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

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Origins

1. Established in 1994 under the management of the Department for Humanitarian Affairs.

2. Transfer of responsibility to the UNMAS and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DKPO) 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 two mine action pillars, coordination and public information.

Volume (2006 – date)

Major Donors (2006 – date)

Beneficiaries by Country (2009-10)

Recipient by Entity (2009-10)
When Things Go Right: Guinea Bissau 2011

1 April - UNRWA awarded the contract to UNDP in early April 2011
11 April - Project initiated by UNRWA
13 April - UNRWA Finance Division is preparing the BOD Bank Letter
14 April - BOD Bank Certified by the Controller's Office
15 April - BOD Bank certified by UNDP
4 May - Executive Board approved the proposal
5 May - UNDP notified of approval
11 May - Request to submit a revised submission
12 May - Request for clarifications
21 May - Revised submission

When Things Go Wrong: Guinea Bissau 2010

5 February - Japan commits funds for UNICEF Pakistan in fund emergency meeting
24 February - BAD exchange between UNICEF and UN Secretary General in parallel to finalizing the donor contribution agreement. This BAD is prepared by UNRWA and UNICEF share the costs.
7 April - Funds received from Japan in the BAD
24 April - Mid-October: Negotiation of BAD on cost-sharing decision: frequency of reporting and number of cash installments
14 October - BAD signed
29 October - Funds disbursed to UNICEF

Causes of Delays in Project Cycle

External:

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

Internal:

- Multi-UN Secretariat stakeholder management processes
- Delays in processing UN payments
- Prioritization management
- Clarification requirements from Controller's Office

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

Reactions and Questions?