

## 5. Food and Agriculture: L'Aquila Food Security Initiative [19]

### Commitment:

*“As of April 30, 2010, we have disbursed/allocated USD \$6.5 billion and remain committed to disburse/allocate the full amount of our individual commitments by 2012.”*

- G8 Muskoka Declaration: Recovery and New Beginnings

### Assessment:

Country	Lack of Compliance	Work in Progress	Full Compliance
Canada		0	
France		0	
Germany		0	
Italy		0	
Japan		0	
Russia		0	
United Kingdom		0	
United States		0	
European Union		0	
<b>Average Score</b>		<b>0</b>	

### Background:

Until 2003, food and agriculture were scarcely mentioned topics at the G8.<sup>348</sup> Issues of food security were first acknowledged by the G8 as posing a considerable threat to human well being during the Evian Summit in 2003.<sup>349</sup> However, the G8 Action Plan produced in Evian primarily addressed famine in Africa, leaving food security concerns on other continents unaddressed.<sup>350</sup> It was not until the Hokkaido Summit in 2008 that the G8 made a more extensive commitment to confront food security worldwide in response to rising food prices and decreased availability in many developing countries.

The Hokkaido Statement on Food Security called on the international community to organize a response and create a plan of action to address food security immediately and in the future.<sup>351</sup> Moreover, it proposed several policy commitments concerning food security such as reforming the FAO and removing export restrictions on food commodities.<sup>352</sup> In addition to these policy prescriptions, the Hokkaido Statement highlighted the US\$10 billion that had been committed by G8 countries in January of 2008 towards improved food security.<sup>353</sup>

Financial contributions to improve food security were increased in 2009 by the L'Aquila Food

<sup>348</sup> G8 Conclusions on Food and Agriculture 1975-2009, 11 November 2009. Date of Access: 2nd November 2010. [www.g8.utoronto.ca/references/food-agriculture.pdf](http://www.g8.utoronto.ca/references/food-agriculture.pdf).

<sup>349</sup> Action Against Famine, Especially in Africa: A G8 Action Plan (Evian) 2003. Date of Access: 6 November 2010. [www.commit4africa.org/declarations/1077/-/%252FDevelopment%20partnerships](http://www.commit4africa.org/declarations/1077/-/%252FDevelopment%20partnerships).

<sup>350</sup> Action Against Famine, Especially in Africa: A G8 Action Plan (Evian) 2003. Date of Access: 6 November 2010. [www.commit4africa.org/declarations/1077/-/%252FDevelopment%20partnerships](http://www.commit4africa.org/declarations/1077/-/%252FDevelopment%20partnerships).

<sup>351</sup> G8 Leaders Statement on Global Food Security, 8 July 2008. Date of Access 2 November 2010. [www.g8.utoronto.ca/summit/2008hokkaido/2008-food.html](http://www.g8.utoronto.ca/summit/2008hokkaido/2008-food.html).

<sup>352</sup> G8 Leaders Statement on Global Food Security, 8 July 2008. Date of Access 2 November 2010. [www.g8.utoronto.ca/summit/2008hokkaido/2008-food.html](http://www.g8.utoronto.ca/summit/2008hokkaido/2008-food.html).

<sup>353</sup> G8 Leaders Statement on Global Food Security, 8 July 2008. Date of Access 2 November 2010. [www.g8.utoronto.ca/summit/2008hokkaido/2008-food.html](http://www.g8.utoronto.ca/summit/2008hokkaido/2008-food.html).

Security Initiative (AFSI), which pledged US\$20 billion over three years towards sustainable agriculture and emergency food aid.<sup>354</sup> This year's commitment expands on the monetary commitment put forward in L'Aquila by noting that US\$6.5 billion has already been allocated and that the G8 countries remain dedicated to disbursing their individual commitments.<sup>355</sup>

The individual commitments made by each of the G8 countries are listed in Table 5-1.<sup>356</sup>

