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In AccountAble 50, an analysis of foreign contribution received during 1997-98 was presented. We now present a similar analysis for the year 1998-99.

Total Receipts

During 98-99, 13,775 organisations filed their FC-3 returns. They reported receiving a total of Rs.3,402.9 crores. In 97-98, this figure was Rs.2,864.51 crores.

Over the seven years from 1992-93 till 1998-99, the contribution has grown at an annual rate of 13.6%. Average contribution received by each organization has gone up from Rs.15.53 lakhs in 92-93 to Rs.24.7 lakhs in 1998-99.

Origin of Funds

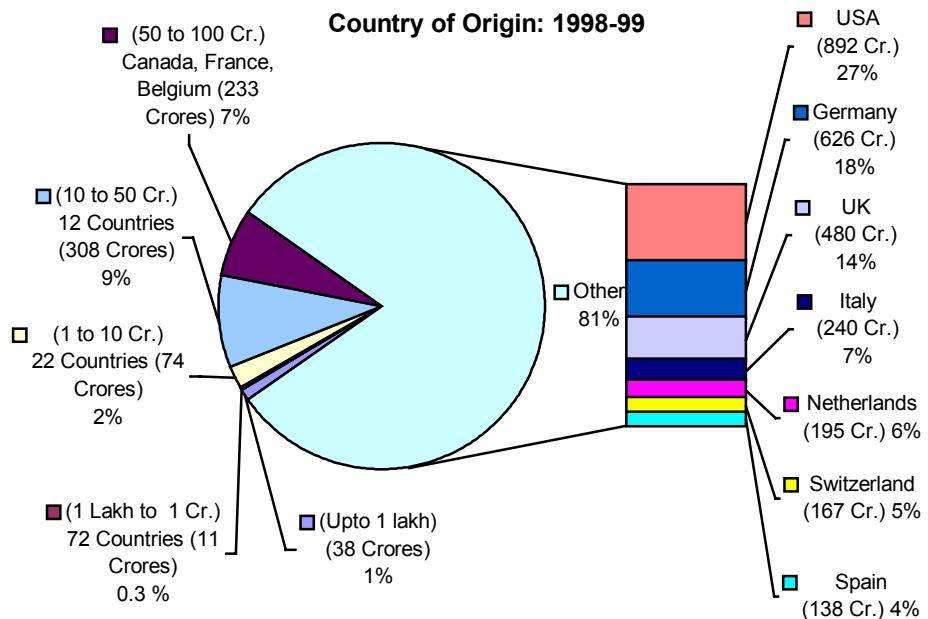
Where do these funds come from?

The report lists 135 countries, ranging from USA (892.43 crore rupees) to Laos (1,000 rupees!). Additionally, there is a category called 'Small donors' – these contributed a total of Rs.37.44 crores.

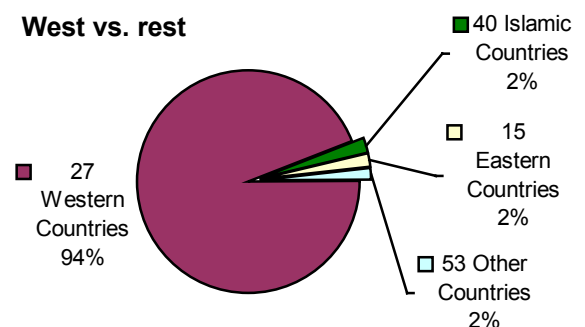
The pie-and-stack chart given alongside shows that seven Western countries sent in 81% of the total funds i.e. Rs.2,738

crores. These are listed in the bar. Next came three countries – Canada (79.17 crores), France (78.23 crores), and Belgium (75.18 crores).

The smaller pie chart shows another perspective. Ninety four percent of the funding originates in the West. Islamic countries, Eastern countries and the rest contribute only 6%.



