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Ensuring Efficiency in Cooperation and Assistance: Voluntary Trust Fund for Assistance in Mine Action Funding Flows

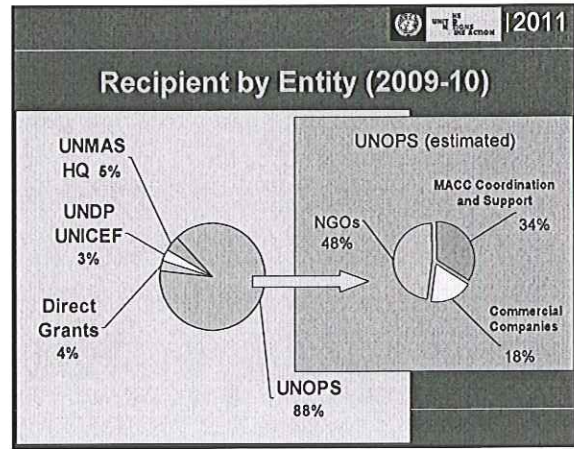
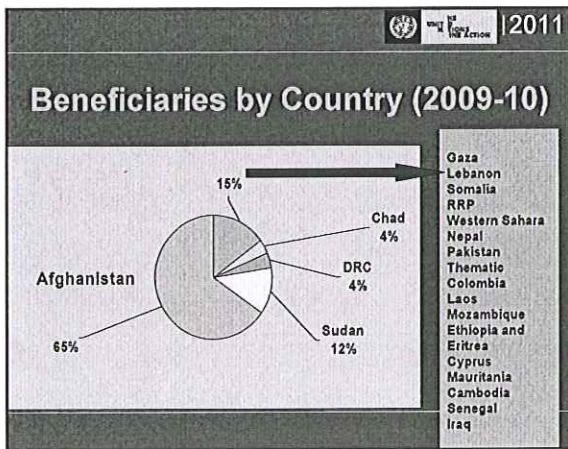
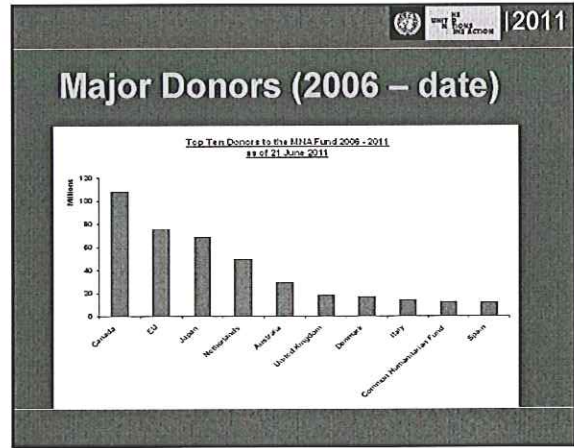
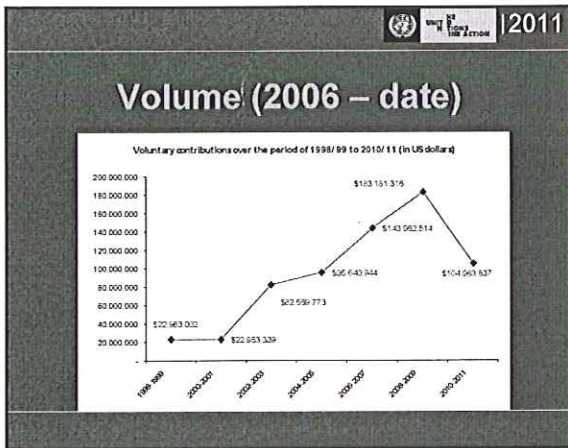
Presentation during the First Meeting of the Standing Committee on Resources, Cooperation and Assistance



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Origins

1. Established in 1994 under the management of the Department for Humanitarian Affairs.
2. Transferral of responsibility to the UNMAS of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) in 1997.
3. Initially established to provide special resources for mine action programmes and projects in situations where other funding is not immediately available in support of the five mine action pillars, coordination and public information.







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When Things Go Right: Guinea Bissau 2011



- 4 April - UNMAS contacted by UNDP in early April 2011 regarding a funding gap in their programme
- 11 April - UNDP Guinea Bissau Country Office submitted documentation for the Basic Agreement Document (BAD)
- 13 April - UNMAS Finance review and processing of the BAD
- 14 April - BAD sent to the Controller's Office
- 28 April - BAD signed by Controller's Office and UNDP
- 4 May - Accounts Division approved the payment
- 6 May - UNDP notified of disbursement

32 days from Request to Disbursement notification
Efficiency achieved through responsiveness of all involved



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When Things Go Wrong: Guinea Bissau 2010

- 6 February Japan earmarks funds for UNICEF Pakistan to fund emergency MRE
- 24 February BAD exchange between UNICEF and UN Secretariat in parallel to negotiating the donor contribution agreement. The BAD proposed by UNMAS differed from previous BADs signed between UNICEF and UN Secretariat.
- 7 April Funds received from Japan in the VTF
- Mid April – mid October Negotiation of BAD continued. Key issues: frequency of reporting and number of cash instalments.
- 14 October BAD signed.
- 20 October Funds disbursed to UNICEF.



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Causes of Delays in Project Cycle

External:

- Different expectations of agreement terms and conditions of project management.
- Delays in Contribution Agreement with Donors
- Delay in finalizing IP project proposal or reports



Internal:

- Multi UN Secretariat stakeholder managerial processes
- Delay in processing UN payments
- Prioritisation management
- Clarification requirements from Controller's Office



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Enhancement Efforts

1. The 2010 lean six sigma initiative on enhancing the management process of VTF funds
2. Secretary-General Policy Committee Recommendation 2010/18
3. Joint Inspection Unit evaluation to inform enhancement efforts



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Reactions and Questions?