

### 3. Health: Polio [43]

#### Commitment

“We urgently call for mobilization of financial support and will continue to work collectively and with bilateral and multilateral donors to close the funding gap for 2007-2008, and will continue to work with others towards securing the resources necessary to finish the program and declare our planet polio-free in the near future.”

*Fight Against Infectious Disease*<sup>105</sup>

#### Background

The commitment for the eradication of polio is an integral part of the G8’s fight against infectious diseases. Polio is a communicable disease that plagues countries in the developing world. The objective of the G8 Polio Commitment is to garner financial aid from bilateral and multilateral donors to support logistics and resource allocation for anti-polio virus programs, specifically the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), sponsored by the World Health Organization (WHO), Rotary International, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF).

Since its inception in 1988, the GPEI has been highly effective, eradicating 99% of polio cases worldwide. Current assessments project that four nations—Nigeria, India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan—continue to suffer the polio epidemic, and that there remains an imminent risk of international spread through re-infection in twelve African and Southeast Asian countries.<sup>106</sup> To sustain and improve upon these levels of polio eradication, adequate funding, participation and partnership between governments, civil society, and the private sector are essential.

Upon completion of the interim compliance period in December 2006, the GPEI faced a funding gap of USD575 million for the 2006-2007 period.<sup>107</sup> Nearing the expiry of the St. Petersburg compliance period (2006-2007), the GPEI funding requirements have significantly increased, reaching USD695 million, with an immediate funding shortfall of USD235 million required to ensure planned immunization projects in 2007.<sup>108</sup> Much of this gap comes as a result of lower than expected contributions from public sector, NGO, and IGO donors for the 2006 and 2007 funding periods. Additional funding gaps of approximately USD340 million and USD140 million for polio eradication activities in 2008 and 2009, respectively, must also be closed.<sup>109</sup> On 28 February 2007, an Urgent Consultation on Polio Eradication sponsored by the WHO was convened in Geneva to address these issues. Participants included representatives from G8 member countries, the European Commission, polio-endemic countries, and Spearheading Partners.<sup>110</sup> The Consultation reviewed partnership capacities to meet the remaining operational and financial challenges, and to reaffirm objectives for global polio eradication.<sup>111</sup>

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<sup>105</sup> Fight Against Infectious Disease, St. Petersburg Summit Documents, U of T G8 Information Centre, (Toronto), 16 July 2006. Date of Access: 7 October 2006. [www.g8.utoronto.ca/summit/2006stpetersburg/infdis.html](http://www.g8.utoronto.ca/summit/2006stpetersburg/infdis.html).

<sup>106</sup> Monthly Situation Report, Global Polio Eradication Initiative, (Geneva), 28 November 2006. Date of Access: 29 December 2006. [www.polioeradication.org/content/general/PolioSitrepNovember2006ENG.pdf](http://www.polioeradication.org/content/general/PolioSitrepNovember2006ENG.pdf).

<sup>107</sup> Financial Resource Requirements for 2007-2009, Global Polio Eradication Initiative, (Geneva), 11 January 2008. Date of Access: 1 May 2007. <http://www.polioeradication.org/content/general/FRR2007-2009FinalEnglish.pdf>.

<sup>108</sup> Financial Resource Requirements for 2007-2009, Global Polio Eradication Initiative, (Geneva), 11 January 2008. Date of Access: 1 May 2007. <http://www.polioeradication.org/content/general/FRR2007-2009FinalEnglish.pdf>.

<sup>109</sup> Financial Resource Requirements for 2007-2009, Global Polio Eradication Initiative, (Geneva) 11 January 2007. Date of Access: 2 May 2007. <http://www.polioeradication.org/content/general/FRR2007-2009FinalEnglish.pdf>.

<sup>110</sup> WHO Urgent Stakeholder Consultation on Polio Eradication, Global Polio Eradication Initiative, (Geneva), 28 February 2007. Date of Access: 28 April 2007. <http://www.polioeradication.org/content/general/ListofParticipants.pdf>.

<sup>111</sup> Monthly Situation Report, Global Polio Eradication Initiative, (Geneva), 6 March 2007. Date of Access: 2 May 2007. <http://www.polioeradication.org/content/general/PolioSitrepFebruary2007ENG.pdf>.

