

Resources allocated for anti-trafficking

“1. Budgets or any other resources allocated for anti-trafficking activities by the Department for 2012 (allocated) and 2013 (indicative)

2. A copy of the current Departmental strategy or any other document which sets out what actions are to be taken at the Departmental level to combat trafficking in human beings as mandated by the UK Government Human trafficking Strategy (2011)

3. Measures taken by the Department in 2012 to combat trafficking in human beings”

DFID holds information relevant to your request. Please note that DFID records spending information in financial rather than calendar years and we have, therefore, provided information for financial years 2012-13 and 2013-14.

Much of the information relevant to your request is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 (1) (Information accessible to the applicant by other means) of the Freedom of Information Act as it is already reasonably accessible to you.

For ease of reference, I have set out information relevant to parts 1 to 3 of your request for each particular DFID project relating to human trafficking. This includes links to information that is already publicly available.

DFID Regional Programme to Counter Trafficking of Women & Girls in Asia & the Middle East

Information on the pilot and full DFID Regional Programme to Counter Trafficking of Women & Girls in Asia & the Middle East is available in the following links to DFID's project database:

[Asia Regional Anti-Trafficking Pilot Programme](#)
[Asia Regional Human Trafficking Programme](#) (full programme)

Please note that the Business Case for the full DFID Regional Programme will be published in the near future on DFID's project database. This is the key project policy document and contains a full explanation of the project as well as information on monitoring and evaluation procedures, budget and spending levels, delivery options and expected impact and outputs. We are, however, withholding this information at this time under Section 22(1) (a) (b) and (c) (Information intended for future publication) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I have set out our analysis of the public interest arguments relating to this qualified exemption later in this letter.

Slavery and Child Labour: Governance and Social Responsibility

DFID's supports this project by 'Anti-Slavery International' through the Governance and Transparency Fund. Spending for financial years 2012-13 and 2013-14, is set out below. Please note that these figures are estimates only at this point. Final figures will be published in due course by Anti-Slavery International in their Annual Reports.

2012-13: £234,123

2013-14: £113,592

You can find more information about this project, including project documents and spending details through the following links:

[Slavery and Child labour: Governance and Social Responsibility](#)

[Anti-Slavery International](#)

Anti-Slavery International: Eradication of Forced Child Begging in Senegal

DFID's supports this project by 'Anti-Slavery International' through the Civil Society Challenge Fund. Spending for financial years 2012-13 and 2013-14 is set out below:

2012-13: £47,790 (actual)

2013-14: £161,379 (estimate)

You can find out more about this project [here](#).

In addition to the project information provided above, the first annual report of the Inter-Departmental Ministerial Group on Human Trafficking, published in October 2012, sets out the actions that are to be taken by Government Departments, including DFID, to combat trafficking in human beings. You can find the report [here](#) on the Inside Government website.

Section 22(1) (a) (b) and (c) (Information intended for future publication)

Section 22 (1) (a) (b) and (c) provides that information is exempt information if it is held by a public authority with a view to publication at some future date.

In applying this exemption, we have had to balance the public interest in withholding the information against the public interest of releasing it.

Factors in favour of disclosure include the general public interest in transparency and openness around the amount and use of public money spent by DFID. There is a strong public interest in ensuring that this information is available for public scrutiny.

Factors against disclosure include the strong public interest in making the best use of public resources by pulling the information together; ensuring that it is complete and accurate and publishing it in a consistent and comprehensive format as planned. Given that there is a process already in place for publishing DFID project business cases and that the business case for the DFID Regional Programme to Counter Trafficking of Women & Girls in Asia & the Middle East will be published in the near future, we have concluded that the public interest in withholding this information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it at this time