



The CERF secretariat welcomes the recent update to the 2011 Multi-lateral Aid Review (MAR).

The secretariat was pleased to note DFID's assessment that CERF had made progress against the reform priorities identified in the MAR, for example in the secretariat's increased focus on the prioritization of funding application to CERF, its improved results reporting as well as its efforts to further strengthen accountability among recipient agencies.

The secretariat also takes note of DFID's view that there had been limited progress on improving cost and value consciousness based on concerns over the allocation of the 3 per cent programme support costs charged by the UN Secretariat for the administration of the fund as well as the timeliness of sub-grants to implementing partners made by recipient agencies with CERF funds. While recognising that these are issues that are outside the direct control of the CERF secretariat, CERF remains fully committed to working with its stakeholders to address the remaining issues.

The CERF secretariat would like to take this opportunity to express its appreciation to DFID for its continued support to CERF and looks forward to continuing its collaboration with DFID.

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