## Assessment

2006 Final Compliance Score			
	Lack of Compliance	Work in Progress	Full Compliance
Canada			+1
France		0	
Germany			+1
Italy	-1		
Japan		0	
Russia			+1
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union		0	
<b>Overall</b>			<b>+0.44</b>

### Canada: +1

Canada registers full compliance with its St. Petersburg commitment to eradicate polio. According to the GPEI Donor Contributions Report, published on 11 January 2007, Canada pledged USD42.52 million in 2006, making it the third largest public sector donor, with a 14.5 percent share of public-sector donor funding.<sup>112</sup> According to the report, Canada has also earmarked USD3.15 million in GPEI donations for the 2007 fiscal year.<sup>113</sup>

In addition, Canada has also supported other multilateral initiatives to fight polio. On 9 September 2006, the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) announced that it will allocate over one-third of its CAD1.39 billion budget in 2006-2007 to multilateral partners that specifically target the health sector, which include the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization, the Canadian International Immunization Initiative, the World Health Organization, and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.<sup>114</sup> In September 2006, CIDA also assigned USD450 million in funding over 10 years (already previously committed at St. Petersburg) for the African Health Systems Initiative, an envelope of CIDA projects that will work to strengthen health systems and human resources for health in Africa.<sup>115</sup> On 5 October 2006, Canada pledged a bilateral contribution of USD5 million to Afghanistan to vaccinate over seven million children against polio between October 2006 and December 2007.<sup>116</sup> Most recently, on 25 March 2007, the Canadian government announced that it would pledge an additional contribution of USD1.5 million to fund a joint initiative to fight polio in Afghanistan in conjunction with the WHO, UNICEF, and the Government of Afghanistan.<sup>117</sup>

*Analyst: Haley Hatch*

<sup>112</sup> Donor Contributions and Pledges to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative 1985-2008, Global Polio Eradication Initiative, (Geneva), 11 January 2007. Date of Access: 15 January 2007. [www.polioeradication.org/content/general/FRR\\_07Jan\\_Hist\\_contribution.pdf](http://www.polioeradication.org/content/general/FRR_07Jan_Hist_contribution.pdf).

<sup>113</sup> Donor Contributions and Pledges to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative 1985-2008, Global Polio Eradication Initiative, (Geneva), 11 January 2007. Date of Access: 15 January 2007. [www.polioeradication.org/content/general/FRR\\_07Jan\\_Hist\\_contribution.pdf](http://www.polioeradication.org/content/general/FRR_07Jan_Hist_contribution.pdf).

<sup>114</sup> Analysis of Program Activities, Canadian International Development Agency, (Ottawa), 9 September 2006. Date of Access: 16 November 2006. [www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/rpp/0607/CIDA-ACDI/cida-acdi02\\_e.asp](http://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/rpp/0607/CIDA-ACDI/cida-acdi02_e.asp).

<sup>115</sup> Analysis of Program Activities, Canadian International Development Agency, (Ottawa), 9 September 2006. Date of Access: 16 November 2006. [www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/rpp/0607/CIDA-ACDI/cidi-acdi02\\_e.asp](http://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/rpp/0607/CIDA-ACDI/cidi-acdi02_e.asp).

<sup>116</sup> Helping Afghans Rebuild Their Lives: Canada Supports Community-based Development in Afghanistan, Canadian International Development Agency, (Ottawa), 11 October 2006. Date of Access: 16 November 2006. [www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/CIDAWEB/acdicida.nsf/prnEn/MIC-1011111756-KXS](http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/CIDAWEB/acdicida.nsf/prnEn/MIC-1011111756-KXS).

<sup>117</sup> Massive Canadian-Funded Anti-Polio Drive to Immunize More Than Seven Million Children in Afghanistan, UNICEF Canada, (Ottawa), 25 March 2007. Date of Access: 11 May 2007. <http://www.ccnmatthews.com/news/releases/show.jsp?action=showRelease&searchText=false&showText=all&actionFor=642154>.

