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### Commitment:

“We will build on the achievements of the U.S. G8 Presidency by advancing action in four areas: Deepening impact—by ensuring that investments have a measurable impact on [malnutrition, particularly for smallholders and women, and are made responsibly and support the sustainable use of *natural resources*].”

*2013 G8 Lough Erne Communiqué*

### Assessment:

Country	Lack of Compliance	Work in Progress	Full Compliance
Canada			+1
France			+1
Germany			+1
Italy			+1
Japan			+1
Russia		0	
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average Score		+0.89	

### Background:

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), lack of nutrition “contribute(s) to more than one third of all child deaths.”<sup>868</sup> One estimate from *The Lancet* suggests that 3.1 million, or 45 percent, of all child mortalities in low-income and middle-income countries during the year 2011 were a result of malnutrition and subsequent complications.<sup>869</sup> According to the Committee on World Food Security, investments aimed at reducing malnutrition will not only improve health of those suffering from under-nutrition, but will also reduce regional poverty and increase national economic growth.<sup>870</sup>

The G8 first made concrete steps with focus on agricultural development and global food security during the 2008 Hokkaido Summit, where focus was given on preventing global food price increases, which drive populations into poverty, particularly in developing countries.<sup>871</sup>

In the following year at the 2009 L’Aquila G8 Summit, further emphasis was directed towards the development of sustainable agricultural strategies, with short-term, medium-term, and long-term investments by launching together with several non-G8 advanced and developing countries the Aquila Food Security Initiative (AFSI).<sup>872</sup> In addition, international institutions expected to be

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<sup>868</sup> Global Nutrition for Growth Impact Access Date: 30 November 2013 [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/248754/Endorserscompact\\_update7\\_10\\_2013.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/248754/Endorserscompact_update7_10_2013.pdf)

<sup>869</sup> Muskoka Declaration: Recovery and New Beginnings, G8 Information Centre. 26 June 2010. Access Date: 23 December 2013. <http://www.g8.utoronto.ca/summit/2010muskoka/communique.html>.

<sup>870</sup> A Road Map for Scaling-Up Nutrition 20 September 2013 Access Date: 30 November 2013 [http://un-foodsecurity.org/sites/default/files/SUNRoadMap\\_English.pdf](http://un-foodsecurity.org/sites/default/files/SUNRoadMap_English.pdf)

<sup>871</sup> G8 Leaders Statement on Global Food Security (Hokkaido) 8 July 2008. Access Date: 30 November 2013 [www.g8.utoronto.ca/summit/2008hokkaido/2008-food.html](http://www.g8.utoronto.ca/summit/2008hokkaido/2008-food.html)

<sup>872</sup> L’Aquila Joint Statement on Global Food Security: L’Aquila Food Security Initiative (AFSI) G8 Information Centre, 9 July 2009. Access Date: 23 December 2013. <http://www.g8.utoronto.ca/summit/2009laquila/2009-food.html>.

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utilized as partners for development and implementation strategies and all partners indicated their national commitments to fund AFSI. According to the 2013 Lough Erne Joint communiqué, “we (G8 Member States) have met our financial pledges made at L’Aquila in 2009 and will work to complete disbursements.”<sup>873</sup>

At the 2010 Muskoka Summit, the G8 members launched the initiative of funding for maternal, newborn, and child health (MNCH) in developing countries, congruent with two of the Millennium Development Goals and committed “USD 5 billion of additional funding for disbursement over the next five years.”<sup>874</sup> In September 2010 a similar initiative “to accelerate progress on women’s and children’s health” received over USD 40 billion in pledges from developed and developing countries, along with the private sector, foundations, international organizations, civil society and research organizations which collectively launched the Global Strategy for Women’s and Children’s Health.<sup>875</sup>

To further confront this problem, at the 2012 Camp David G8 Summit, USD 1.2 billion were pledged to improve food security in sub-Saharan Africa.<sup>876</sup> This commitment resulted in the emergence of The New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition (New Alliance). The New Alliance initiative aimed at creating cooperation between G8 members, and respective partner African countries along with partner private sectors. This was for a collective approach “to help lift 50 million people in sub-Saharan Africa out of poverty in the next 10 years by supporting agricultural development.”<sup>877</sup>

At the 2013 Lough Erne Summit, the G8 reaffirmed its support to New Alliance, as well as the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP).<sup>878</sup> CAADP aims at eliminating “hunger and reduce poverty through agriculture” through increasing national economic growth, with the goal of a 6 percent growth in agricultural sector per year by 2015. Furthermore, investments must be sustainable and environmentally sound, for the application of agricultural development.<sup>879</sup>

At the 2013 Lough Erne Summit, the G8 welcomed the Global Nutrition for Growth Compact initiative which was launched on 8 June 2013. It should be noted that among the G8 members Italy and Russia have not joined the compact, which is aimed at ending under-nutrition.<sup>880</sup>

