

Section

International Development

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Introduction

The aim of the Department for International Development (DfID) is the elimination of poverty in poorer countries which the department pursues through the policy of sustainable development. DfID's objectives for the international development programme are:

- policies and actions which promote sustainable livelihoods;
- better education, health and opportunities for poor people; and
- protection and better management of the natural and physical environment.

DfID is also responsible for the expenditure on overseas superannuation where the department's objective is the accurate and timely payment of Colonial and Indian Service pensions.

The value of DfID's fixed assets and investments at 31st March 2000 was:

	Value (£'000s)
Tangible fixed assets	17,847
Investments	2,126,000
Intangible assets	503
Total	2,144,350

DfID's UK Headquarters are split between offices in London (which are rented and so not included in this register) and East Kilbride. The superannuation programme is administered entirely from East Kilbride. The department also has overseas centres of operation which administer a large part of the international development programme in New Delhi, Bangkok, Dhaka, Kathmandu, Nairobi, Dar-es-Salaam, Kampala, Harare, Pretoria, Suva and Bridgetown. DfID also has representatives in Embassies and British High Commissions throughout the rest of the world.

DfID is not a capital intensive organisation. The asset register details, by location, provide information on each category of fixed asset used in support of general administrative activity i.e. not on a specific project or programme. The register serves two main purposes: it provides information required for resource accounting, particularly the production of DfID's balance sheet, and it helps to assess centrally the extent to which fixed assets are being deployed within the organisation, particularly in confirming whether ownership is warranted and represents value for money.

Tangible fixed assets are valued at the lower of replacement cost or recoverable amount. Valuations are reviewed annually and adjusted in light of material change. The capitalisation threshold employed by the department is £1,000. On the international development side, items purchased under specific projects are deemed to be owned by the aid recipient and so are not included in the register.

Further information can be found in DfID's 1999/2000 Resource Account and also in DfID's 2001 Departmental Report or by contacting:

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Tangible Assets

LAND AND BUILDINGS

Location	Use	Value (£'000s)
Abercrombie House, East Kilbride, Glasgow	Office building, 8,755 square metres, the site extends to 10.5 acres.	2,819
Epping Road, Harare	House	126
Brentford, Harare	House	84
Hendrikzway, Harare	House	67
Honiara, Solomon Islands	House, 2021 square metres	65
Kiribati	Office, 773 square metres	17
Land and buildings		3,178

VEHICLES

Location	Description	Value (£'000s)
UK	Emergency response:	
	48 Landrovers	487
	25 Bedford trucks	255
	2 Armoured vehicles	19
	2 Pickup trucks	18
	1 4x4 crane	10
	1 Field ambulance	8
Caribbean	2 Landrovers	9
Central & South East Europe (British High Commission)	4 Landrovers	26

Location	Description	Value (£'000s)
Central Africa	10 Landrovers	32
East Africa	37 Landrovers 1 Pickup truck	57 1
East Asia	7 seat Commuter 5 seat Commuter 1 Toyota 4 WD Prado	20 13 11
India	4 Landrovers	74
Islamabad	5 Landrovers	22
Nepal	8 Landrovers 1 pickup truck	17 1
Paris	1 Rover 600	8
South Africa	5 Landrovers	27
Motor vehicles		1,115

OFFICE AND DOMESTIC FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

Note: office equipment consists of storage racks, filing cabinets, lights, fans etc. Office furniture consists of desks, chairs, pedestals, telephone handsets etc. A domestic pack consists of furniture required per unit of domestic accommodation.

