[](https://www.irishaid.ie/) 

**Donor Profile**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Donor Information** | ‘Hunger’ is a cornerstone of Ireland’s foreign and aid policies, and policies to support action on hunger have been adopted in both Irish Aid and the Department of Foreign Affairs. The government has established an expert Hunger Task Force and appointed a Special Envoy on Hunger. Irish Aid has a centralised Hunger Unit and has a commitment to spend 20 per cent of official development assistance on hunger reduction projects by 2013. There are conceptual differences between nutrition and hunger—hunger focuses on satiation from food, whereas nutrition focuses on energy and nutrients; thus, not all hungry people have undernutrition and vice versa. Irish Aid’s hunger and food security agenda has three focus areas: smallholder agriculture, maternal and infant undernutrition, and governance and leadership. Nutrition relates to all three areas, but is directly addressed through maternal and infant undernutrition. This separates nutrition-specific programming from agriculture and governance strategies, although these are also designed with reference to hunger.  Irish Aid’s nutrition-specific interventions are designed with reference to the 1000-day window and with a focus on the mother–child dyad. Nutrition objectives are also included in many nutrition-relevant programs, particularly agriculture and livelihood, making these programs nutrition-sensitive. A major nutrition-sensitive approach is Irish Aid’s strong focus on women smallholder farmers within its agriculture programs. Irish Aid also works with governments to encourage the prioritisation of nutrition in national agendas.  Irish Aid also supports research focused on agricultural innovation and local agricultural productivity across a number of countries. It provides core funding to CGIAR and funds CGIAR programs in selected countries. Research areas include the development of drought-resistant and biofortified crops, improved crop yields and more sustainable farming practices. Other research addresses the theme of climate change and hunger reduction through adaptation of food production systems. Across all research, there is a focus on dissemination of results to producers, particularly smallholder farmers.  Irish Aid funded the GNC from 2007-2008 as part of the global appeal, $**158,293 USD**. |
| **Website** | https://www.**irishaid**.ie/ |
| **Address** | Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade,  Iveagh House,  80 St. Stephens Green,  Dublin 2  Ireland |
| **General e-mail** | irishaid@dfa.ie |
| **General main phone** | +353 1 408 2000 |
| **PPD Person** | **Mr. Pieter Bult** – SA Email: [pbult@unicef.org](mailto:pbult@unicef.org) Telephone: 212-326-7543 |