**Table 5-1: Pledges to Food Security Made by G8 Countries**

State	Period of Pledge	Total Pledge	Pledge During 10/11 Compliance Period
Canada	Fiscal 2009/10 to 2012/13	US\$1.034 billion	US\$344.67 million
France	2009-2011	US\$2.161 billion	US\$720.33 million
Germany	2010-2012	US\$3 billion	US\$1 billion
Italy	2009-2011	US\$0.428 billion	US\$142.67 million
Japan	2010-2012	US\$3 billion	US\$1 billion
Russia	2009-2011	US\$.191 billion	US\$63.67 million
UK	Fiscal 2009/10-2011/12	US\$1.718 billion	US\$572.67 million
US	Fiscal 10/2009-09/2012	US\$3.5 billion	US\$1.167 billion
EU	2010-2012	US\$3.8 billion	US\$1.266 billion

\* The pledged amounts are consistent with the exchange rates of July 2010.

#### Scoring Guidelines:

-1	Member allocates none or close to none of the funding it pledged toward sustainable agriculture and emergency food aid.
0	Member allocates some funding, but less than its target toward sustainable agriculture and emergency food aid.
+1	Member meets or exceeds its funding target toward sustainable agriculture and emergency food aid.

#### Canada: 0

Canada has partially complied with its commitment to provide US\$344.67 million by June 2011 towards sustainable agricultural development and emergency food aid.

In August 2010, the Canadian International Development Agency began several emergency food aid programs, which included contributions of: (1) US\$1.96\* million to Burundi;<sup>357</sup> (2) US\$3.98\* million to Niger,<sup>358</sup> and, (3) US\$1.96\* million to Chad.<sup>359</sup> In addition, the Canadian International

<sup>354</sup> "L'Aquila" Joint Statement on Global Food Security, 10 July 2009. Date of Access 2 November 2010. [www.g8.utoronto.ca/summit/2009laquila/2009-food.pdf](http://www.g8.utoronto.ca/summit/2009laquila/2009-food.pdf).

<sup>355</sup> Muskoka Declaration: Recovery and New Beginnings, 26 June 2010. Date of Access 2 November 2010. [www.g8.utoronto.ca/summit/2010muskoka/communique.html](http://www.g8.utoronto.ca/summit/2010muskoka/communique.html).

<sup>356</sup> Muskoka Accountability Report, July 2009. Date of Access 3 November 2010. [www.g8.utoronto.ca/summit/2010muskoka/accountability/muskoka\\_accountability\\_report.pdf](http://www.g8.utoronto.ca/summit/2010muskoka/accountability/muskoka_accountability_report.pdf).

<sup>357</sup> Burundi - World Food Programme 2010, Canadian International Development Agency (Ottawa) 29 October 2010. Date of Access: 15 December 2010. <http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/cidaweb/cpo.nsf/vLUWebProjEn/51CC1B8650D52917852576F100373438?OpenDocument>.

<sup>358</sup> Niger Food Insecurity - World Food Programme Appeal 2010, Canadian International Development Agency (Ottawa) 11 November 2010. Date of Access: 15 December 2010. <http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/CIDAWEB/cpo.nsf/vWebCSAZEn/C0C947B8630F879D8525776800371C0D>.

Development Agency announced contributions to school feeding programs in Africa, in partnership with the World Food Programme, that provided US\$11.17\* million to Mozambique<sup>360</sup> and US\$2.94\* million to Senegal,<sup>361</sup> which also includes US\$1.34\* million for a food security Early Warning System.<sup>362</sup>

The Canadian International Development Agency began support of a World Food Programme Forward Purchase Facility. Canadian support for the program may total US\$19.63\*. The program “will allow WFP to make advance purchases of cereals and other food items at favorable prices to provide for future food aid emergency needs.” The aims of the program include reducing delivery time, achieving greater cost efficiencies, and piloting alternative procurement approaches.<sup>363</sup>

Additional programs that began in 2010 include: (1) A contributions of US\$2.90\* million for a Pan-African Agriculture Program through the Agency for Co-operation and Research in Development,<sup>364</sup> (2) A contribution US\$6.68\* million to a Rice Production Project in Senegal, in partnership with UPA Développement International;<sup>365</sup> and (3) a partnership with the Aga Khan Foundation Canada to provide US\$12.99\* million to ensure food security in Northern Mozambique.<sup>366</sup>

