France ranked 11th in the HRI 2011, improving four positions from 2010. Based on the pattern of its scores, France is classified as a Group 2 donor, “Learning Leaders”. Donors in this group are characterised by their leading role in support of emergency relief efforts, strong capacity and field presence, and commitment to learning and improvement. They tend to do less well in areas such as prevention, preparedness, and risk reduction efforts. Other Group 2 donors include Canada, the European Commission, the United Kingdom and the United States.

France's overall score was below the OECD/DAC and Group 2 averages. Compared to OECD/DAC donors and its Group 2 peers, France scored below average in all pillars, with the exception of Pillar 1 (Responding to needs), where it scored above the OECD/DAC and Group 2 averages. France did best compared to its OECD/DAC peers in the indicators on Funding and commissioning evaluations, Timely funding to complex emergencies, Facilitating safe access, Strengthening local capacity and Beneficiary participation. Its scores were relatively the lowest in indicators on Funding UN and RC/RC appeals, Funding accountability initiatives, Funding reconstruction and prevention, Funding international risk mitigation and Refugee law.