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Dear ^[Redacted]_d

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Defra ICF spend for financial years 2022-23 and 2023-24.

Thank you for your request for information of 8 April 2024 about Defra ICF spend for financial years 2022-23 and 2023-24. We have handled your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

The EIRs apply to requests for environmental information, which is a broad category of information defined in regulation 2 of the EIRs. Public authorities are required to handle requests for environmental information under the EIRs. They give similar access rights to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

Please provide me with the following information for each project overseen by Defra, which is labelled as ICF on the Development Tracker website, for the year 2022/23. In addition, please also provide the same data for the year 2023/24, even if it is provisional, in line with the practices of the other departments:

- *Annual ICF spend for the year 2023/24.*
- *Project ID*

We can confirm that Defra does hold information relevant to your request and all Defra's ICF programmes are listed at Annex C. Please note that spend figures for 2023/24 are provisional (in line with the Statistics on International Development Provisional Aid Spend publication). We are continuing to quality assure data and update Devtracker to improve the transparency of our ICF spend.

Information disclosed in response to this EIRs request is releasable to the public. In keeping with the spirit and effect of the EIRs and the government's Transparency Agenda, this letter and the information disclosed to you may be placed on GOV.UK, together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. No information identifying you will be placed on the GOV.UK website.

We attach Annex A, explaining the copyright that applies to the information being released to you, and Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the address below.

Yours sincerely

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Annex A

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Annex B

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