West vs. rest

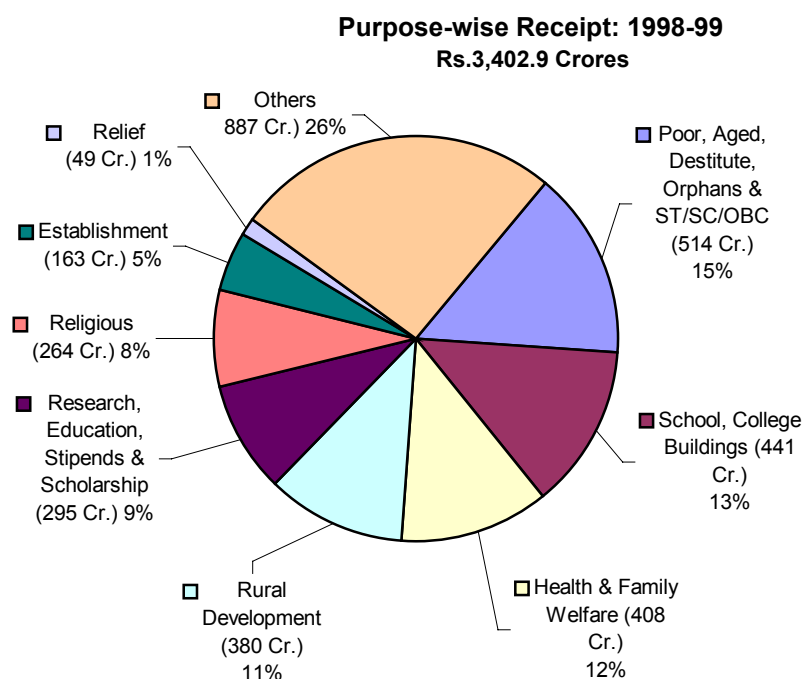


Purpose of Receipt

This analysis is probably unreliable, as most NGOs find it difficult to provide accurate classification for their expenditure. However, it is given here for what it may be worth.

Two items which have shown an increase over the previous year are religious activities and research.

The classification shows addition of five new items this year. These include establishment expenses, on which about 5% is reported to have been spent.



Top 25 Agencies

The report also provides a list of 25 biggest donors. Together, these donors contribute a total of Rs.794.24 crores or about 23% of the total inflow.

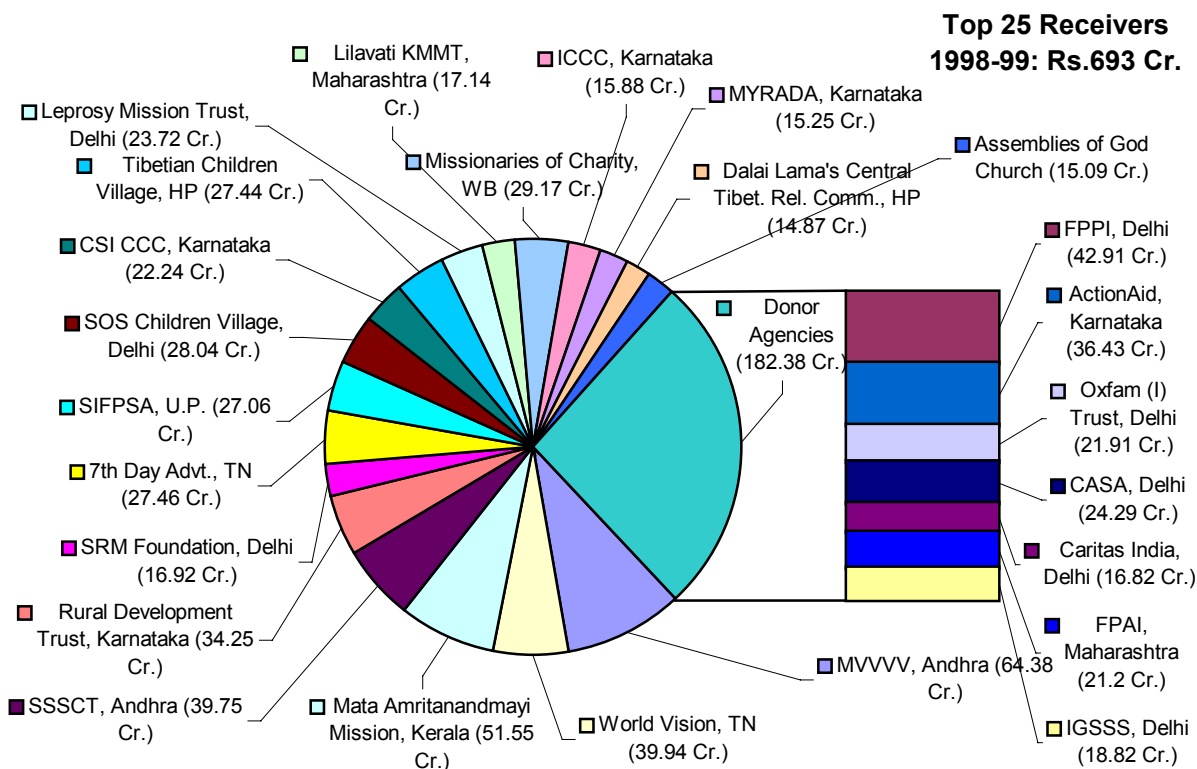
These figures do not include bilateral funds (foreign Government to Indian Government) or UN funds.

