

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

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

Our Ref: FoI/Req/15/080

30 September 2015

Mr Raphael Satter Associated Press Oval Road, Camden Lock, London NW 1 7DZ United Kingdom

Dear Mr. Satter.

I refer to the request which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for access to records held by this Department, as follows:

An Accounting of how much money the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade has disbursed to the Clinton Foundation since  $I^{st}$  January 2002.

A breakdown of what monies went to which arm of the Clinton Foundation.

A copy of any memoranda of understanding agreed between the department and the Clinton Foundation during that time period.

Any audit documents reviewing the Clinton Foundation programmes during that time period.

A list of all meetings between department officials and the Clinton Foundation since  $I^{\rm st}$  January 2008.

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on  $7^{th}$  September 2015.

I have identified 15 records that fall within the scope of your request. The records are listed in the schedule attached. I have made a decision to grant all of the records.

It should be noted that the audit documents released under this Freedom of Information request may refer to additional funds outside the scope of the MoUs. It is not always possible to disaggregate information directly related to the MoUs, as reports can also incorporate broader programmes and funds of the concerned organisations.

It should be noted that Value for Money (VfM) Audits go beyond statutory audit requirements. The VfM Audit commissioned by Irish Aid in Lesotho for the period 2006-2011 was intended to support the capacity of both Irish Aid and our partners to improve the delivery of our development objectives. The 2012 Systems and Operational Audit Report subsequently commissioned by CHAI addresses key recommendations of the VfM Audit.

It is noted that funding in Mozambique was predominantly provided through a common multi-donor fund which uses Government of Mozambique audit systems as per normal standards for such funds. These annual audit reports (in Portuguese) are publicly available through the relevant Government of Mozambique website or upon request to the Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) of the Government of Mozambique in case the website is inaccessible.

The Clinton Foundation conducts annual audits at Headquarter level which includes all country subsidiaries (inclusive CHAI Mozambique). Relevant audit reports for disbursements directly to CF/CHAI Mozambique prior to 2012 are available from the Clinton Foundation.

We note that audit reports for FY 2014 are not available on our files as per the date of the request. The relevant audit processes are still ongoing and the final reports should be filed in the near future.

## Right of Appeal

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

You should make your appeal within 4 weeks (20 working days) from the date of this notification. However, the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances. The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this Department.

Yours sincerely

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