

Addendum to the Process Review of the Somalia Common Humanitarian Fund

*The text in **bold** is added text to the body of the Report.*

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In terms of the process, the CHF has been too slow to disburse the funds, taking twice as long as planned on average for the second Standard Allocation, creating knock-on challenges for project implementation. **It is important to note that funds disbursed by the UNDP Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office (MPTF Office), that serves as the CHF Somalia Administrative Agent, to the Management Agent and Participating Organizations were done systematically within 3-5 business days, and since 2011 within 1-2 business days. On the other hand, the fund disbursement from the Management Agent to the NGOs was too slow. The delay at the Management Agent side was due to specific issues such as the “biennium”, and senior attention has helped address some of the bottleneck in Geneva and Nairobi.**

The CHF suffered reputational damage from the slowness of disbursement **of funds from the Managing Agent to the NGOs**, which is perhaps falsely assumed to have improved due to the relatively quicker emergency reserve disbursement in 2011.

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The relationship with UNDP as AA is functional and no major issues were identified. The online survey reflected this: while 8% of respondents felt UNDP was not performing its role efficiently at all, 36% rated it as fairly efficient and 39% as efficient or very efficient. **To address the request from OCHA, the MPTF Office agreed to introduce the Bulk Transfer System, which is currently under negotiation**, with some small areas of tension stemming from the different cultures of OCHA and UNDP, but this is not insurmountable.

The MPTF **Office GATEWAY** provides a very clear and user---friendly live database of contributions and disbursements for the Somalia CHF, as well as documents archive. This could be a model for some features of the future CHF database.