On 15 October 2010, Minister of International Cooperation Beverly Oda announced Canada’s contribution of US\$5.93 million from the Pakistan Flood Relief Fund to the UN’s Food and Agriculture Organization. Minister Oda stated, “today, Canada is providing urgently needed agricultural support to make sure that farmers can recover and plant on their land in time for the critical wheat season currently underway. Our help will also prevent further loss of livestock that is critical to the well-being of farmers in the flooded regions.”<sup>367</sup>

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<sup>359</sup> Chad Food Insecurity - World Food Programme Appeal 2010, Canadian International Development Agency (Ottawa) 29 October 2010. Date of Access: 15 December 2010. <http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/cidaweb/cpo.nsf/vLUWebProjEn/4767D98F7CA0DC638525776800371C1F?OpenDocument>.

<sup>360</sup> School Feeding Program in Mozambique - World Food Programme 2010-2011, Canadian International Development Agency (Ottawa) 17 November 2010. Date of Access: 15 December 2010. <http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/CIDAWEB/cpo.nsf/vWebCSAZEn/6A1D713308173A8F8525748000373A07>.

<sup>361</sup> School Feeding Program in Senegal (Casamance Region) - World Food Programme 2010-2011, Canadian International Development Agency (Ottawa) 17 November 2010. Date of Access: 15 December 2010. <http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/CIDAWEB/cpo.nsf/vWebCSAZEn/8DDF33C206A3014A8525779600373D6B>.

<sup>362</sup> Food Security and Nutrition Support - Early Warning System, Canadian International Development Agency (Ottawa) 22 October 2010. Date of Access: 19 November 2010. <http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/CIDAWEB/cpo.nsf/vWebCSAZEn/50C1FBD4DF94AE12852576F500372510>.

<sup>363</sup> World Food Programme Forward Purchase Facility, Canadian International Development Agency (Ottawa) 29 October 2010. Date of Access: 15 December 2010. <http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/CIDAWEB/cpo.nsf/vWebMCSAZEn/FDD6B55CE9F7C5FC852577930037326B>.

<sup>364</sup> Support to Pan-African Agriculture Program, Canadian International Development Agency (Ottawa) 07 October 2010. Date of Access: 15 December 2010. <http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/CIDAWEB/cpo.nsf/vWebCSAZEn/B3BA718ED93E33BA852576B6003C92A0>.

<sup>365</sup> Support to Rice Production Project for Food Security in Senegal, Canadian International Development Agency (Ottawa) 16 November 2010. Date of Access: 15 December 2010. <http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/CIDAWEB/cpo.nsf/vWebCSAZEn/996D9D5F867EA12E8525772700371C05>.

<sup>366</sup> Enhancing Food Security and Increasing Incomes in Northern Mozambique, Canadian International Development Agency (Ottawa) 07 October 2010. Date of Access: 15 December 2010. <http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/CIDAWEB/cpo.nsf/vWebCSAZEn/E9C28E0F66D259888525774B00372112>.

<sup>367</sup> Government of Canada Supports Agricultural Recovery in Pakistan, Canadian International Development Agency (Ottawa) 15 October 2010. Date of Access: 15 December 2010. <http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/acdi-cida/ACDI-CIDA.nsf/eng/NAT-101511275-L5G>.

On 8 October 2010, Canada pledged US\$49.32 million to support a private sector facility within the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program “to strengthen food security in low-income countries and increase private sector investments in agriculture.”<sup>368</sup> Minister Oda stated that “this investment in agriculture will make a substantial contribution to strengthening food security and the agricultural sector in many developing countries.”<sup>369</sup>

Thus, Canada has been awarded a score of 0 for partially complying with its commitment by donating at least US\$121 million towards increasing sustainable agricultural development and emergency food aid.

The exchange rate used to convert Canadian dollars to US dollars follows the web page’s date last modified, which may not reflect the actual date the funding was announced.

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**France: 0**

France has partially complied with its commitment to provide US\$720.33 million by June 2011 towards sustainable agricultural development and emergency food aid.