Agency	Country	Rs. Cr.
1. EZE	Germany	55.03
2. Maharishi Ayurvedic Trust	UK	51.82
3. Actionaid	UK	48.05
4. Missio	Germany	43.78
5. Foster Parents Plan International	USA	43.19
6. Christian Children's Fund	USA	42.67
7. Manos Unidas Committee	Spain	41.49
8. Age of Enlightenment Trust	UK	40.43
9. World Vision International	USA	38.83
10. Miserior	Germany	35.52
11. Foundation Vincent Ferrer	Spain	34.60
12. Kinder Not Heilfe	Germany	33.43
13. US Aid	USA	27.21
14. Ford Foundation	USA	26.59
15. Inter Church Coordination Committee (ICCO)	Netherlands	25.86
16. Bilance	Netherlands	23.46
17. Mata Amritanandmayi Centre	USA	22.71
18. Children House International	USA	22.37
19. Christian Aid	UK	22.31
20. The Leprosy Mission	UK	22.19
21. International Planned Parenthood Federation	UK	20.98
22. Oxfam (India) Trust	UK	18.72
23. Plan International	UK	18.37
24. HIVOS Foundation	Netherlands	17.44
25. Missio Prokur	Germany	17.19

Top 25 receivers

Who receives this money? There is a long list of over 13,500 organisations that received the funds. A more manageable list is of the top 25 receivers.

However, the picture is slightly confusing. The list includes both NGOs and grant-making agencies. Together, these 25 organisations received Rs.693 crores in 1998-99 or about 20% of the total inflow. Out of this, at least 26% (about Rs.182 crores) was received by grant-making agencies. This is shown separately as a stack.



State-wise receipts

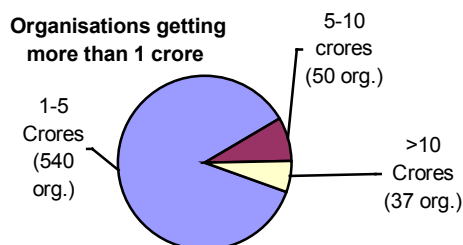
In 98-99, seventeen states received 3,330.75 crores or about 98% of the total inflow. The balance 2% was shared by remaining 9 states and 5 union territories. The report shows no organisations from Lakshadweep.

States/ UT	Crores	%
1. Andhra Pradesh	487.29	14.3
2. Delhi	487.28	14.3
3. Tamilnadu	486.36	14.3
4. Karnataka	354.73	10.4
5. Maharashtra	322.61	9.5
6. Kerala	322.42	9.5
7. West Bengal	216.42	6.4
8. Uttar Pradesh	133.87	3.9
9. Gujarat	102.09	3.0

States/ UT	Crores	%
10. Bihar	100.60	3.0
11. Madhya Pradesh	80.67	2.4
12. Orissa	68.52	2.0
13. Himachal Pradesh	64.32	1.9
14. Rajasthan	30.47	0.9
15. Meghalaya	26.29	0.8
16. Punjab	23.83	0.7
17. Assam	22.98	0.7
18. Others	72.15	2.0

More than 1 crore

About 627 (4.6%) organisations received more than 1 crore in 98-99. The other 13,148 (95.4%) organisations received less than Rs.1 crore each.



What about the BIMARU states?

The acronym BIMARU stands for Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. These four states have very unfavourable socio-economic indicators in terms of economic poverty and living standard. How much do these states receive? The table shows that these states receive only about 10 % of foreign contribution.

This may be due to several factors:

- Relatively lower absorptive capacity of NGOs in these states, combined with a lower density – the total number of organisations registered under FCRA in these states is just 4,174, or 15.6% of total number of FCRA registered organisations in India.
- Inability to communicate in English, the preferred language at most donor agencies.
- Faulty tracking and analysis of movement of FCRA funds from one state to another.

States	1998-99 (Rs.Crore)	%
Bihar	100.60	2.9
Madhya Pradesh	80.67	2.4
Rajasthan	30.47	0.9
Uttar Pradesh	133.87	3.9
BIMARU States	345.61	10.1
Rest of the country	3,057.29	89.9
Total	3,402.90	100.0

The analysis presented in this issue is based on the 'Inflow of Foreign Contributions Report 1998-99', prepared by the Ministry of Home Affairs. This report provides a lot of valuable data on foreign contribution and we would like to place on record our appreciation of the hard work the FCRA Department puts in while compiling this information despite limited personnel and infrastructure.

There are also limitations on the present analysis. Some of the charts may be misinterpreted, if taken casually. You are, therefore, requested to carefully read the notes for each chart. Also in general:

- ❑ Foreign contribution in kind (material) is sometimes not valued or reported by receiving NGOs. The figures and analysis will be distorted accordingly.
- ❑ The data includes all money reported as received for educational, social, religious, cultural, or economic programs. This money may be received by 'social-change institutions', development organizations, religious bodies, universities, and hospitals as also NGOs set up by the Government. For easier reading and in the absence of any definite classification, we have used the term NGO for all these.
- ❑ The FCRA dept. actually makes no real distinction between grant making agencies and NGOs. We have used the term Agency to indicate that an organization is mainly involved in making grants to other NGOs.
- ❑ A crore means 10,000,000 or ten million. One crore of Indian Rupees is currently equal to 227,000 US Dollars. A lakh means 100,000.

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