Progress made within the “financial and policy commitments to accelerate progress towards ending under-nutrition for women and young children” must be reported and reviewed through the Scaling-Up Nutrition Movement.<sup>881</sup>

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<sup>873</sup> Lough Erne Joint Communiqué from Group of Eight Leaders (Lough Erne) 18 June 2013 Access Date: 30 November 2013 <http://iipdigital.usembassy.gov/st/english/texttrans/2013/06/20130618276629.html#axzz2m3EHVebS>

<sup>874</sup> Muskoka Declaration: Recovery and New Beginnings, G8 Information Centre. 26 June 2010. Access Date: 23 December 2013. <http://www.g8.utoronto.ca/summit/2010muskoka/communique.html>

<sup>875</sup> UN secured \$40 billion for women’s and children’s health, We can End Poverty, United Nations (New York). Access Date: 30 November 2013. <http://www.un.org/en/mdg/summit2010>

<sup>876</sup> G8 Action on Food Security and Nutrition, U.S. Department of State, 18 May 2012. Access Date: 23 December 2013. <http://www.state.gov/s/globalfoodsecurity/rls/other/190282.htm>.

<sup>877</sup> Lough Erne Joint Communiqué from Group of Eight Leaders (Lough Erne) 18 June 2013 Access Date: 30 November 2013 <http://iipdigital.usembassy.gov/st/english/texttrans/2013/06/20130618276629.html#axzz2m3EHVebS>

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<sup>879</sup> Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme. Access Date: 30 November 2013 <http://www.nepad-caadp.net/about-caadp.php>

<sup>880</sup> Global Nutrition for Growth Impact Access Date: 30 November 2013 [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/248754/Endorserscompact\\_update7\\_10\\_2013.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/248754/Endorserscompact_update7_10_2013.pdf)

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During the U.S. G8 Presidency, the G8 welcomed the involvement of NGOs and business to contribute to solving the problems of food security.<sup>882</sup> Particular to this new involvement, not only will member countries have commitments, which are elucidated in the following section, but so will the private sector.

**Commitment Features:**

The commitment focuses on “deepening” the health and nutrition related initiatives put forward during the U.S G8 Presidency, which called for partnership within the New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition, between African leaders, and the private sector with ambitions to take 50 million people out of poverty within the next ten years. This entails investing in sustainable agricultural development for smallholders and women in low-income countries.<sup>15</sup> Unilateral investments must be made to private sectors for the purposes of agricultural growth and must be effective, accountable, and responsible

To this end, full compliance requires that G8 members promote investment in areas that directly relate to (1) women and (2) small holders and is (3) a responsible investment in regards to the sustainability of natural resources.

**Scoring Guidelines:**

-1	Member does not make any investments that target smallholders and women.
0	Member makes investments that target smallholders and women, BUT does not make them responsibly and supportive of the sustainable use of natural resources.
+1	Member makes investments that target smallholders and women AND makes them responsibly and supportive of the sustainable use of natural resources.

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**Canada: +1**

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to promote investment and deepen health and nutrition related initiatives, with specific emphasis on women, smaller holders, and natural resource responsibility.

On 28 August 2013, Canadian International Cooperation Minister Christian Paradis visited Haiti and announced a contribution of CAD 6.6 million to the Support to Sustainable School Feeding program, run by the World Food Programme. The program gives a daily meal to Haitian schoolchildren, combatting malnutrition.<sup>883</sup>

Additionally, on 24 October 2013, Minister Paradis announced that Canada would provide CAD 10 million in support to Guatemala in order to help increase food security and combat malnutrition. The aid is specifically directed towards young children, mothers and pregnant women. It will also allow 3,300 small farmers to increase sustainable agricultural production and improve the quality of

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<sup>881</sup> Lough Erne Joint Communiqué from Group of Eight Leaders (Lough Erne) 18 June 2013 Access Date: 30 November 2013 <http://iipdigital.usembassy.gov/st/english/texttrans/2013/06/20130618276629.html#axzz2m3EHVebS>

<sup>882</sup> Final Update on the U.S. G-8 Presidency 31 December 2012 Access Date: 30 November 2013 <http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/202643.pdf>

<sup>883</sup> Minister Paradis visits Haiti to assess progress and challenges, Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada (Ottawa) 28 August 2013. Access Date: 19 December 2013. <http://www.international.gc.ca/media/dev/news-communiques/2013/08/28a.aspx?lang=eng>

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their products. The projects, delivered in partnership with the private sector, are in line with the UN's Scaling Up Nutrition Initiative and will be supervised by the World Food Programme.<sup>884</sup>