On 15 August 2010 the World Food Programme reported that the Government of France had channelled US\$458,000 in emergency food aid to Pakistan through the WFP.<sup>370</sup>

During September 2010, the French Development Agency approved a grant with the Government of Afghanistan worth US\$4 million to support its National Beekeeping Promotion Program. The primary goal of the grant is to increase food security by increasing incomes in rural areas, maximizing the production capacity of the country’s orchards and producing bee-related products.<sup>371</sup>

Thus, France has been awarded a score of 0 for partially complying with its commitment by donating at least US\$4.458 million towards increasing sustainable agricultural development and emergency food aid.

*Analyst: Taryn McKenzie-Mohr*

**Germany: 0**

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<sup>368</sup> IFC, Canada, U.S. Establish \$100 million Private Sector Facility to Strengthen Food Security in Developing Countries, International Finance Corporation (Washington DC) 8 October 2010. Date of Access: 15 December 2010.

<http://www.ifc.org/ifcext/media.nsf/content/SelectedPressRelease?OpenDocument&UNID=55196ECF48ED70F5852577B6005D6F2E>.

<sup>369</sup> IFC, Canada, U.S. Establish \$100 million Private Sector Facility to Strengthen Food Security in Developing Countries, International Finance Corporation (Washington DC) 8 October 2010. Date of Access: 15 December 2010.

<http://www.ifc.org/ifcext/media.nsf/content/SelectedPressRelease?OpenDocument&UNID=55196ECF48ED70F5852577B6005D6F2E>.

<sup>370</sup> List of contributions to Pakistan flooding as of August 15, 2010, Office of Coordination of Human Affairs (New York) 15 August 2010. Date of Access: 20 January 2011.

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/35908659/List-of-Contributions-to-Pakistan-Flooding-as-of-August-15-2010>.

<sup>371</sup> AFD deploys over 450 million to support sustainable development. Agence Francaise de Developpement. September 2010. Date of Access: 15 January 2011.

<http://www.afd.fr/jahia/Jahia/site/afd/lang/en/CA-301010>.

Germany has partially complied with its commitment to provide US\$1 billion by June 2011 towards sustainable agricultural development and emergency food aid.

Germany's Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development has provided additional funding of US\$3.2 million towards Yemen's food security program, after the two states signed three bilateral agreements in the late fall of 2010.<sup>372</sup>

As of 17 December 2010, Germany had contributed nearly US\$6 million towards projects ran by the FAO that aim to increase food and nutrition security by promoting sustainable agriculture.<sup>373</sup> In addition, some of Germany's funding will contribute towards relief efforts in earthquake struck Haiti, as part of Food and Agriculture Organization's relief project.

The German government allocated US\$1 million to the World Food Programme between 14 November 2010 and 8 December 2010.<sup>374</sup> The WFP focuses on providing food relief to war torn states, as well as countries that have experienced natural disasters. The organization's funds are used to respond to immediate emergencies, create future preparedness for emergencies, and assist in the agricultural development of impoverished countries.

Thus, Germany has been awarded a score of 0 for partially complying with its commitment by donating at least US\$10.2 million towards increasing sustainable agricultural development and emergency food aid.

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#### **Italy: 0**

Italy has partially complied with its commitment to provide US\$142.67 million by June 2011 towards sustainable agricultural development and emergency food aid.

On 8 July 2010, Italy announced US\$41.77 million in assistance loans to Kenya which is meant to increase access to potable water.<sup>375</sup>

The Government of Italy advanced its goal of providing emergency food aid by providing funding to the UN's World Food Programme. Italy's contributions to the WFP included a US\$1.64 million donation of emergency food assistance to Southern Sudan, which will purchase school meals for 76,000 school children across 145 schools and US\$780,000 in food aid to Yemen. In addition, it distributed US\$761,000 towards emergency food aid to Pakistan in response to the United Nation's Pakistan Initial Floods Emergency Response Plan appeal. According to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, "The aim is to support assistance efforts in the

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<sup>372</sup> German Official in Yemen Soon (Saba) 6 January 2011. Date of access: 7 January 2011.

<http://www.sabanews.net/en/news232526.htm>.

<sup>373</sup> Germany Supports Food Security and Climate-Smart Agriculture (Rome) 17 December 2010. Date of access: 7 January 2011. <http://www.fao.org/news/story/en/item/48884/icode/>.

