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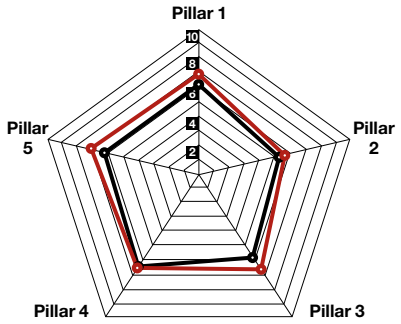
Switzerland

HRI 2009 Ranking: 8th



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

Switzerland
OECD–DAC average

Switzerland moved up one position to 8th in the HRI ranking. Its highest ranking by pillar was in Pillar 5 (Learning and accountability), where it moved from 9th to 4th place. It had 6th place in Pillar 3 (Working with humanitarian partners), followed by 8th position in Pillar 1 (Responding to needs) and 9th place in Pillar 2 (Prevention, risk reduction and recovery). In Pillar 4 (Protection and International Law), however, Switzerland dropped from 7th place in the HRI 2008 to 13th place. In terms of generosity and burden sharing, Switzerland ranked 7th in the donor group.

By indicator, Switzerland ranked 1st among all donors in assessing needs, timeliness of funding, crisis prevention and preparedness measures, strengthening local community capacity for disaster and crisis preparedness, support for local government and authorities' coordination capacity, longer-term funding, and strengthening humanitarian response capacity, and funding IFRC and ICRC appeals. Other high rankings included neutrality and impartiality (2nd), needs-based responses (2nd), non-discrimination (3rd), reliability (3rd) and coordination (3rd). Its lowest ranking relative to the donor group were the timeliness of its funding for sudden onset disasters (18th), the equitable distribution of funding against level of crisis and vulnerability (19th) and respect for human rights law (18th). Switzerland consistently performed above the donor average in almost all of the crises studied this year.

HRI 2009 results

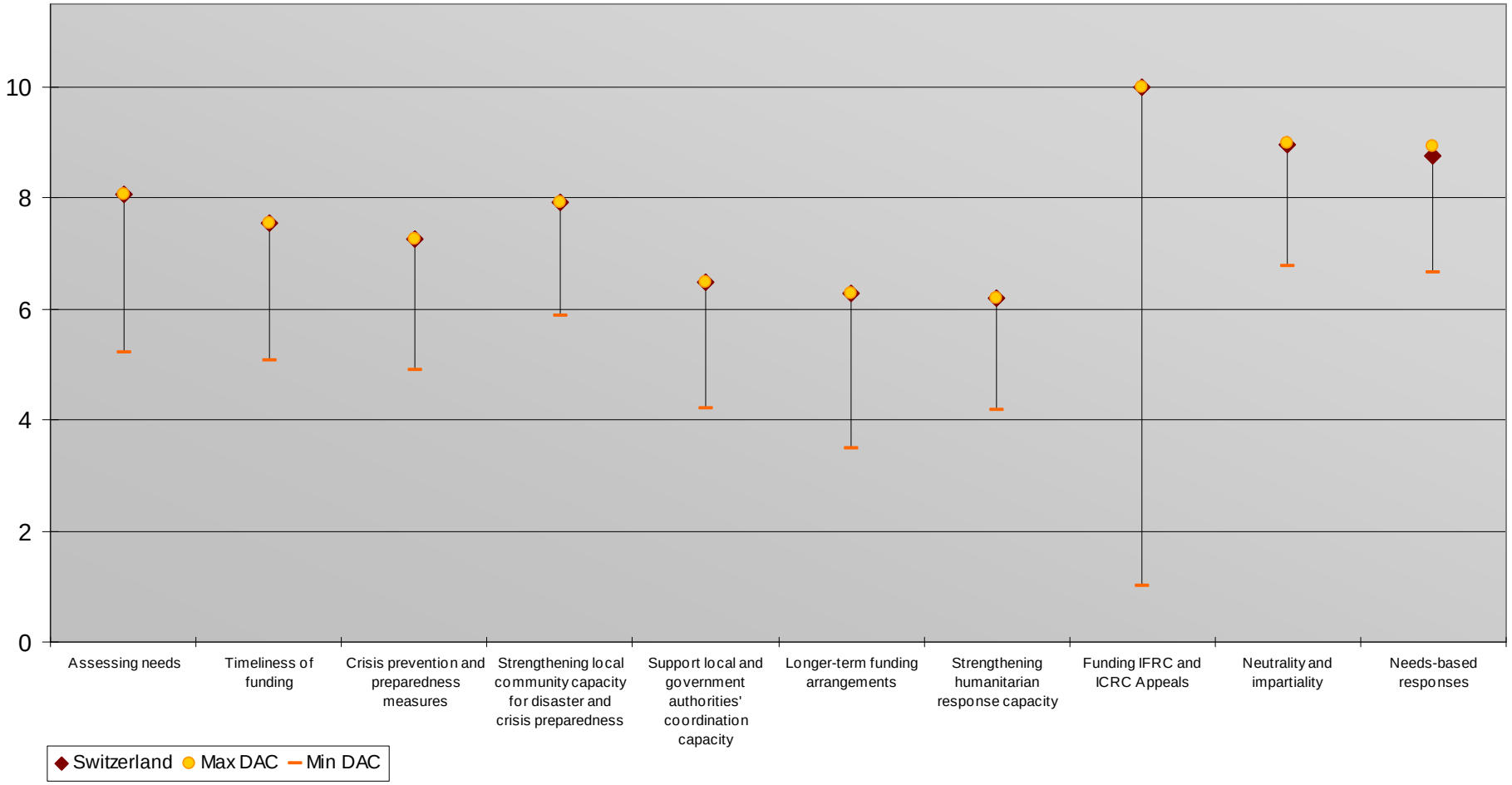
Highest scores	Score*	Rank**
Responding to needs		
Non-discrimination	9.19	3
Neutrality and impartiality	8.95	2
Needs-based response	8.76	2
Working with humanitarian partners		
Funding IFRC and ICRC appeals	10.00	1
Learning and accountability		
Conducting evaluations	9.19	3