## France: 0

France has partially complied with its St. Petersburg commitment to fight polio. According to the 2007 GPEI Donor Report, France was the fifth-largest public sector donor with a contribution of USD12.8 million—approximately 4.4 percent of total financial GPEI contributions from public sector donors in 2006.<sup>118</sup> France, however, has yet to arrange any specific contribution for the 2007 funding period.<sup>119</sup> On 9 May 2006, the French government pledged USD2 billion for bilateral and multilateral polio eradication to be allocated during the period of 2007-2021, however, the budget will not come into effect until its parliamentary approval in 2007.<sup>120</sup> Although France made a large financial contribution to the GPEI in 2006, until it registers a specific funding pledge for 2007, it receives a score of “0” for partial compliance with its commitment.

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## Germany +1

Germany has fully complied with its St. Petersburg commitment to fight polio. As of 11 January 2007, the GPEI has reported a pledge of USD13.61 million, ranking Germany as the fourth largest public sector donor with a 4.6 percent share of total public sector donations received in 2006.<sup>121</sup> The GPEI reports that Germany has contributed USD13.74 million and USD13.06 million in additional funding for the 2007 and 2008 GPEI funding periods, respectively.<sup>122</sup> In 2006, Germany’s Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development also worked closely with the WHO and UNICEF in establishing viable partnerships to implement polio immunization campaigns in the Philippines and Malawi.<sup>123</sup>

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## Italy: -1

Italy has not complied with its St. Petersburg commitment to fight polio. According to the GPEI Donor Contribution Report issued on 11 January 2007, Italy has yet to arrange any specific pledges for the 2006–2008 funding period despite commitments made at previous G8 Summits, most recently in St. Petersburg.<sup>124</sup> On 9 February 2007 however, Italy, in conjunction with other G8 countries, Norway and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, pledged USD635 million in funding for the Advance Market Commitment, a pilot vaccination program.<sup>125</sup> The program is designed to establish a market that would encourage manufacturers to develop vaccines for communicable diseases, including polio, in developing countries; Italy specifically committed funds towards particular vaccines to be marketed at a set price for each individual that is immunized.<sup>126</sup> Although Italy has made some effort in working on

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<sup>118</sup> Donor Contributions and Pledges to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative 1985-2008, Global Polio Eradication Initiative, (Geneva), 11 January 2007. Date of Access: 15 January 2007.

<sup>119</sup> Donor Contributions and Pledges to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative 1985-2008, Global Polio Eradication Initiative, (Geneva), 11 January 2007. Date of Access: 15 January 2007.

<sup>120</sup> *Projet De Loi De Finance Pour 2007: Aide Publique Au Developpement*, Senat Francais, (Paris), 23 November 2006. Date of Access: 22 December 2006. [www.senat.fr/rap/l06-078-34/l06-078-3475.html#fnref88](http://www.senat.fr/rap/l06-078-34/l06-078-3475.html#fnref88).

<sup>121</sup> Donor Contributions and Pledges to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative 1985-2008, Global Polio Eradication Initiative, (Geneva), 11 January 2007. Date of Access: 15 January 2007.

<sup>122</sup> Donor Contributions and Pledges to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative 1985-2008, Global Polio Eradication Initiative, (Geneva), 11 January 2007. Date of Access: 15 January 2007.

<sup>123</sup> *Reducing Child Mortality*, Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development, (Bonn), 24 November 2006. Date of Access: 10 April 2007.

<http://www.bmz.de/en/issues/Health/hintergrund/schwerpunkt/kindersterblichkeit.html>.

<sup>124</sup> Donor Contributions and Pledges to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative 1985-2008, Global Polio Eradication Initiative, (Geneva), 11 January 2007. Date of Access: 15 January 2007.