<sup>374</sup> Contributions to World Food Programme 2010. 9 January 2011. Date of access: 16 January 2011. <http://www.wfp.org/about/donors/wfp-donors/2010>.

<sup>375</sup> Cooperation: €33 million in assistance loans to Kenya, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Rome) 08 July 2010. Date of Access: 15 December 2010. [http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Sala Stampa/ArchivioNotizie/Approfondimenti/2010/07/20100708\\_CooperazioneKenya.htm?LANG=EN](http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Sala Stampa/ArchivioNotizie/Approfondimenti/2010/07/20100708_CooperazioneKenya.htm?LANG=EN).

areas of health, hygiene, and access to water and food, with a special emphasis on the most vulnerable segments of the population, such as women and children.”<sup>376</sup>

Thus, Italy has been awarded a score of 0 for partially complying with its commitment by donating at least US\$44.8 million towards increasing sustainable agricultural development and emergency food aid.

*Analyst: Harris Quach*

### **Japan: 0**

Japan has partially complied with its commitment to provide US\$1 billion by June 2011 towards sustainable agricultural development and emergency food aid.

On 16 August 2010, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) approved a loan with the Government of Kenya worth US\$159 million in support of the Mwea Irrigation Development Project. The irrigation project will supply the Mwea region of Kenya with water required to significantly increase agricultural output in the area.<sup>377</sup>

On 25 August 2010, the Government of Japan donated US\$4.7 million to WFP programs in Uganda. Roughly US\$3 million of the total amount will help drought-affected areas of the Karamoja region of Uganda. The remaining funds will support the Karamoja Productive Assets Programme, which is meant to decrease dependence on food aid in the surrounding areas.<sup>378</sup>

On 26 August 2010, the Government of Japan made a donation to the WFP worth US\$9.7 million. The funds will supply vulnerable groups such as children and pregnant and lactating women with food and nutrition assistance in 12 districts across Bangladesh.<sup>379</sup>

On 23 November 2010, Japanese Ambassador to Ethiopia Hiroyuki Kishnio, signed a grant agreement amounting to US\$6.6 million with the Government of Ethiopia. According to the agreement, the grant “will be used for the procurement of equipment for the implementation of the Food Aid Project including for fees in the implementation process.”<sup>380</sup>

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<sup>376</sup> Pakistan: New aid from Italy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Rome) 24 August 2010. Date of Access: 15 December 2010. [http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Sala\\_Stampa/ArchivioNotizie/Approfondimenti/2010/08/20100824\\_Pakistan\\_aitali.htm](http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Sala_Stampa/ArchivioNotizie/Approfondimenti/2010/08/20100824_Pakistan_aitali.htm).

<sup>377</sup> Signing of Japanese ODA Loan with the Republic of Kenya. Japan International Cooperation Agency. 16 August 2010. Date of Access: 15 January 2011. <http://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2010/100816.html>.

<sup>378</sup> Japan donates US\$4.7 million towards WFP programmes in Uganda. World Food Programme (Rome) 26 August 2010. Date of Access: 15 January 2011. <http://www.wfp.org/countries/Uganda/News/Japan-donates-US-4-7-million-towards-WFP-programmes-in-Uganda>.

<sup>379</sup> Japan gives US\$9.7 million for vulnerable people. World Food Programme (Rome) 26 August 2010. Date of Access: 15 January 2011. <http://www.bd.emb-japan.go.jp/en/news/pr/pdf/vulnerable082610.pdf>.

<sup>380</sup> Ethiopia, Japan sign \$6.6m grant agreement, Ethiopian Radio and Television Agency (Addis Ababa) 24 November 2010. Date of Access: 12 December 2010. <http://ertagov.com/erta/erta-tv-videos-and-audios-addis-ababa-ethiopia/38-erta-tv-hot-news-addis-ababa-ethiopia/258-ethiopia-japan-sign-66m-grant-agreement-.html>.

On 11 January 2011, the Government of Japan made the largest “one-off” donation ever to the WFP totalling US\$196.6 million. The funds will affect people living in 20 of the world’s most food vulnerable countries.<sup>381</sup>

Thus, Japan has been awarded a score of 0 for partially complying with its commitment by donating at least US\$376.6 million towards increasing sustainable agricultural development and emergency food aid.

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**Russia: 0**

Russia has partially complied with its commitment on L’Aquila Food Security Initiative. Given its 2009-2011 pledge of US\$191 million it is to provide US\$63.67 million by June 2011 towards sustainable agricultural development and emergency food aid.

On 30 June 2010, the Russian Government announced a donation of US\$8 million to the World Food Programme over the course of two years for school meal programs in Armenia.<sup>382</sup> The goal is to develop the program — designed by the WFP and the Russian government — so that it can be self sufficient and operated by the Armenian government.<sup>383</sup>

On 8 November 2010 during the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities in New York, the representative of the Russian Federation announced Russia’s plans to allocate US\$32 million to the World Food Programme in 2011.<sup>384</sup>

On 8 December 2010, the Russian Government decided to allocate US\$28.4 million for implementation of the L’Aquila Food Security Initiative (AFSI) in 2010-2014. US\$22.5 million will be allocated to the World Bank for a joint Russia-World Bank program on agriculture development and food security (US\$4.5 million in 2010, US\$6 million in 2011, US\$6 million in 2012, US\$4 million in 2013, US\$2 million in 2014). RUB177.1 million (about US\$5.9 million) will be allocated to the Moscow State University for creation of an institute of food security and sustainable agriculture issues, of this, RUB15 million (US\$0.5 million) will be allocated in 2010, RUB44 million (US\$1.47 million) in 2011, RUB42.6 million (US\$1.42 million) in 2012, RUB41.9 million (US\$1.4 million) in 2013, RUB33.6 million (US\$1.12 million) in 2014.<sup>385</sup>

On 24 September 2010, Russian Government decided to allocate US\$2 million to the WFP for food aid to Kyrgyzstan in 2010.<sup>386</sup>

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<sup>381</sup> WFP: Record aid package from Japan helps feed hungry millions in 20 countries, ReliefWeb, 12 January 2011. Date of Access: 15 January 2011. <http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900sid/JALR-8CZDS2?OpenDocument> .

<sup>382</sup> Executive Order No. 1086, Government of Russia (Moscow) 30 June 2010. Date of Access: 3 November 2010. <http://government.consultant.ru/page.aspx?8411;1288628>.

<sup>383</sup> Russia Provides Model for School Meals In CIS, World Food Programme (Rome) 18 March 2010. Date of Access: 3 November 2010. [www.wfp.org/stories/russia-provides-model-school-meals-cis](http://www.wfp.org/stories/russia-provides-model-school-meals-cis).

<sup>384</sup> Briefing by Alexei Sazonov, Deputy Director of the Russian MFA Information and Press Department, November 18, 2010, Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Moscow) 18 November 2010. Date of Access: 10 January 2011. [http://www.mid.ru/Brp\\_4.nsf/arh/FAA075AFA282A6E3C32577E00050FA81](http://www.mid.ru/Brp_4.nsf/arh/FAA075AFA282A6E3C32577E00050FA81).

<sup>385</sup> Executive Order No. 2226, Government of Russia (Moscow) 8 December 2010. Date of Access: 10 January 2011. <http://government.ru/gov/results/13560/>.

<sup>386</sup> Executive Order No. 1614, Government of Russia (Moscow) 24 September 2010. Date of Access: 10 January 2011. <http://government.ru/docs/12374/>.

On 25 October 2010, the Russian Government announced a donation of US\$1 million to the WFP for food aid to Pakistan in 2010.<sup>387</sup>

Thus, Russia has been awarded a score of 0 for partially complying with its commitment by donating about US\$53 million towards increasing sustainable agricultural development and emergency food aid.

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### **United Kingdom: 0**

The United Kingdom has partially complied with its commitment to provide US\$572.67 million by 2012 towards sustainable agricultural development and emergency food aid.

