

## An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála Baile Átha Cliath 2

## **Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade**Dublin 2

9th May 2016

Ms Jill Nesbitt

Re: FOI/Reg/16/046

Dear Ms Nesbitt

I refer to your request of the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016 made under the Freedom of Information Act 2016 seeking the following:

'A copy of all correspondence and internal emails relating to Irish Aid's donation to Humana People to People 10 years ago.'

I also refer to the acknowledgement of the request which was sent to you on the 21st April 2016.

The organisation referred to above which is located in India, was supported under the In Country Micro Projects Scheme and funding was provided over a three year period commencing in 2006. The In Country Micro Projects Scheme operated by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade provides delegated sanction to a number of Embassies and Consulates to directly support local nongovernmental organisations in small-scale development projects.

The scheme operates in developing countries where Ireland has diplomatic accreditation, but where there is no bilateral Irish Aid programme. The scheme supports projects that address the root causes of poverty and injustice such as the promotion of human rights, enhanced livelihood security, improved access to social services, and strengthened local capacity and ownership.

While your FOI request referred to 10 years ago, as noted above the funding for the project spans three years. I have identified four sets of records relating to this request spanning a four year period 2005-2008 and these are set out in the attached schedule. As Deciding Officer, I have decided to grant access to Record 1 as per the attached schedule and part grant access to Records 2, 3 and 4 as per the schedule. It should be noted that the part granting relates to the redacting of the email addresses together with telephone numbers, as I consider this information constitutes personal information and is outside the scope of your request.

## Right of Appeal

Should you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so in writing to the Freedom of Information Unity, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, 76-78 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2 or by email to foi@dfa.ie A fee applies for non-personal information; the level of this fee has been set at €30. For methods of payment please contact foi@dfa.ie or 01 4082857.

You should make the appeal within four weeks (20 working days) from the date of this notification. However the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances. This appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior officer of this Department.

Yours sincerely

John Crowe

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade