

Candidate Name & Constituency	Q1 Do you agree IoM Government should have an international development budget? If so, why? If not, why not?	Q2 The IoM's international development budget is currently £2.5 million, around 0.06% of national income. The UN recommends that all countries should give 0.7% of national income in aid and international development. Do you support an increase in the current budget towards the UN target? If so, why? If not, why?	Q3 Who do you think should decide how the IoM's international development budget is spent? Ministers and MHKs/Civil Servants/A coalition of local experts in the humanitarian field and MHKs/Ministers	Q4 The Annual aid budget is currently apportioned as follows: 25% Emergency relief /61% Longer term development projects /13% Small Countries Financial Management Programme /1% Development education and awareness. Do you think this proportion is correct – or what would you like to see change?
Arbory, Castletown and Malew				
Graham Cregeen	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet
Stephen Crowther	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet
Timothy Glover	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet
Jason Moorhouse	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet
Ayre and Michael				
Timothy Baker	IoM Government should have an international development budget as part of its role as both a global citizen and internationally-facing jurisdiction. It also boosts the Island's wider image	The IoM should work towards coming into line with the UN target over time, but if we are assessing only government giving then the benchmark should be as a % of Government income, not national income – the current measure ignores private giving by business and members of the public	There needs to be ministerial decision making, supported by appropriate expert advice	The split of spending needs to reflect where it can add the most value and should be informed by the decision making process as per 3 above
Sosthene Boussougou	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet
Alfred Cannan	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet
Philip Corkill	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet
Timothy Johnston	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet
Duncan Livingston	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet
Paul Weatherall	The Isle of Man should maintain an international development budget. Supporting developing countries with a variety of community projects to alleviate poverty and improve equal opportunities is the right thing to do. Although we are not an independent jurisdiction, the Island is an important player in many aspects of the global economy, not least international finance. Having our own IDB allows us to make independent decisions on targeting international aid to developing countries with which we feel we can foster long term relationships, as well as contributing to emergency appeals for humanitarian aid following disasters and conflict.	As we are not an independent jurisdiction within the UN, the Island has no obligation to meet the UN target. Our current budget of 0.06% is however a paltry figure. It compares unfavourably with Jersey for instance, which is currently around 0.25%. I would support a staged budget increase to a similar %.	Ministers and ultimately Tynwald should decide, with advice from a coalition of local experts and appropriate civil servants	I have no views on whether these proportions are correct. If elected, I will seek advice from civil servants and appropriate humanitarian agencies as to the need for any changes. I think a high degree of flexibility is required.
Madeleine Westall	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet
Douglas Central				

Damian Ciapelli	Verbally Mr Ciapelli indicated he was in favour of the Isle of Man having an international aid budget.			
Ann Corlett	<p>Yes I agree that the IOM Government should have an international development budget. We have a moral obligation as a nation to: Ensure that international development funding is targeted to support projects that meet the United Nation's 17 Sustainable Development Goals/ Focus International Development funding on those countries ranked as 'Low Development' on the United Nations Human Development Index/ /Provide a swift response to international humanitarian crises/Support the voluntary sector in raising awareness of global development issues throughout the Manx population.</p>	<p>We should aim to give 0.7% of National income in aid and international development.</p>	<p>A coalition of local experts in the humanitarian field and MHKs/ Ministers</p>	<p>I think this is probably right but would be very happy to discuss further with experts in order to be sure the proportions are correct and would support change if needed.</p>
Sara Hackman	<p>Yes as I agree with your objectives.</p>	<p>Money is tight at the moment. Once we conquer the effects of Covid on the economy then maybe more.</p>	<p>Option 3</p>	<p>Unsure about Small Countries Financial Management Programme but I believe more should be used in education as if you can teach people to make their own living then that is a positive way to go.</p>
Christopher Thomas	<p>Yes. International development has intrinsic value and it is important for the Island's community and identity. Sadly though it seems to be a challenge that sometimes needs meeting behind the scenes, rather than up-front. I found this in Luxembourg too when I worked with Luxembourg Development. That country surpasses any UN target, but the Government does it quietly at home but with full amplification abroad for its international relations.</p>	<p>The budget did rise in the last administration by £100,000 and that was a struggle for those directly involved. A more realistic target than 0.7% of national income or even government income – especially given the fragility of Island public finances and the fact that our national income is 80% hardly taxed corporate income – is another increase in the coming administration, perhaps even inflation indexation plus an extra increase. Focusing on the fact that Jersey gives four times our amount is perhaps a better way of justifying even that increase.</p>	<p>Option 3 seems sensible. The International Development Committee deliberations and recommendations were surely helpful, but its role became politicised at the end of the Bell Government. I would advocate Tynwald establishing this body next time, not Cabinet Office, not Council of Ministers and not Chief Minister.</p>	<p>I think Small Countries Financial Management Programme team wants to contribute more, but is held back by CoMin perceptions and views in the same way that OWC is. I think OWC and SCFMC/P and others should aim to cooperate even more to use international development and aid as part of Island's national identity abroad, even using it to cement relationships. So I thought the SCFMC/P idea of linking with St Vincent after volcano was good suggestion. However Covid-19 vaccination emergency aid was also helpful. International Development Committee could have considered this things and offered advice. I think bulk of funds being for long term development projects is right. But will take advice.</p>
Douglas East				