On 12 July 2010, urging other nations to follow suit, British International Development Secretary Andrew Mitchell pledged US\$6.8 million to the World Food Programme, UNICEF, Oxfam, and Save the Children initiatives that address childhood malnutrition and agricultural insufficiencies in Niger and Chad.<sup>388</sup> The money will be used to purchase and distribute cereals, seeds, and animal feed, as well as to address the underlying causes of food insecurity such as lack of access to education.<sup>389</sup>

On 21 September 2010, Mitchell announced a new research program targeting childhood and maternal malnutrition in developing countries.<sup>390</sup> The program is meant to “address the evidence gaps on cost effective solutions to chronic malnutrition.”<sup>391</sup> It is set to begin in 2011, and will span 5 years, costing US\$9.3 million.<sup>392</sup>

By 15 October 2010, the UK had pledged a total of US\$214.7 million for victims of the floods in Pakistan. Specifically, the funds were meant to prevent food aid dependency by providing seeds,

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<sup>387</sup> Executive Order No. 1856, Government of Russia (Moscow) 25 October 2010. Date of Access: 10 January 2011. <http://government.consultant.ru/page.aspx?8411;1524348>.

<sup>388</sup> Mitchel – new UK humanitarian support for Niger and Chad: ‘other countries must act too’, Department for International Development (London) 12 July 2010. Date of Access 18 November 2010. <http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Media-Room/Press-releases/2010/Mitchell--new-UK-humanitarian-support-for-Niger-and-Chad-other-countries-must-act-too/>.

<sup>389</sup> Mitchel – new UK humanitarian support for Niger and Chad: ‘other countries must act too’, Department for International Development (London) 12 July 2010. Date of Access 18 November 2010. <http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Media-Room/Press-releases/2010/Mitchell--new-UK-humanitarian-support-for-Niger-and-Chad-other-countries-must-act-too/>.

<sup>390</sup> UK launches new research programme to tackle malnutrition, Department for International Development (London) 21 September 2010. Date of Access: 18 November 2010. <http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Media-Room/Press-releases/2010/UK-launches-new-research-programme-to-tackle-malnutrition/>.

<sup>391</sup> UK launches new research programme to tackle malnutrition, Department for International Development (London) 21 September 2010. Date of Access: 18 November 2010. <http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Media-Room/Press-releases/2010/UK-launches-new-research-programme-to-tackle-malnutrition/>.

<sup>392</sup> UK launches new research programme to tackle malnutrition, Department for International Development (London) 21 September 2010. Date of Access: 18 November 2010. <http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Media-Room/Press-releases/2010/UK-launches-new-research-programme-to-tackle-malnutrition/>.



cropland, farming advice, and training.<sup>393</sup> According to a 27 October 2010 report on the money spent by the UK in response to the floods, a total of 26.8 million was used for emergency food aid, US\$1.19 million for emergency seed funds, and US\$6.31 million for treatment of malnourished children and pregnant mothers.<sup>394</sup>

On 29 November 2010, the Government of the United Kingdom announced it would provide US\$3.6 million in food aid through the World Food Programme (WFP) to neglected Burmese victims of Cyclone Giri.<sup>395</sup>

On 4 December 2010, Mitchell announced US\$57.7 million in support for the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), to be allocated over the 2010-2011 year.<sup>396</sup> According to Mitchell, CGIAR research is crucial to mitigate food insecurity caused by climate change.<sup>397</sup>

On 14 December 2010, in response to a UN call for aid to Somalia for 2011, the UK pledged to provide treatment for malnutrition to more than 65,000 children, and food aid for 8,600 people.<sup>398</sup> According to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), the UK was the 5th largest donor to Somalia in 2010, with over US\$18 million in donations.<sup>399</sup> The monetary value of this pledge is currently under negotiation.

Thus, the United Kingdom has been awarded a score of 0 for partially complying with its commitment by donating US\$292.1 million towards increasing sustainable agricultural development and emergency food aid.

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<sup>394</sup> Pakistan Monsoon Floods: UK Response factsheet, Department for International Development (London) 27 October 2010. Date of Access: 14 December 2010. <http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Documents/Pakistan-floods-UKaid-factsheet.pdf?epslanguage=en>.

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**United States: 0**

The United States of America has partially complied with its commitment to provide US\$1.167 billion by June 2011 towards sustainable agricultural development and emergency food aid.

