

Informal funding note of the Secretariat (8 March 2010)
“Funding for operational activities for development of the UN system”

Revised Table 1

Overview of contributions to the UN development system in 2008
(Billions of US\$)

Types of funding	Total	Development-related activities				Humanitarian focus			
		All donors		OECD/DAC		All donors		OECD/DAC	
		US\$	%	US\$	%	US\$	%	US\$	%
Total contributions	22.0	13.3	61	7.7	58	8.7	39	6.1	70
Core	6.3	4.5	72	3.6	79	1.8	28	1.0	60
Non-core (of which):	15.7	9.0	57	4.3	47	6.7	43	5.0	74
(a) MDTFs	0.9	0.7	82	0.6 ¹	91	0.2	18	0.2 ¹	100
(b) Thematic funds	0.4	0.3	72	0.3	91	0.1	28	0.1	91
(c) Self-supporting contributions	1.7	1.6	91	0.0	0	0.1	9	0.0	0
(d) Programme and project specific	12.7	6.4	51	4.1	64	6.3	49	4.9	78

¹ In UN reporting, MDTFs are classified as “pass-through funding mechanism”, where contributions are recorded at the time funds are disbursed from the MDTF Office to implementing entities such as UNDP and UNICEF, with the administrative agent of the MDTF, generally UNDP, recorded as the source of the contribution (not the government that provided the funds). The US\$0.6 and 0.2 billion referred to in the above table have already been recorded as income in UN reporting under the “other” category (global funds, foundations, private sector etc.). This amount should therefore not be part of the total non-core development-related contributions of OECD/DAC countries in the table.

As the volume of funds channeled through UN-administered MDTFs continues to rise, the method of recording such contributions may need to be revised in the Statistical Compendium, in order to give credit to the governments providing such resources to the UN system. For example, considering that at the time disbursements are made from the MDTFs, the original donor country may no longer be easily identifiable since the funds are extracted from a pool made up of contributions from several countries, it could be examined whether to report on such funding through some sort of a weighing system that would estimate the share of different donors.