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## DG ECHO'S FINANCIAL REPORT 2010

Here are some key findings from the 2010 DG ECHO's Financial Report:

- Of the total assistance provided in 2010 an estimated 41% was allocated to protracted crisis, **44% to natural disasters** and 15% for ad hoc crisis and interventions.
- Humanitarian aid was implemented through **81** funding decisions in 2010: 15 Global Plans, 46 Ad hoc decisions, 16 Emergency decisions and 4 Primary emergency decisions.
- The total number of contracts issued in 2010 amounted to **1.248**, 912 of which were for humanitarian operations (650 NGOs, 212 UN and 50 International Organisations)
- In 2010 the relative share of these organisations in the funding provided by DG ECHO was **50%** for NGOs, **39%** for UN organisations and **11%** for International Organisations.
- The share of funding attributed to NGO's increased from 44% in 2008 to 50% in 2010 whereas during the same time period, the share of funding attributed to the UN decreased from 46% to 39%
- In 2010 the Commission, through DG ECHO, provided needs-based humanitarian assistance to more than **135 million people in 80 countries** for a total amount of **€ 1.115** million
- The civil protection mechanism was activated **28 times during the year**
- Only 31% (256) of the final reports were submitted within the stipulated 3 months. Around 44% were submitted between 3 and 4 months (363), 18% between 4 and 6 months (147) and 7% (63) were submitted far outside the due time limit
- Overall 73% of our payments (pre-financing payments and final payments combined) were processed within the current time limits. Only **65%** of the total numbers of payments were completed within the target time limit.
- The total number of transactions in 2010 was 8.207, among which 6.543 related to payments and 174 related to recoveries.

Ref.: [http://ec.europa.eu/echo/funding/key\\_figures/echo\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/echo/funding/key_figures/echo_en.htm)

## QUESTION OF THE MONTH

**?** **Partner:** We purchased equipment shortly before the end of the implementing period (i.e. within the eligibility period) of the Action. Is the expenditure concerned automatically eligible?

**!** **DG ECHO answer:** To be considered eligible as direct costs of the Action, costs must, inter alia, be necessary and reasonable for the implementation of the Action (art. 18.1 of the general condition of the FPA).

However, this requirement is not sufficient to consider the expenditure eligible. DG ECHO may have to request further operational information provided directly by the partner or by our field experts.

The question should be raised when an important acquisition occurs close to the end date of the implementation period. Often there will be a valid operational justification, but the expenditure concerned cannot be declared eligible if the acquisition was only completed because of left-over budget without being necessary for the implementation of the Action.

In several cases, the equipment is bought towards the end of the implementing period of an Action and is to be transferred immediately to a follow-up Action.

Although the transfer to a follow-up Action may seem justified and acceptable on operational grounds, (unless the necessity requirement for the first Action would be met) buying this equipment may not be declared as eligible costs under the first Action and should immediately be budgeted under the expenditure of the follow-up Action.

## eTOOLS

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## Upcoming training sessions

### Classical training:

**Nairobi** (English): 18 – 25 May

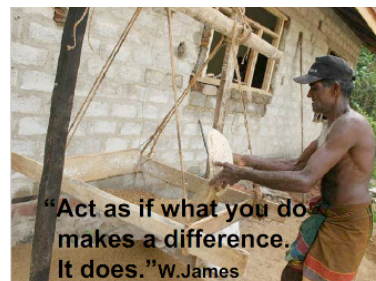
**Bangkok** (English): 15 – 22 June

**N'Djamena** (French): 22 – 29 June

**Managua** (Spanish): 20 – 27 July

Further information about the training calendar and the registration procedures available at [www.dgecho-partners-helpdesk.eu/doku.php/training/start](http://www.dgecho-partners-helpdesk.eu/doku.php/training/start)

## Thoughts from the field...



## Distance learning training:

### Preparing the Action: The Single Form

9 May – 22 May

23 May – 5 June

6 June – 19 June

### Completing the Action: The Final Reporting

9 May – 22 May

23 May – 5 June

6 June – 19 June

### The eSingle Form: online – HQ

16 May – 29 May

30 May – 12 June

13 June – 26 June

### The eSingle Form: offline – Field

16 May – 29 May

30 May – 12 June

13 June – 26 June

If you wish to register, please follow the instructions at [www.dgecho-partners-helpdesk.eu/doku.php/dl/start](http://www.dgecho-partners-helpdesk.eu/doku.php/dl/start)