Clare Barber	Yes, absolutely.	I believe if we wish to be viewed as a player on the international stage, we must focus on our international obligations and seek to increase our international aid budget progressively towards the UN gold standard.	A coalition of local experts in the humanitarian field and MHKs/Ministers	I am comfortable to be led on the exact breakdown by experts within the field although the current breakdown seems broadly reasonable. I would like to see a little more focus on education and awareness with the UN Sustainable Development Goals featuring in the school curriculum.
Joney Faragher	Yes. For many reasons - international relations form the backdrop of our country and all its endeavours in the bigger issues - consider, for example, the battle against climate change which has to be a global effort and can't be addressed just within our borders. International solidarity is an essential component of promoting our values as a nation on the global stage. If we believe in the equality of all people we need to accept that we have a moral obligation to use some of our considerable resources to alleviate suffering.	Yes - I would like to see our aid budget become more reflective of our successful economy, as a moral obligation. The Isle of Man should aspire to play its part on the world stage and raise its aid commitments in line with accepted international targets - for much the same reason as the previous question. International cooperation is key to many issues.	Option 3 seems to be sensible. This one seems to me to be an option that allows for accountability to be paired with an evidence-based and targeted approach to aid.	Ideally ongoing projects and relationships between the Isle of Man and its international partners should be maintained and deepened. This being said, additional projects should be funded too, allocating funds toward climate change mitigation and adaptation is crucial if we are to avoid ecological collapse. Providing sources of renewable energy in the target countries would not only reduce emissions, but it would also spur economic development, encourage enterprise and boost incomes of those who benefit from the scheme. I would like to see more investment into education and awareness.
Peter Gilmour	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet
Michael Josem	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet
Jonathan Joughin	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet
Christine Urquhart	Yes, I do agree that we should have an international development fund to help provide aid in countries that may require it. We are extremely privileged to have been born and live in a place such as the Isle of Man, where earthquakes, drought, major disasters are few and far between. We have been able to grow and prosper whilst people in other countries struggle on a daily basis.	I do believe that discussions could, and should, be opened up regarding this.	It most definitely should be decided by a coalition of local experts in the humanitarian field and MHK's/Ministers	I would like to see the 1% Development education and awareness raised, with the Longer term development projects reduced. If we can educate and train in other countries, development projects can be handed over to them as they will have the people with the skills base and expertise once the education and training has been provided. That in itself is the best long term development we could give to any country.
Amanda Walker	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet
Douglas North				