<sup>125</sup> *Launch of the first advance market commitment for new vaccines*, HM Treasury, (London), 9 February 2007. Date of Access: 15 April 2007. [http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/newsroom\\_and\\_speeches/press/2007/press\\_18\\_07.cfm](http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/newsroom_and_speeches/press/2007/press_18_07.cfm)

<sup>126</sup> *Advance Market Commitment Pilot Latest Policy to Improve Global Health*, Johns Hopkins Center for Global Health, (Baltimore), 19 February 2007. Date of Access: 15 April 2007. [http://www.hopkinsglobalhealth.org/our\\_work/gh\\_hopkins/ruth\\_levine\\_2-9-07.html](http://www.hopkinsglobalhealth.org/our_work/gh_hopkins/ruth_levine_2-9-07.html).

several multilateral and bilateral initiatives to fight polio,<sup>127</sup> its failure to make any GPEI contributions for the 2006 and 2007 funding periods warrants a score of “-1” for non-compliance.

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## **Japan: 0**

Japan has demonstrated some effort to honour its commitment to eradicate polio. The 2007 GPEI Donor Report recorded a USD12.47 million contribution from Japan for the 2006 fiscal year, making it the sixth-largest public sector donor at 4.3 percent of the total financial contributions in 2006.<sup>128</sup> However, the report also indicates that Japan has not registered any new pledges between January and May 2007 to close the funding gap for 2007 and beyond.<sup>129</sup>

In 2006, Japan provided generous bilateral and multilateral funding to fight polio in Ethiopia, contributing USD2.5 million, and USD16 million to UNICEF to combat childhood diseases, including polio, in Nigeria, Sudan and Ghana.<sup>130</sup> Further, on 15 December 2006, the Government of Japan extended a grant of USD3.85 million for a polio eradication initiative in Pakistan that will be used to fund the production of 27.77 million doses of oral polio vaccines, comprising approximately 9.3% of the required amount.<sup>131</sup> Despite Japan’s support for bilateral and multilateral initiatives in 2006 and 2007, until new funds are issued for the GPEI 2007 fiscal year Japan receives a partial compliance score of 0.

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## **Russia: +1**

Russia receives a score of “+1”, registering full compliance with its commitment made at the 2006 St. Petersburg Summit to eradicate polio.

As host of the St. Petersburg G8 Summit, Russia selected the “Fight Against Infectious Diseases” as one of its central themes.<sup>132</sup> Russia’s political leadership and mandate to combat polio at the St. Petersburg Summit was lauded by the WHO.<sup>133</sup>

During the St.-Petersburg summit Russia committed to contribute USD18 million to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative<sup>134</sup> though the terms were not indicated. Between September and December 2006 Russia contributed USD10 million to the GPEI: USD3 million for 2006, USD3 million for 2007, and USD4 million for 2008<sup>135</sup>. Russian Health and Social Development Minister Mikhail Zurabov stated that Russia is no longer a recipient and will become a donor in polio eradication.<sup>136</sup> The WHO recognized that the Russian Federation carried on the G8 tradition of supporting polio eradication.<sup>137</sup>

Russia also effectively initiated efforts to build relationships with partners focused on eradicating polio. It recently sponsored an international conference focused on the G8’s initiatives to fight infectious diseases in Moscow on 8 December 2006. Delegates from the G8 and supporting organizations shared

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<sup>127</sup> Update on Africa, G8 Summit 2006 St. Petersburg, (St. Petersburg), 17 July 2006. Date of Access: 22 November 2006. [http://www.auswaertiges\\_amt.de/diplo/de/Aussenpolitik/GlobaleHerausforderungen/G8/G8\\_Downloads/6\\_Afrika.pdf](http://www.auswaertiges_amt.de/diplo/de/Aussenpolitik/GlobaleHerausforderungen/G8/G8_Downloads/6_Afrika.pdf).

<sup>128</sup> Donor Contributions and Pledges to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative 1985-2008, Global Polio Eradication Initiative, (Geneva), 11 January 2007. Date of Access: 15 January 2007. [http://www.polioeradication.org/content/general/FRR\\_07Jan\\_Hist\\_contribution.pdf](http://www.polioeradication.org/content/general/FRR_07Jan_Hist_contribution.pdf).

<sup>129</sup> Donor Contributions and Pledges to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative 1985-2008, Global Polio Eradication Initiative, (Geneva), 11 January 2007. Date of Access: 15 January 2007. [http://www.polioeradication.org/content/general/FRR\\_07Jan\\_Hist\\_contribution.pdf](http://www.polioeradication.org/content/general/FRR_07Jan_Hist_contribution.pdf).

