

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY LEADS IN AID CONTRIBUTIONS TO IRAQI REFUGEES

As of May 29, the European Community and its twelve member states have committed \$602 million in emergency aid for refugee or displaced Iraqi populations, making it the world's largest aid donor in the current crisis. This amount represents 63 percent of total world aid (\$955 million) committed to date. The next largest contributors, the US and Japan, have thus far pledged \$212.7 million and \$100 million, respectively.⁽¹⁾

Of the Community's aggregate contribution, 105 million ECU⁽²⁾ has or will come from the EC budget; the member states' bilateral aid share commitments total 397 million ECU. More than 91 million ECU from the EC budget has been put into play, financing a wide range of relief operations and materiel, including 313 aid flights to the affected region, the establishment and operation of 8 field hospitals and 4 refugee camps (supporting 33,000 people), 65,502 tents, over 32,000 tons of food, 1.5 million blankets and 210,000 pairs of shoes.

The breakdown of EC member state aid in million ECU follows:

	<u>Amount in ECU</u>
EC	105.000
Belgium	4.145
Denmark	14.442
France	26.450
Germany	201.162
Greece	796
Ireland	713
Italy	19.435
Luxembourg	708
Netherlands	43.697
Portugal	506
Spain	12.829
UK	72.078
Total	<u>501.961</u>

⁽¹⁾ Source: U.S. State Department and United Nations Disaster Relief Organization

⁽²⁾ ECU = \$1.21 on May 15, 1991

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