David Ashford	I do believe there should be an international aid budget and it is important that the island recognises its place in the wider world and assists those countries that are not as fortunate as ourselves.	I would support an increase but it needs to be done over time. The public finances have taken a massive hit with Covid and that is going to impact across all revenue budgets over the next few years. Therefore while I would support an increase it needs to be done over the lifetime of the next administration.	With the three options on offer it should be (3) but it has to be remembered that MHKs and Ministers are ultimately accountable for the expenditure of taxpayers money and therefore there would need to be clear line of sight of where the monies were going and a proper impact assessment of the impact the monetary spend has had.	
Kevin Oliphant-Smith	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet
Ralph Peake	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet
John Wannenburg	Yes we should have budget for this, however it does need to reflect what we can afford to send.	Not at the moment, as we need to recover the economy from Covid and Brexit. Once this has been done sufficiently, we should review it.	Option 3. Definitely NOT Civil Servants.	I support this, however I would need to do further research / take advice, to see if this needs to change.
Douglas South				
Claire Christian	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet
Gerard Higgins	The Isle of Man has a responsibility to honour international commitments whatever field they may be in .	I would commit to having a staged approach to working towards UN recommended budget targets against a backdrop of having to deal the child/food poverty and homelessness that we face locally. Civil servants should not be part of the decision making process which should lie with a coalition of local experts making recommendations to politicians.	Given the crises that we have seen in recent years such as in Syria and the unfolding tragedy in Afghanistan I would prefer that a higher percentage of the budget be made available for emergency relief.	My underlying concern in respect of any provision of aid is more fundamental and one which I know many people share. The issue of how we ensure that relief gets to the people that genuinely need it and it is not swallowed up by totalitarian regimes and bureaucracy needs to be addressed.'
Sarah Maltby	The Isle of Man should have an overseas aid budget. We are part of a global community and we should play our part internationally as well as eliminating issues such as homelessness, poverty, housing and medical waiting lists at home.	I would support a phased move towards the UN level of aid. As with many issues post pandemic we need to re prioritise budgets away from expensive vanity projects or schemes going over budget.	I would support a coalition of local experts in the humanitarian field working with Tynwald members to focus our support where needed and to avoid any pitfalls. Ultimately Tynwald members who are accountable should make the final decision.	I feel the development of education and awareness should be increased and the small counties financial management programme reduced. I would need to know more about the work of such programmes before making a statement on this matter though as at the moment this is based on my small knowledge in this area.
Paul Quine				
Garff				

Daphne Caine	Yes absolutely agree with IoM providing suitable budget for international development. It is important to recognise the Isle of Man is a wealthy nation, despite the impact of the pandemic, and it is an international obligation for wealthy jurisdictions to support sustainable development to alleviate extreme poverty in developing nations.	Yes, I support incrementally increasing the budget towards the 0.7% level of national income. However, as GDP is skewed by gaming profits that do not benefit the island there is an argument for excluding those from the calculation of IoM national income.	3 would be the ideal.	I don't disagree with the percentages but don't know if it could be better, would prefer local experts to agree the appropriate proportion allocated to each. I think what is lacking is greater public awareness about why it is essential and why it should be a matter of pride for the island to provide international aid, also to evaluate openly how effective supported programmes have been, plus respond to the ever present social media comment 'charity begins at home...' finding reasons why we shouldn't give to poorer nations while we have poverty on the island, etc, demonstrating the complete lack of awareness of extreme poverty in developing nations, the need for social justice and support for girls' education, beekeeping in Burundi etc.
Martyn Perkins	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	
Andrew Smith	Yes, I agree that IOM Government should have an International Development Budget.	I would support an increase towards the UN target but need to also be cognisant of the mounting financial pressures being placed upon our Island's currently very limited public purse.	Coalition of local experts and MHK's/Ministers	I currently do not have enough information to either confirm or suggest that the % proportion figures need adjustment.
James Smith	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet
Gareth Young	Yes we should have an international development budget. If we want to promote our values as a nation on the global stage then international solidarity is a vital part of making this happen. The battles against climate change and poverty do not only exist within our own borders and we will all need to work together in order to overcome them.	I would support an increase in the development budget as if we are to be considered a true member of the global community then we have to aspire to play our part on the world stage and a raise in our budget in line with acceptable international standards seems only fair.	Option 3 seems the most logical choice to me. Expertise is needed with a democratic oversight as this then allows us to build in capacity for accountability and to make evidence based decisions.	Ongoing projects and relationships are vital to maintain and developing these further would be ideal. With this in mind it should not be beyond the scope to fund additional projects as well, allocating funds to climate mitigations for example will help us ensure that we do not see climate change spiral further
Glenfaba and Peel				
Geoffrey Boot	Yes we should play our part on the international stage.	Very few countries, if any, allocate that amount and bearing in mind we have many issues on island, there is a strong argument that we should not be increasing our commitment at present.	Ministers and MHKs in conjunction with external expertise and of course civil servants.	The mix could be changed and I am all in favour of constant review. With what's going on in Afghanistan and other places there may be a case for more emergency relief but I am in favour of long term projects and commitment which produce tangible and measurable improvements.
Trevor Cowin	Declined to reply	Declined to reply	Declined to reply	Declined to reply
Timothy Crookall	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet

Leo Cussons	Yes, It benefits everyone. What we do internally we must do externally.	Yes, It is not an unreasonable amount.	Number 3	It seems reasonable. I would be open to advice on this matter. I have no direct experience.
Raymond Harmer	Yes absolutely	Yes - so can play our part and those help to get out of poverty and need.	Option 3	This will need to be flexible as needs change - for example helping to support the CoVax scheme. However more should be spent on development education and awareness.
Michael Lee	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet
Kate Lord-Brennan	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet
Middle				
David Fowler	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet
Keiran Hannifin	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet
Alison Lynch	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet
Stuart Peters	No – IOMG should use all IOM taxes to provide IOM services. If we can't afford Meals on Wheels, decent state pensions or feed poor kids during school holidays we shouldn't be gifting money to Burundi or elsewhere.	No – IOMG should make PERSONAL donations tax exempt, or even top them up. The UN recommendation is just that, it is not legally binding.	See previous answers	See previous answers
Jane Poole-Wilson	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet
Onchan				
Robert Callister	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet
James Cherry	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet
Julie Edge	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet
Michael Leather	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet
Peter Willers	YES, I THINK THAT ALL SOVEREIGN GOVERNMENTS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE. APART FROM THE OBVIOUS CONSIDERATION OF HUMANITARIAN AID, AS FORMER US SECRETARY OF DEFENCE, ROBERT GATES SAID: "Development contributes to stability. It contributes to better governance, and if you are able to do those things and you are able to do them in a focused and sustainable way, then it may be unnecessary [for us] to send soldiers."	YES, THE ONLY REASON WHY NOT WOULD BE IF THE FUNDS WERE BEING MISUSED.	BY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM A COALITION OF LOCAL EXPERTS IN THE HUMANITARIAN FIELD APPROVED BY A FREE MHK VOTE.	NO I DON'T BELIEVE THE PROPORTION IS CORRECT; 3 & 4 NEED INCREASING AT THE EXPENSE OF 2.
Ramsey				
Alex Allinson	I support the current level of international development funding with the aspiration to move towards 0.7% of national income		I think the current collaboration between the Cabinet Office and your organisation is a very useful was of prioritising this allocation and see that following the viral pandemic the balance between long term and emergency funding may need to be adjusted.	
Robert Cowell	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet
Lawrie Hooper	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet

Jonathan Kinrade	Absolutely we should have an international development budget. I am aware of resistance amongst some of the public who firmly believe that "charity starts at home" but as a caring society we should be doing all we can to help others who are in significantly less fortunate situations than ourselves.	I would support an increase in our international development budget but have unfortunately been surprised by the level of resistance amongst some in our society to helping others. This has been highlighted over recent weeks by the plight of those in Afghanistan hitting the headlines. For that reason I think there might need to be a relatively creative way to source those funds rather than just from general government funds. This would hopefully enable a worthwhile increase in a way that could be justified and without causing too much negativity from those who are opposed	All of the above. MHK's, the relevant civil servants and experts in the field.	Hand on heart I don't know enough about how those funds are spent to say if that breakdown is appropriate or not. Should I ever be in a position where I was making a decision or casting a vote on such things I would of course speak to the relevant experts and do my own research beforehand.
Simon Mann	I do agree with having an international development budget. The Isle of Man is a wealthy small nation that can easily afford to share its wealth with countries in a less fortunate position.	The budget should be in line with the UN recommendation. If the positions were reversed this is what we would hope other countries would do for us. It also keeps the Isle of Man in line with the UN	The recommendation of a coalition of local experts in the humanitarian field supported by a full vote in Tynwald.	I don't think the apportionment is correct. I feel we would make better use of the money if 75% went to emergency relief and 25% went to longer term development projects preferably education in medical treatment and disease prevention and the development of clean water systems. I appreciate that everyone has differing views but I would like to see substantial change making sure that every penny is spent wisely and not with countries that already have sufficient resources. In all respects, the budget should be aimed at immediately saving lives and alleviating suffering. If elected, I would welcome holding a substantive meeting on the subject as I feel it is well worthy of considerable public debate. It is my view that the Island can and will do better. This is one area in which I will be pleased to assist if I receive enough support from the electorate in Ramsey.