On 13 August 2010, USAID reported that it had awarded a grant worth US\$35 million to the WFP and another grant worth US\$12.5 million to Mercy Corps in order to support their work in Haiti. The funds will be used to help Haitian families affected by the earthquake who face food insecurity.<sup>400</sup>

On 17 August 2010, USAID announced it would donate over US\$47 million in emergency food aid to existing WFP emergency programs in Niger. USAID's contribution will assist up to 8 million people over a five-month period.<sup>401</sup>

On 18 August 2010, USAID announced that it will contribute an additional US\$1 million to the Haiti Hope Project, which involves a public-private approach to creating a sustainable mango industry in Haiti.<sup>402</sup>

On 20 September 2010, USAID and the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition announced a US\$1 million contribution to reduce malnutrition internationally.<sup>403</sup> Specifically, the funds will support programs that target the nutrition of pregnant mothers and young children.

On 23 September 2010, USAID donated US\$16 million to the FAO's relief efforts in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province of Pakistan. The money is meant to avoid additional losses of livestock, plant wheat, and de-silt irrigation systems.<sup>404</sup>

On 5 October 2010, USAID announced an increase in size of its global food aid prepositioning program, which will cost US\$50 million over five years. The expansion will involve stockpiling food aid in or near areas of the world susceptible to food shortages.<sup>405</sup>

On 21 October 2010, USAID provided US\$173,000 to establish two post-harvest mango centers in Haiti. Existing mango farmers who use the facility are expected to increase their incomes by 20 per cent through learning better packaging and business techniques.<sup>406</sup>

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On 8 November 2010, USAID announced that it had contributed US\$227 million in emergency food aid to the WFP's flood relief efforts in Pakistan since the flooding began.<sup>407</sup>

On 15 December 2010, US Ambassador to Djibouti, James C. Swan, contributed US\$1 million on behalf of USAID in order to reverse some of the chronic food insecurity in the country.<sup>408</sup>

On 8 January 2011, the American Embassy in Windhoek, Namibia announced that US Secretary of State for Population, Refugees and Migration Julia Taft would visit the Osire refugee camp in Namibia the next week in order to make a donation of food supplies of over US\$500,000 on behalf of the United States. The contribution was in response to an urgent request from the WFP for the refugee camp.<sup>409</sup>

Thus, the United States has been awarded a score of 0 for partially complying with its commitment by donating at least US\$391.173 million towards increasing sustainable agricultural development and emergency food aid.

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### **European Union: 0**

The European Union has partially complied with its commitment to provide US\$1.26 billion by June 2011 towards sustainable agricultural development and emergency food aid.

Between 14 November 2010 and 9 January 2011 the EU government has contributed US\$18.8 million to the WFP, the world's largest organization providing food to people in countries suffering from agricultural crises.<sup>410</sup> The World Food Programme focuses on eradicating hunger in emergency situations, as well as aiding preparations for emergencies and the agricultural rebuilding of states.

As of 12 November 2010, the EU had allocated roughly US\$318 million towards FAO operations in 28 states in Asia, Africa, and Latin America, as a part of the Food Facility program responding to the global food crisis.<sup>411</sup> As part of this total, US\$22.13 million was contributed towards a program that focused on supplying certified seeds to 860,000 households in Burkina Faso.<sup>412</sup>

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Another US\$4.02 million was dedicated towards the FAO and the EU's combined efforts in Nicaragua, aiming to increase agricultural turnout.<sup>413</sup>

In addition to scheduled funding towards UN initiatives through the WFP and the FAO, the EU has also contributed to emergency relief efforts in states struck by natural disasters. As of 27 October 2010, the EU has allocated US\$2.54 million towards the FAO's work in Pakistan.<sup>414</sup> Combined with the funds of other states, the sum will allow flood victims to grow wheat in the upcoming season. In addition to this amount, the EU Food Facility in Pakistan contributed US\$3.5 million towards supplying flood victims with wheat, canola, seeds and fertilizer, as announced on 27 October 2010.<sup>415</sup>

Thus, the European Union has been awarded a score of 0 for partially complying with its commitment by donating at least 342.877 million towards increasing sustainable agricultural development and emergency food aid.

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