Lowest scores	Score*	Rank**
Responding to needs		
Timeliness of funding to sudden onset disasters	3.55	18
Prevention, risk reduction and recovery		
Funding international disaster risk mitigation mechanisms	3.24	12
Funding local capacity	2.42	12
Working with humanitarian partners		
Funding UN coordination mechanisms and common services	3.51	7
Protection and International Law		
Implementation of refugee law	4.34	12

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

		HRI Indicator	Switzerland		DAC Average	Max DAC	Min DAC
			Rank	Score			
Pillar 1	1	Saving lives and maintaining human dignity	5	8.57	8.15	8.92	7.31
	2	Neutrality and impartiality	2	8.95	7.85	9.00	6.78
	3	Non-discrimination	3	9.19	8.31	9.37	7.33
	4	Independence from non-humanitarian objectives	10	6.28	5.95	8.11	4.69
	5	Needs-based responses	2	8.76	8.05	8.94	6.67
	6	Assessing needs	1	8.06	6.58	8.06	5.23
	7	Funding decisions based on needs assessments	11	7.53	7.44	8.23	6.04
	8	Suuport not affected by other crises	14	6.89	7.15	9.23	6.22
	9	Beneficiary involvement	16	6.67	6.65	7.91	4.88
	10	Donor capacity for informed decision-making	4	7.17	6.28	7.83	4.20
	11	Timeliness of funding	1	7.54	6.42	7.54	5.06
	12	Equitable distribution of funding to different crisis countries	12	8.73	6.76	10.00	1.00
	13	Funding to forgotten emergencies and those with low media coverage	15	6.60	6.87	10.00	1.00
	14	Timeliness of funding to complex emergencies	14	5.99	6.29	10.00	1.00
	15	Timeliness of funding to sudden onset disasters	18	3.55	5.32	10.00	1.00
	16	Generosity and burden sharing	7	5.85	4.45	10.00	1.00
	17	Equitable distribution of funding in accordance to needs in the crisis	12	7.10	6.87	10.00	1.00
	18	Equitable distribution of funding against level of crisis and vulnerability	19	7.47	8.70	10.00	1.00
		Pillar Total	**9**	**7.27**	**6.90**	**7.86**	**3.90**
Pillar 2	19	Mainstreaming risk reduction and prevention into the response	4	6.84	6.54	7.17	4.95
	20	Crisis prevention and preparedness measures	1	7.27	6.32	7.27	4.91
	21	Strengthening local community capacity for disaster and crisis preparedness	1	7.93	7.04	7.93	5.88
	22	Supporting the transition between relief. early recovery and development	3	6.80	5.98	7.04	5.02
	23	Building local capacity to work with humanitarian actors	4	7.19	6.75	7.53	5.14
	24	Funding local capacity	12	2.42	3.12	10.00	1.00
	25	Funding international disaster risk mitigation mechanisms	12	3.24	3.80	10.00	1.00
		Pillar Total	**9**	**5.96**	**5.63**	**6.97**	**4.30**