Luke Parker	Yes I do agree there should be budgets for International development. The Island is only a small place in a large world and while the Island is finically strong supporting those which aren't not only builds better character and reputation as a nation but also enhances the lives and civilisations of those who are not as fortunate as us.	(Mr Parker queried if these figures are correct. They are.)	While having MHKs and Ministers propose spending and set budgets having experts within certain fields to give their opinions always carries weight and gives a better view to where the money is going.	To give a more clear and precise decision on how the support is portioned out I would need to know more specifics on what each project actually entails and what the outcomes from each are. However from an overview look the only change which I think might be of benefit would be to equal out the percentages of Small Countries Financial Management Programme and Development education and awareness. Raising awareness on any type of Development and educating those involved or not involved can only be positive. The awareness of any future developments can inspire people and make people feel part of something bigger which can help gain momentum on projects and also has the potential to increase funding and support, but without the awareness and education gathering support becomes difficult.
Leonard Singer	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet
Erica Spencer	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet
Rushen				
Michelle Haywood	Yes of course we should have an international development budget. We are a wealthy country (built on our imperial past) and it is morally right to assist the development of other countries.	Yes I would support an increase in the budget. UN targets are based on the UN assessments of the funds needed to support developing countries without a detrimental effect on the donor countries. It is a shame that we give less than a tenth of the recommended amount. 0.7% is recognised as a long-term goal and we should implement a plan for incremental increases.	Can I add a further option please? I would like to pick an enhanced option 3, which includes international experts where appropriate. I don't think MHKs/Ministers would necessarily be able to assess the options without expert opinion, but would like advice from a wider cohort of experts, not just locally based ones.	Climate change is likely to drive a greater need for emergency relief and this may see greater pressure on that apportionment. Longer term development projects that help address the climate emergency should be prioritised. I would be interested in an independent audit of the SCFMP to evaluate whether it provides good value for money and there is evidence that the Programme has helped effect change in the participants' countries during it's operation.

Mark Kemp	I do believe that we should have an international development budget and if you look at the events around the world, including the Afghan exodus, you can see why developed nations should be contributing. It's also worth considering that raising standards and helping nations get on their feet benefits us through retail options, environmental initiatives and the upskilling of workers that could fill skills shortages here. We have big problems with homeless and poverty, but the next House can mandate appropriately for that and assign funds which could be found from budget reform.	I would like the next House of Keys to explore increasing the fund to 0.7% but we must remain cognizant that there are problems here, such as mentioned in question 1, and more besides, such as the need to recruit 200 headcount in Manx Care, many through the 'break glass' initiative, and we have a GP shortage which could be costly to resolve, plus we are struggling to retain teachers. Without more information, I can't unequivocally support an increase but I will be more than happy to explore same and support it should the numbers stack up.	I would go with option 3 but I would like for the local experts to be supported by international experts and for there to be no MHK/Ministerial interaction or meddling.	I'd like to see much greater emphasis placed on education. I like the idea of giving people the tools to help themselves and their community or to move to another country to work and make a life there. Emergency aid will always been needed so I see 25% as reasonable, however, I am more than willing to be educated on this topic and will happily revise my stance once I have more information. I'd like to see the next House of Keys reach out to experts to be educated on the whole topic of international aid. .the more informed the Keys are, the more equipped to revise targets and improve aid they are.
Andrew Langan-Newton	I agree that the Isle of Man Government should have an international aid budget. There are important moral, social, and economic reasons why we should give overseas aid. In terms of the moral point, we should, as a developed, wealthy nation, express compassion and empathy for others less fortunate than ourselves through the giving of aid. In terms of the social points, if we (as a developed, wealthy nation) do not provide aid to others displaced by disaster or chronic deprivation, we cannot create stable environments for these peoples to maintain fulfilling lives in. This can force populations into large scale displacement and migrations. In terms of economics, by choosing not to invest into communities subjected to disaster or chronic deprivation, we sacrifice the opportunity to build productive and self-sufficient trading partners around the world. As the old adage goes, if you beggar your neighbour you ultimately beggar yourself.	I do support an increase of the overseas aid budget towards the United Nations recommendation and the legislation that was passed by the United Kingdom Parliament reflecting the same. As well as the reasons already stated above in response to question 1, the Isle of Man is a wealthy nation in a connected world. We can show leadership on the important issue of international aid, reflecting solidarity, compassion, and empathy, but also, we can have greater appreciation of the important long term benefit to the Isle of Man in giving aid around the world.	My preference would be for number (3)	Following on from my response to question (3), I think I would need to engage with practitioners in the field of overseas aid to develop a greater knowledge of the most beneficial means to distributing the aid budget. As a general statement, I have a preference towards long term aid projects that are consistent and transformational for the beneficiary communities.
Juan Watterson	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet	No reply received yet