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**NATO-ISAF POST-OPERATIONS EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND (POERF)**  
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The International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) Post-Operations Emergency Relief Fund (POERF) provides quick humanitarian assistance, such as the supply of food, water and shelter, or the repair of buildings or key infrastructure, immediately following sizable ISAF military operations.

**SECOND QUARTER 2009 DISBURSEMENTS**



**Regional Command West**

Three projects were taken forward worth a total of €35,380. The requests for funds were submitted in relation to projects aimed at compensating the local population for livelihood destroyed during operations, as well as to buy medicines for the local population in the Dowlat Yar district villages.

**Regional Command South**

Three projects were taken totalling €149,384. €70,000 of those funds were used to repair destroyed and damaged infrastructure and livelihoods caused by operations in Helmand Province, for which discretionary funds were requested in advance of the operation.

**Regional Command North & Capital**

A €50,000-worth project was taken forward to help local nationals rebuild destroyed infrastructure, livelihood assets and purchase livestock in RC (N). In RC (C), another €70,000 project was launched to implement immediate relief at the conclusion of joint ISAF and Afghan National Security Force operations.



**Regional Command East**

A €50,000 project was initiated following the conduct of operations in Kapisa District, covering the repair of a school in Shehkot village - serving 800 children from the valley -, and a dam and irrigation canal supplying Zaryat village. Until present, no NGOs have been able to intervene in this region due to insurgent presence.



**Total Disbursements Approved 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2009: €114,764.00**

<b>Contributions to Date (October 2009)</b>	
Australia	€ 315,375
Bulgaria	€ 170,000
Czech Republic	€ 370,640
Estonia	€ 124,895
Finland	€ 100,000
Hungary	€ 42,000
Iceland	€ 100,000
Italy	€ 300,000
Lithuania	€ 63,763
Netherlands	€ 300,000
Poland	€ 50,000
United States	€ 1,300,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€ 2,921,613</b>
<b>Total Disbursements Approved Since Inception</b>	<b>€ 2,369,791.00</b>

### **Guiding Principles**

The basic guiding principle is for this humanitarian assistance to remain: "as civilian as possible, as military as necessary," in line with the United Nations "Oslo Guidelines" (revised) on humanitarian assistance:

- The Fund consists entirely of voluntary donations and is established under the auspices of the Commander of ISAF (COMISAF), who is responsible for its sound financial management. NATO's North Atlantic Council, through the Senior Civilian Representative (SCR), is regularly updated on the implementation of the Fund.
- Planning for rapid post-operations humanitarian action is integrated into the military planning of operations which are likely to have immediate humanitarian consequences. Towards this end, and without compromising operational security, COMISAF and regional commanders liaise closely with relevant civilian entities to evaluate and plan to address the immediate humanitarian consequences of military operations.
- COMISAF regularly consults with the Senior Civilian Representative on project funding.
- When expenditure is likely to exceed €300,000, COMISAF consults with the Heads of Mission in Kabul of the countries which have contributed to the Fund.
- The Fund may be used only to finance rapid humanitarian assistance to the population directly affected by a military operation. Assistance should include, but not be limited to: food, water, shelter, essential medicines and essential repairs. No longer-term reconstruction activities should be undertaken, but neither should immediate relief undermine longer-term reconstruction plans.
- The implementation of ongoing humanitarian measures should be transferred to civilian actors as soon as circumstances allow. The decision for this transfer will be taken by COMISAF in consultation with the Senior Civilian Representative.