Pillar 3	26	Adapting to changing needs	6	7.19	6.46	7.57	5.13
	27	Reliability	2	8.14	7.36	8.19	5.49
	28	Coordination	3	7.70	7.06	8.00	4.54
	29	Advocacy for local and government authorities to carry out their responsibilities	3	7.66	6.78	8.80	5.41
	30	Support local and government authorities' coordination capacity	1	6.48	5.73	6.48	4.22
	31	Respect for the roles of the different components of the humanitarian sector	3	8.53	7.92	8.86	6.70
	32	Conditionality that does not comprise humanitarian action	4	7.70	7.32	8.98	5.98
	33	Flexibility	4	7.34	6.76	8.09	5.60
	34	Longer-term funding arrangements	1	6.29	4.78	6.29	3.50
	35	Strengthening humanitarian response capacity	1	6.20	5.51	6.20	4.17
	36	Funding UN coordination mechanisms and common services	7	3.51	3.28	10.00	1.00
	37	Funding to NGOs	8	5.24	4.80	10.00	1.00
	38	Funding to CERF and other quick disbursement mechanisms	11	5.89	5.61	10.00	1.00
	39	Un-earmarked funding	5	5.14	3.62	10.00	1.00
	40	Funding UN Consolidated Inter-Agency Appeals	13	6.04	6.34	10.00	1.00
	41	Funding IFRC and ICRC Appeals	1	10.00	6.88	10.00	1.00
		Pillar Total	**6**	**6.82**	**6.02**	**7.77**	**4.22**
Pillar 4	42	Protection	5	7.95	7.62	8.60	5.95
	43	Advocacy for the respect for human rights	8	7.49	6.92	8.05	6.17
	44	Advocacy for the respect for and implementation of IHL	5	7.79	7.13	8.75	5.99
	45	Supporting needs of refugees	8	7.53	7.08	9.05	5.50
	46	Supporting needs of internally displaced persons	10	7.35	7.15	8.33	6.18
	47	Facilitating safe humanitarian access	9	6.82	6.57	7.35	5.43
	48	Respect for international humanitarian law	7	6.23	5.87	10.00	1.00
	49	Respect for human rights law	18	4.97	6.50	10.00	1.00
	50	Implementation of refugee law	12	4.34	4.64	10.00	1.00
		Pillar Total	**13**	**6.72**	**6.62**	**8.31**	**4.77**
Pillar 5	51	Accountability towards affected populations	12	6.49	6.20	7.58	4.53
	52	Transparency of funding and decision-making processes	2	6.81	5.75	7.54	4.50
	53	Evaluations of partners' programmes	12	6.94	6.69	8.26	5.50
	54	Support for monitoring and evaluation	8	7.29	6.87	7.93	6.22
	55	Use of recommendations from evaluations	6	6.26	6.00	7.09	4.88
	56	Promotion of good practice and quality standards	12	8.21	7.91	8.91	7.07
	57	Monitoring adherence to quality standards.	9	6.81	6.26	7.53	4.85
	58	Reporting requirements for humanitarian actors	6	8.06	7.78	8.40	6.68
	59	Participation and support for accountability initiatives	6	5.84	4.07	10.00	1.00
	60	Conducting evaluations	3	9.19	6.71	10.00	1.00
		Pillar Total	**4**	**7.19**	**6.43**	**7.60**	**3.74**