Location	Description	Value (£000's)
UK	Office equipment Office furniture 89 Satellite phones 25 Photocopiers 8 Generators 13 display units Reprographic equipment 32 Fax machines 198 radios Audio visual equipment	517 248 215 60 56 27 21 17 13 4
Bangladesh	8 domestic packs 3 Photocopiers	145 6
Brazil	Office furniture	5
Caribbean	6 Domestic packs Office furniture Air conditioning system Office equipment 3 Photocopiers	181 46 18 6 5

Location	Description	Value (£000's)
Central Africa	10 Domestic packs	173
	Office equipment	10
	Office furniture	7
	3 Photocopiers	6
	Audio visual equipment	1
	Air conditioning system	1
East Africa	26 Domestic packs	395
	10 Photocopiers	11
	Office furniture	8
	3 Fax machines	2
India	21 Domestic packs	408
	Office furniture	164
	Air conditioning system	16
	5 Photocopiers	6
	1 Fax machine	1
Islamabad	Office furniture	22
Nepal	17 Generators	53
	Office furniture	15
	1 photocopier	9
Pacific	Office equipment	3
	Office furniture	2
Paris	Office furniture	5
South Africa	Office equipment	162
	21 Domestic packs	48
	5 Photocopiers	9
	1 Fax machine	1
Office & domestic furniture & equipment		3,128

IT EQUIPMENT

Note: PC packs consist of personal computers, keyboards, monitors and mice. Network hardware consists of cabling, modems, LAN adapters etc.

Location	Description	Value (£000's)
UK	Network hardware	1,199
	IT training suites	476
	1061 PC packs	350
	127 laptops	296
	72 File servers	176

Location	Description	Value (£000's)
	623 Printers	162
	10 Video conference systems	73
	99 Fax machines	30
	Telephone system	22
	Air conditioning system	5
Bangladesh	PC packs	5
	3 Printers	3
	2 Laptops	3
	Network hardware	2
Caribbean	PC packs	14
	Network hardware	13
	12 Printers	4
	2 File servers	3
Central Africa	Network hardware	9
	PC packs	4
	Satellite internet dish	2
	Printers	2
	File servers	2
East Africa	65 PC packs	27
	55 Printers	21
	43 Laptops	16
	10 File servers	6
	Network hardware	5
	Scanner	2
	Telephone system	1
India	PC packs	22
	Telephone system	21
	26 Laptops	13
	Printers	9
	Network hardware	9
	File servers	1
South Africa	9 Printers	6
	Network hardware	4
	PC packs	4
South East Asia	22 PC packs	11
	Network hardware	8
	25 Printers	4
	File server	3
	2 Laptops	1
IT equipment		3,049

IT SYSTEMS

Location	Description	Value (£000's)
UK	Resource Accounting & Budgeting (RAB) system	1,973
	Performance Reporting Information System for Management (PRISM)	876
	Pensions Integrated Payment System (PIPS)	816
	Management Information System (MIS)	726
	Overseas Appointments & Contracts System (OACS)	614
	DfID's Intranet	525
	Y2K systems preparation	373
	Oracle	90
	Economist Guide Phase I	46
	Escor Financial Management System	5
	Work in progress	1,333
IT systems		7,377

INVESTMENTS

	Value (£'000s)
CDC Group plc¹	638,500
International Financial Institutions²	
International Bank for Reconstruction and Development	782,000
European Bank for Reconstruction and Development	261,000
International Finance Corporation	172,000
Asian Development Bank	138,000
Inter-American Development Bank	71,000
African Development Bank	33,000
Caribbean Development Bank	21,000
Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency	9,500
Investments	2,126,000

1 The value of CDC Group plc is taken from its own published annual audited accounts, adjusted by transfers between DfID and CDC.

2 The value of DfID's shares in these institutions is based on the latest audited balance sheet for each organisation.

Intangible Assets

SOFTWARE LICENCES

Software Licence	Value (£000's)
Others	249
Cognos	123
Oracle	72
Powerhouse	59
Software Licences	503

Changes Since The Last National Asset Register

ACQUISITIONS

	1997/98 (Dec '97-Mar '98)	1998/99	1999/2000 Value (£'000s)
Vehicles	0	42	1,222
Office and domestic furniture and equipment	56	1,274	1,738
IT equipment	483	871	1,841
IT Systems:			
Resource Accounting & Budgeting (RAB) system phase I and II	0	1,357	1,979
Software licences	0	296	50

Disposals

DfID have no plans to dispose of any administrative assets. IT equipment, the bulk of our potentially disposable assets in this area, is either used as a trade in for replacement equipment or gifted to schools at the end of its useful life.