

Ireland's generous financial support of The Carter Center's work reflects its longstanding dedication to international human rights and fairness in international relations, a commitment that is inseparable from Irish foreign policy as a whole. Through its Civil Society Fund, Irish Aid seeks to contribute to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals by improving the livelihoods of disadvantaged communities in developing countries. Its partnership with The Carter Center is just one example of how Ireland is actively working to establish peace and justice around the world. The Carter Center would like to thank the Government of Ireland for its investment in peace, democracy, and the continuing work to secure human rights for all people.

As such, The Carter Center, as a partner of Irish Aid, is required to submit information regarding program spending consistent with DAC codes, set by country and sector. The Center has completed this analysis for reporting purposes, and shares this detail as part of our commitment to transparency and accountability.

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) is a group of 30 like minded countries sharing a commitment to democratic government and the market economy. Ireland is a member of the OECD. Member states discuss and develop policies and instruments on a wide range of economic and social issues. Member states meet and exchange information in specialized committees. The Development Assistance Committee (DAC) is the principal body through which the OECD deals with issues relating to co-operation with developing countries. Ireland has been a member of the DAC since 1985. Members of the DAC are expected to have certain common objectives concerning the conduct of their aid programs and to work together to increase the effectiveness of their common efforts to support sustainable development. DAC "peer reviews", a central and unique function of the OECD in the development assistance field, monitor and assess DAC members' official development assistance programs.

