

Appendix 1 - International Disaster Fund (IDF)

The IDF has an annual budget from City's Cash to allow the City of London Corporation to respond to International Disasters with donations in a prompt and timely manner.

Historically the IDF has made donations to the Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC) or its partner agencies when responding to an International Incident. The DEC has a robust and Internationally recognised framework in place when responding to disasters and is considered a trusted partner.

When an International Disaster takes place and it is deemed appropriate to make a donation the Central Grants Unit (CGU), in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Finance Committee will move to make a donation at pace and under urgency. The criteria for a donation is outlined below:

Donation Policy

1. The IDF will use the strong criteria applied by DEC for the selection and monitoring of UK aid charities. The IDF, should remain where possible a fund to support International Disasters. An incident in the UK can be considered in exceptional circumstances.
2. The CGU will provide recommendations on Appeals and will maintain its relationship with the DEC and its partners.
3. When a DEC appeal is not launched, a donation could be made to an individual charity carrying out humanitarian relief in the area. It is acknowledged that the transparent governance controls applied by the DEC means that Finance Committee can be confident in giving direct to the individual charities that are members of the DEC, should they believe this to be the most appropriate use of the Corporations' emergency donations budget.
4. Charities that do not fall under the DEC can be considered in exceptional circumstances if no DEC partner organisation is working on the ground in an area of need. These will be looked at on a case by case basis with full due diligence provided by the CGU.
5. Recommendations on where donations should be made will be guided by international aid experts in contact with the CGU. Staff at the CGU regularly attend seminars on this topic and maintain relationships with the large International Aid Agencies.
6. The Finance Committee will donate £20,000 to £30,000 to an appeal should it be deemed the most appropriate use of the Corporations' emergency donations budget.
7. The CGU will closely monitor the relationship with the DEC and will conduct annual due diligence on the Charity to ensure they are maintaining a high level of transparency and are financially viable.