<sup>130</sup> Japan Donates \$16 million to Help Prevent Childhood Diseases in Four African Nations, UNICEF, (Geneva), 4 August 2006. Date of Access: 3 Jan. 2007. [http://www.unicef.org/infobycountry/japan\\_35228.html](http://www.unicef.org/infobycountry/japan_35228.html).

<sup>131</sup> Japan to Provide US\$ 3.85 million to Procure Polio Vaccines, The Associated Press of Pakistan, 15 December 2007. Date Access: 14 May 2007. [http://www.app.com.pk/en/index2.php?option=com\\_content&do\\_pdf=1&id=416](http://www.app.com.pk/en/index2.php?option=com_content&do_pdf=1&id=416).

<sup>132</sup> Speech by Chief Epidemiologist Gennady Onishchenko, (St. Petersburg), 24 July 2006. Date of Access: 23 December 2006. [en.g8russia.ru/news/20060724/1257426.html](http://en.g8russia.ru/news/20060724/1257426.html).

<sup>133</sup> Global Immunization News, WHO, (Geneva), 26 July 2006. Date of Access: 20 December 2006. [www.who.int/immunization/GIN\\_July2006.pdf](http://www.who.int/immunization/GIN_July2006.pdf).

<sup>134</sup> St Petersburg Summit Documents, Fight Against Infectious Diseases. <http://en.g8russia.ru/docs/10.html> Date of Access: 02 November 2006.

<sup>135</sup> Global Polio Eradication Initiative. New external contributions received between September and December 2006. [http://www.polioeradication.org/content/general/FRR\\_07Jan\\_NewContributions\\_sinceSept06.pdf](http://www.polioeradication.org/content/general/FRR_07Jan_NewContributions_sinceSept06.pdf) Date of Access 19 March 2007.

<sup>136</sup> Health and Social Development Minister Mikhail Zurabov Briefing note, (St. Petersburg), 16 July 2006. Date of Access: 20 November 2006. <http://g8russia.ru/news/20060716/1229553.html>.

<sup>137</sup> Global Immunization News (GIN), WHO, 26 July 2006. Date of Access: 20 November 2006. [http://www.who.int/immunization/GIN\\_July2006.pdf](http://www.who.int/immunization/GIN_July2006.pdf).

information about activities and strategies on how to make headway on the St. Petersburg commitments.<sup>138</sup> The issue of infectious diseases was also raised in Moscow at the 7th meeting of the Africa Partnership Forum.<sup>139</sup>

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## **United Kingdom: + 1**

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its St. Petersburg commitment to fight polio. The GPEI reports that the UK has registered significant funds for the 2006 funding period, and has also arranged for large contributions covering the 2007-2008 period.<sup>140</sup> According to the 2007 GPEI Donor Report, the UK made a pledge of USD53.65 million making it the second largest donor with a financial composition of 18.3 percent of the USD293 million in contributions from public sector donors in 2006.<sup>141</sup> Additionally, the GPEI reports that the UK made an impressive contribution of USD37.60 million in donations for the 2007 funding period, comprising 23.5 percent of the current USD159.72 million in public sector donations for 2007,<sup>142</sup> with USD3.6 million allocated for the 2008 fiscal year.<sup>143</sup> The UK has also supported other multilateral initiatives to fight polio. Between August and October 2006, the UK Department of International Development contributed USD5.5 million to a polio and measles immunization campaign in Uganda.<sup>144</sup> In November 2006, the UK also launched a special bond fund to vaccinate approximately 500 million children worldwide against endemic diseases including polio, measles, diphtheria and hepatitis.<sup>145</sup> The fund will sell long-term bonds to international money markets to raise money for developing countries, with interest on these paid by future aid funding.<sup>146</sup>