Switzerland: ten main strengths



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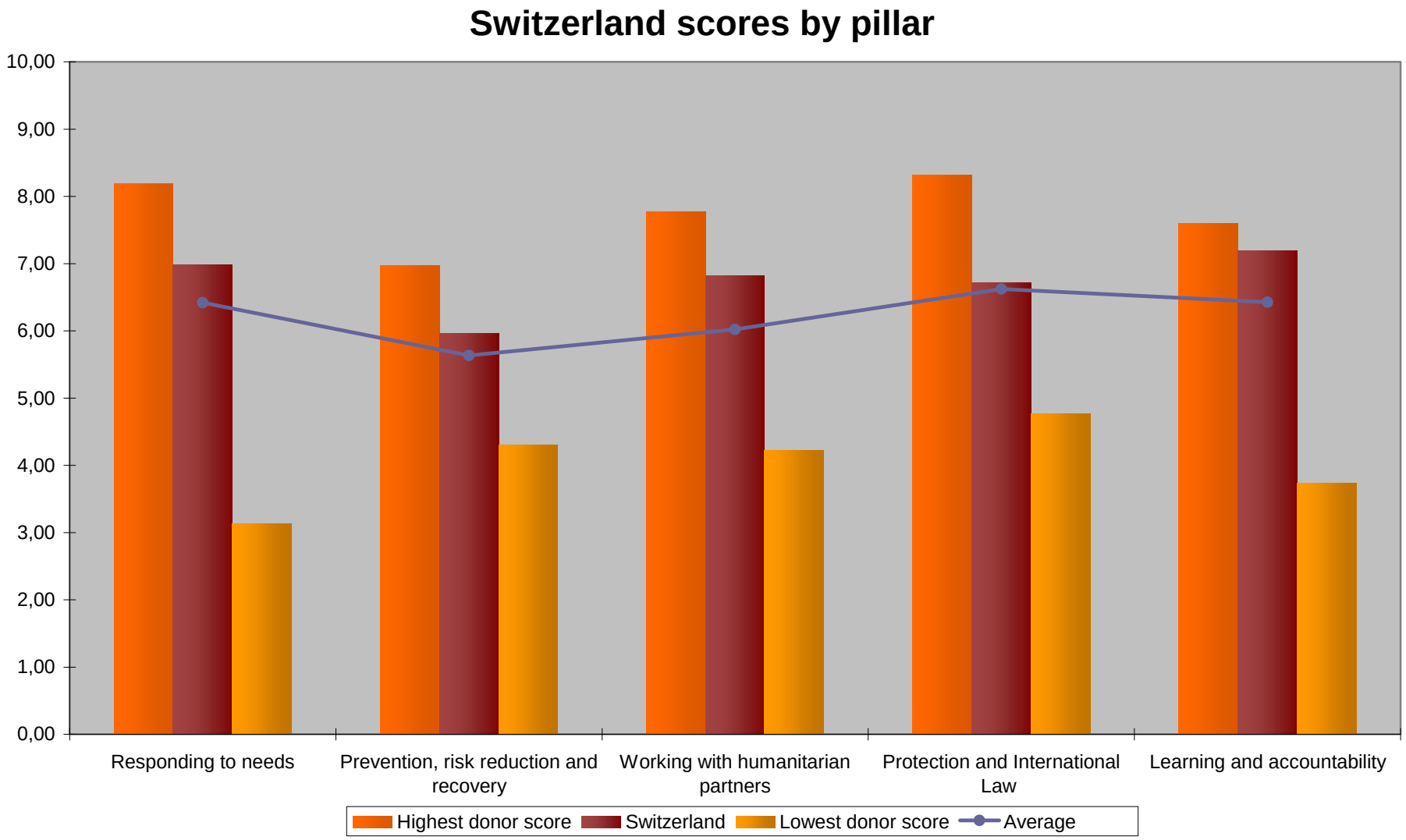

Note: This graph compares the average scores by pillar for Switzerland compared to the highest and lowest scores by pillar in the DAC group.