responsibilities	-	5.50	6.78	8.80	5.41
	30	Support local and government authorities' coordination capacity	-	5.50	5.73	6.48	4.22
	31	Respect for the roles of the different components of the humanitarian sector	-	8.00	7.92	8.86	6.70
	32	Conditionality that does not comprise humanitarian action	-	8.00	7.32	8.98	5.98
	33	Flexibility	-	5.50	6.76	8.09	5.60
	34	Longer-term funding arrangements	-	1.00	4.78	6.29	3.50
	35	Strengthening humanitarian response capacity	-	8.00	5.51	6.20	4.17
	36	Funding UN coordination mechanisms and common services	22	1.00	3.28	10.00	1.00
	37	Funding to NGOs	23	1.00	4.80	10.00	1.00
	38	Funding to CERF and other quick disbursement mechanisms	18	1.25	5.61	10.00	1.00
	39	Un-earmarked funding	1	10.00	3.62	10.00	1.00
40	Funding UN Consolidated Inter-Agency Appeals	22	1.00	6.34	10.00	1.00	
41	Funding IFRC and ICRC Appeals	22	1.00	6.88	10.00	1.00	
		Pillar Total	21	4.61	6.02	7.77	4.22
Pillar 4	42	Protection	-	8.00	7.62	8.60	5.95
	43	Advocacy for the respect for human rights	-	1.00	6.92	8.05	6.17
	44	Advocacy for the respect for and implementation of IHL	-	3.00	7.13	8.75	5.99
	45	Supporting needs of refugees	-		7.08	9.05	5.50
	46	Supporting needs of internally displaced persons	-	8.00	7.15	8.33	6.18
	47	Facilitating safe humanitarian access	-	8.00	6.57	7.35	5.43
	48	Respect for international humanitarian law	22	1.00	5.87	10.00	1.00
	49	Respect for human rights law	10	7.07	6.50	10.00	1.00
	50	Implementation of refugee law	19	2.10	4.64	10.00	1.00
			Pillar Total	23	4.77	6.62	8.31
Pillar 5	51	Accountability towards affected populations	-	1.00	6.20	7.58	4.53
	52	Transparency of funding and decision-making processes	-	3.00	5.75	7.54	4.50
	53	Evaluations of partners' programmes	-	1.00	6.69	8.26	5.50
	54	Support for monitoring and evaluation	-	3.00	6.87	7.93	6.22
	55	Use of recommendations from evaluations	-	5.50	6.00	7.09	4.88
	56	Promotion of good practice and quality standards	-	3.00	7.91	8.91	7.07
	57	Monitoring adherence to quality standards.	-	3.00	6.26	7.53	4.85
	58	Reporting requirements for humanitarian actors	-	8.00	7.78	8.40	6.68
	59	Participation and support for accountability initiatives	21	1.08	4.07	10.00	1.00
	60	Conducting evaluations	15	8.85	6.71	10.00	1.00
		Pillar Total	23	3.74	6.43	7.60	3.74

Portugal: ten main strengths



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

Portugal scores by pillar



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