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## **United States: + 1**

The United States has fully complied with its St. Petersburg commitment to fight polio. According to the GPEI Donor Contributions Report for 2007, the United States has pledged approximately USD132.40 million in 2006, representing 45.0 percent of the USD293 million in total contributions from public sector donors in 2006.<sup>147</sup> In 2006, the United States was the largest GPEI contributor (contributions include those from the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention and USAID).<sup>148</sup> According to the Report, the United States earmarked USD90 million in GPEI donations for the 2007 fiscal year, comprising 56.3 percent of the current USD159.72 million in public sector donations.<sup>149</sup> Furthermore, the United States annually sponsors 500 million doses of oral polio vaccine (OPV),

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<sup>138</sup> Russia Urges G8 to Honor Commitments on Infectious Diseases, G8 Russia, (St. Petersburg), 8 December 2006. Date of Access: 27 December 2006. [en.g8russia.ru/news/20061208/1272224.html](http://en.g8russia.ru/news/20061208/1272224.html).

<sup>139</sup> About the 7th Meeting of the Africa Partnership Forum. Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, (Moscow), 27 November 2006. Date of Access: 29 December 2006. [www.mid.ru/brp\\_4.nsf/sps/E7AF1CC8BF1C1A01C3257214004E4123](http://www.mid.ru/brp_4.nsf/sps/E7AF1CC8BF1C1A01C3257214004E4123).

<sup>140</sup> Donor Contributions and Pledges to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative 1985-2008, Global Polio Eradication Initiative, (Geneva), 12 October 2006. Date of Access: 24 November 2006. <http://www.polioeradication.org/content/general/HistContributionWebOctober06.pdf>.

<sup>141</sup> Donor Contributions and Pledges to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative 1985-2008, Global Polio Eradication Initiative, (Geneva), 11 January 2007. Date of Access: 15 January 2007. [http://www.polioeradication.org/content/general/FRR\\_07Jan\\_Hist\\_contribution.pdf](http://www.polioeradication.org/content/general/FRR_07Jan_Hist_contribution.pdf).

<sup>142</sup> Donor Contributions and Pledges to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative 1985-2008, Global Polio Eradication Initiative, (Geneva), 11 January 2007. Date of Access: 15 January 2007. [http://www.polioeradication.org/content/general/FRR\\_07Jan\\_Hist\\_contribution.pdf](http://www.polioeradication.org/content/general/FRR_07Jan_Hist_contribution.pdf).

<sup>143</sup> Donor Contributions and Pledges to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative 1985-2008, Global Polio Eradication Initiative, (Geneva), 11 January 2007. Date of Access: 15 January 2007. [http://www.polioeradication.org/content/general/FRR\\_07Jan\\_Hist\\_contribution.pdf](http://www.polioeradication.org/content/general/FRR_07Jan_Hist_contribution.pdf).

<sup>144</sup> Getting Rid of Polio and Measles in Uganda, UK Department of International Development, (London), 18 January 2007. Date of Access: 17 April 2007. <http://www.dfid.gov.uk/casestudies/files/africa/uganda-measles.asp>.

<sup>145</sup> Britain Launches Immunization Fund, Agence France Presse, (London), 7 November 2006. Date of Access: 18 December 2006. <http://preview.factiva.com/ur/default.aspx?ss=britain+polio+2006&fr=0>.

<sup>146</sup> Britain Launches Immunization Fund, Agence France Presse, (London), 7 November 2006. Date of Access: 18 December 2006. <http://preview.factiva.com/ur/default.aspx?ss=britain+polio+2006&fr=0>.

<sup>147</sup> Donor Contributions and Pledges to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative 1985-2008, Global Polio Eradication Initiative, (Geneva), 11 January 2007. Date of Access: 15 January 2007. [http://www.polioeradication.org/content/general/FRR\\_07Jan\\_Hist\\_contribution.pdf](http://www.polioeradication.org/content/general/FRR_07Jan_Hist_contribution.pdf).

<sup>148</sup> Foundation Month - Donors to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland, (London), 26 November 2006. Date of Access: 17 December 2006. <http://www.ribi.org/committees/reportdetails.asp?ribiCtteeRepID=529&rsCID=8>.

