OVERALL PERFORMANCE

Ireland ranked 4th in the HRI 2011, dropping two positions from 2010. Based on the patterns of its scores, Ireland is classified as a Group 3 donor, “Aspiring Actors”. Donors in this group tend to have more limited capacity to engage with the humanitarian system at the field level, but often aspire to take on a greater role in the sector. They generally focus on a few core strengths, such as in the area of prevention, preparedness and risk reduction, or on specific geographic regions. Other donors in the group include Australia, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg and Spain.

Overall, Ireland scored above the OECD/DAC and Group 3 averages. Ireland scored above the OECD/DAC and Group 3 averages in all pillars, with the exception of Pillar 2, where it was below both averages.

Ireland did best compared to its OECD/DAC peers in indicators on Funding accountability initiatives, Funding UN and RC/RC appeals, Funding NGOs, Un-earmarked funding and Participating in accountability initiatives – all quantitative indicators. Its scores were relatively the lowest in Funding international risk mitigation, Advocacy towards local authorities, Advocacy for protection of civilians, Donor capacity and expertise and Strengthening local capacity. Overall, Ireland performed better in quantitative indicators than in the qualitative, survey-based indicators.

SOURCES: UN OCHA FTS, OECD StatExtracts, various UN agencies’ annual reports and DARA

All scores are on a scale of 0 to 10. Colours represent performance compared to OECD/DAC donors’ average performance rating: