

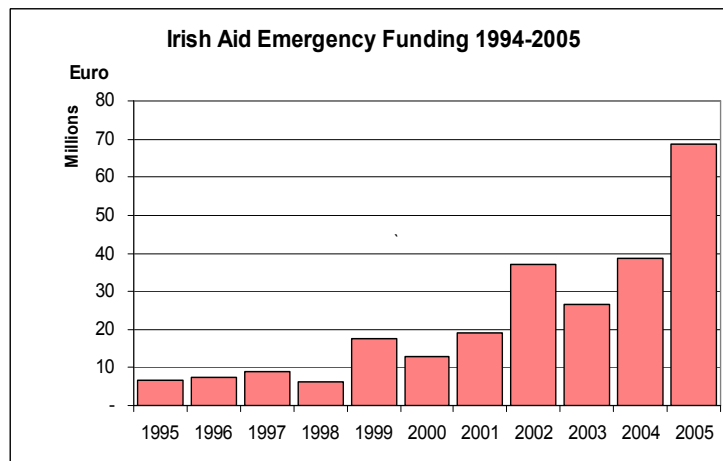
Irish Aid Emergency Funding

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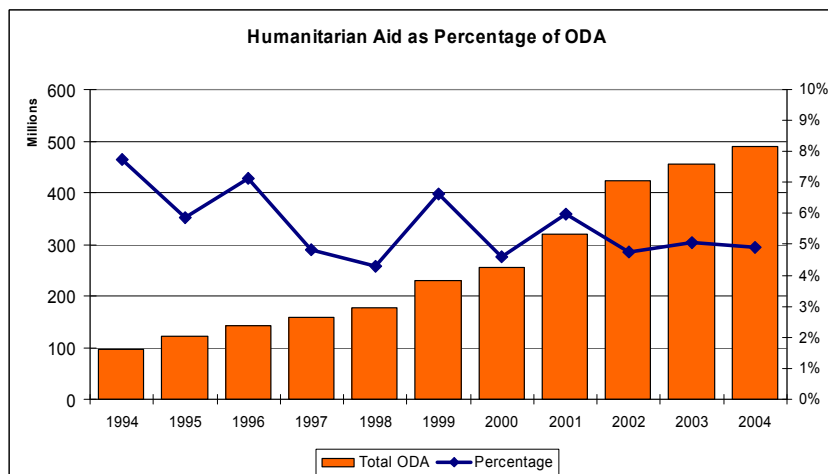
In recent years, Irish official assistance to victims of emergencies has grown rapidly.

In tandem with the growth in Irish ODA, the budget for emergency relief operations has grown considerably in the last few years. In 1995, total Irish emergency funding amounted to €6.7 million. By 2005, this had grown to €68.7 million (including €20 million to the Asian tsunami).



In terms of percentage of ODA, emergency aid has remained relatively stable.

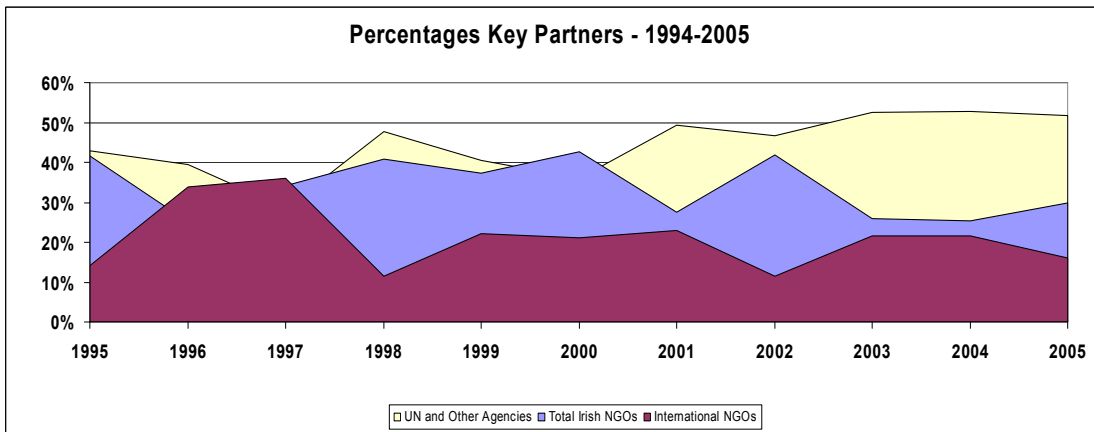
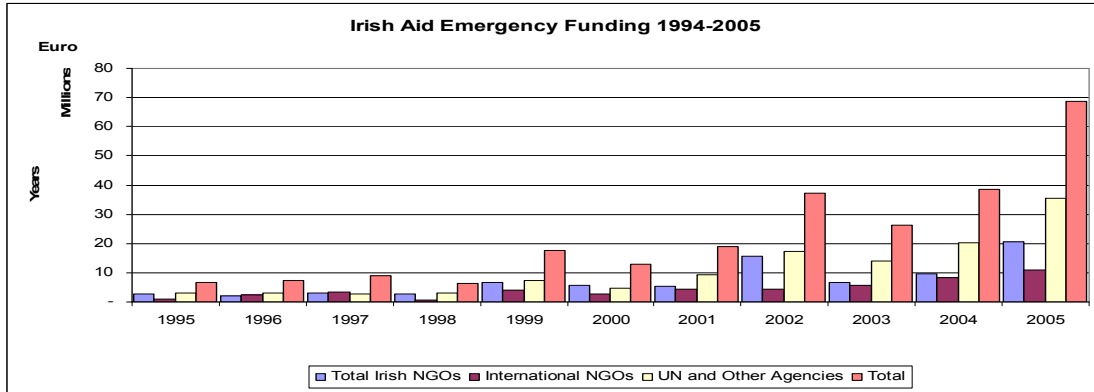
From a level of 8% in 1994, humanitarian funding went down to around 5%. However, in 2005-2007, these percentages have risen again, with the emergency to total ODA ratio for 2007 expected to come in around 11.5%.



While the emergency aid budget grows, changes occur in the main Irish Aid partnerships.

There is an identifiable growth in the amount of money going to UN and other international agencies. Besides a growth in absolute terms, the percentage of emergency aid funding going to this group of Irish Aid partners is rising slightly.

The share of funding going to Irish NGOs is relatively stable in the 30-40% band. Rises and falls in this percentage are mirrored quite adequately in the percentages going to international NGOs.



Partnerships with individual agencies fluctuate strongly.

Whereas the key partners among the Irish NGOs are fairly stable (Trócaire, Concern, Goal, Christian Aid are the main partners, with smaller amounts going to WorldVision, Refugee Trust, Oxfam and others), there are great fluctuations among the international NGO partners. The IFRC, ICRC, UNHCR, UNICEF and WFP are regular recipients in the international category, where other organisations (eg. UNIFIL, WHO, UNOCHA, and NGOs such as TearFund, MSF and Halo Trust, etc) make more fleeting appearances on the list of recipients.

NOTE:

These figures are based on the statistics in the Irish Aid annual reports for the period surveyed. They exclude funding providing in-country by Irish Aid, and exclude funding under the Rehabilitation budget line.