<sup>149</sup> Donor Contributions and Pledges to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative 1985-2008, Global Polio Eradication Initiative, (Geneva), 11 January 2007. Date of Access: 15 January 2007. [http://www.polioeradication.org/content/general/FRR\\_07Jan\\_Hist\\_contribution.pdf](http://www.polioeradication.org/content/general/FRR_07Jan_Hist_contribution.pdf).

purchased through UNICEF, and supports National Immunization Days in priority countries, providing funding and technical expertise.<sup>150</sup> On 6 October 2006, the United States government announced that it would work to establish stronger links between U.S.-based private voluntary organizations and community-based organizations to achieve a higher efficiency in carrying vaccination campaigns in polio-affected areas, providing greater sensitivity to local communication and cultural differences in challenging and isolated communities.<sup>151</sup>

In 2006, the mandate to eradicate polio has emerged as an important foreign focus-area of the current administration. Speaking on 10 October 2006, U.S. Under-Secretary of State for Democracy and Global Affairs, Paula Dobriansky, stated that the eradication of polio is "a key foreign policy objective and one of [the Bush administration's] highest international public health priorities."<sup>152</sup> During the recent Stakeholder Consultation on Global Polio Eradication hosted by the WHO on 28 February 2007, Dobriansky and the U.S. delegation demonstrated strong leadership in working with other donor countries and organizations in establishing goals and securing commitments for polio eradicate.<sup>153</sup>

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## **European Union: 0**

The European Union has partially complied with its St. Petersburg commitment to work towards polio eradication.

As of 11 January 2007, the GPEI reports that the European Commission has registered a pledge of USD28.18 million for the 2006 fiscal year, comprising 7.0 percent of the funding allocated from IGO and NGO donors.<sup>154</sup> Since the expiry of the Interim Compliance period however, the EU has not yet arranged for a contribution for the 2007 fiscal period.<sup>155</sup>

The GPEI reported that in 2006 the Commission provided a grant of USD70 million for polio eradication activities in 14 African countries. The European Commission Humanitarian Office also provided an emergency grant of USD580,000 to support immunization efforts to combat the polio epidemic in Yemen.<sup>156</sup> Historically, the EU has provided healthy financial contributions to the GPEI and supported polio eradication initiatives through other bilateral and multilateral channels; however, until the EU commits funds to reduce the GPEI funding gap in 2007, it receives a score of "0" for partial compliance.

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<sup>150</sup> Global Polio Eradication Within Our Reach: The U.S. Role, US Department of State, (Washington), 6 October 2006. Date of Access: 4 November 2006. <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/scp/2006/73732.htm>.

<sup>151</sup> Global Polio Eradication Within Our Reach: The U.S. Role, US Department of State, (Washington), 6 October 2006. Date of Access: 4 November 2006. <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/scp/2006/73732.htm>.

<sup>152</sup> State's Dobriansky Urges Ongoing Commitment to Polio Eradication, The United States Mission to the European Union, (Washington D.C.), 10 October 2006. Date of Access: 15 December 2006. <http://useu.usmission.gov/Article.asp?ID=4A9A00DD-9F85-4911-B87E-2173110E2B6B>.

<sup>153</sup> Dobriansky Travels to Geneva to Attend WHO's Stakeholder Consultation, US Department of State, (Washington), 27 February 2007. Date of Access: 19 April 2007. <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2007/february/81114.htm>.

<sup>154</sup> Donor Contributions and Pledges to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative 1985-2008, Global Polio Eradication Initiative, (Geneva), 11 January 2007. Date of Access: 15 January 15, 2007. [http://www.polioeradication.org/content/general/FRR\\_07Jan\\_Hist\\_contribution.pdf](http://www.polioeradication.org/content/general/FRR_07Jan_Hist_contribution.pdf).

<sup>155</sup> Donor Contributions and Pledges to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative 1985-2008, Global Polio Eradication Initiative, (Geneva), 12 October 2006. Date of Access: 20 December 2006. <http://www.polioeradication.org/content/general/HistContributionWebOctober06.pdf>.

<sup>156</sup> Global Polio Eradication Initiative 2005 Annual Report, World Health Organization, (Geneva), February 2006. Date of Access: 15 December 2006. [http://www.polioeradication.org/content/publications/AnnualReport2005\\_ENG.pdf](http://www.polioeradication.org/content/publications/AnnualReport2005_ENG.pdf).