UN Reform: the humanitarian equation

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Governance is a challenge
  - not one system but many

Humanitarian spending has increased markedly
  - responses are uneven

Concentration of donors
Key trends in relation to UN agencies

- Concerns re UN agency performance
- A lack of trust in the system
  - perceived decline in multilateral spending
- Increasing influence of donor governments
- Inadequate strategic planning and weak capacity for coordination
Unpacking the trends

- Bilateralisation – a real problem?
- Globally, the UN share is not declining significantly – earmarking was increasing
- Issues of capacity to plan, prioritise and deliver remained critical
Key ‘reform’ initiatives

- Good humanitarian donorship – opportunities for the UN
- Reform of the IASC
- Transitions work and the UN in post-conflict operations
- Humanitarian partnerships
Future issues..

- **G77** – a new humanitarian dialogue
- Integrated missions here to stay?
  - Independence question
- Increased engagement of development actors in traditionally ‘humanitarian’ settings
Future issues..

- Raising the ‘security’ bar for operational responses
- Reassertion of US role in international security and the ‘global war on terror’