On 25 October 2013, Minister Paradis held a round table discussion with business leaders to deliberate business involvement in aid. On the agenda was the role of the private sector in increasing food security and combatting malnutrition.<sup>885</sup>

Moreover, on 13 November 2013, during a visit to Dakar, Minister Paradis officially launched Senegal's membership in the New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition. As Senegal's "G8 Lead," Canada assisted in establishing the framework. The total amount of public and private section investment is roughly CAD 400 million.<sup>886</sup>

Furthermore, on 3 May 2014, during a meeting with African Ambassadors and High Commissioners, Minister Paradis announced Canada's participation in the Enhancing Farmers' Access to Markets in East and West Africa project, which is overseen by the International Finance Corporation. Canada's participation in the initiative — which involves a contribution of CAD 10.3 million — will directly help smallholders in Africa. The program will give farmers' access to larger markets, assistance at meeting international norms, and partnerships with the private sector.<sup>887</sup>

Canada has continued efforts to promote investment from both the public and private sectors, to enhance food security and combat malnutrition, by expanding the New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition and working with other UN and WFP programs, specifically addressing women and small holders. In addition, Canada's investments are accountable with regard to natural resources. Thus, Canada receives a full compliance score of +1.

*Analyst: Alexander Cohen*

#### **France: +1**

France has fully complied with its commitment to improve nutrition-related health issues for smallholders and women, with accountable investments in regards to natural resources.

On 8 June 2013, the Nutrition for Growth Summit co-hosted by the UK and Brazilian government was held to establish commitments for preventing undernutrition.<sup>888</sup> An executive summary report outlines that France has allocated a share of its revenues of its tax on international transaction to improve child health in Sahel, including the financing of nutrition-related healthcare. The government has developed an intervention strategic framework of the Agence Française de

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<sup>884</sup> Canada working with Guatemala to improve food security and reduce chronic malnutrition, Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada (Ottawa) 24 October 2013. Access Date: 19 December 2013.

<http://www.international.gc.ca/media/dev/news-communiques/2013/10/24a.aspx?lang=eng>

<sup>885</sup> Minister Paradis hosts round table on private sector engagement in development, Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada (Ottawa) 25 October 2013. Access Date: 19 December 2013.

<http://www.international.gc.ca/media/dev/news-communiques/2013/10/25a.aspx?lang=eng>

<sup>886</sup> Minister Paradis concludes a productive visit in France and Senegal, Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada (Ottawa) 13 November 2013. Access Date: 19 December 2013. <http://www.marketwired.com/press-release/minister-paradis-concludes-a-productive-visit-in-france-and-senegal-1852100.htm>

<sup>887</sup> Canada is Helping to Improve the Livelihoods of Small-Scale African farmers, Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada (Ottawa) 3 May 2014. Access Date: 6 May 2014.

<sup>888</sup> Nutrition for Growth Commitments: Executive Summary (UK) 10 June 2013. Access Date: 24 December 2013. <http://allafrica.com/download/resource/main/main/idatcs/00061905:565e149b4dba840db23129893a7477f4.pdf>

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Développement on food security in Sub-Saharan Africa, putting an emphasis on nutrition as a mainstream objective.<sup>889</sup>

Furthermore, on 20 June 2013, New Alliance published the first six Cooperation Frameworks outlining private cooperation and government commitments outlined by contributions in the sectors of agriculture, food security, rural development, and nutrition.<sup>890</sup>

On 2 December 2013, Cooperation Frameworks for New Alliance have been created for ten countries.<sup>891</sup> The government of France pledged to fund up to USD 678.5 million to eight of the ten African countries: Nigeria, Ghana, Ethiopia, Cote d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, Benin, Senegal, Tanzania.<sup>892</sup> The Cooperation Framework reports specifically mention the development of tangible benefits for smallholder farmers and women.<sup>893</sup>

In addition, on 17 January 2014, the French development agency (AFD), and the Government of Kenya signed a EUR 100 million soft loan to expand Nairobi's water system. The loan is expected to boost electricity supply and economic growth in East Africa and "contribute to a more efficient and greener regional power market."<sup>894</sup>

Therefore, France has been awarded +1 for attending the Nutrition for Growth Summit reaffirming commitment to combating undernutrition, and for pledging monies to various African countries.

*Analyst: Nicholas Chong*

### **Germany: +1**

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to invest in sustainable agriculture, in particular, investments pertaining to women and smallholders, which are responsible with respect to natural resources.

The Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development released a strategy paper on relating to the promotion of sustainable agriculture. In this paper Germany advocates for better policies to create a shift towards more sustainable agriculture, especially in developing countries where poverty and hunger are common. Their main goals are to prevent land grabbing, create

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<sup>889</sup> Nutrition for Growth Commitments: Executive Summary (UK) 10 June 2013. Access Date: 24 December 2013.

<http://allafrica.com/download/resource/main/main/idatcs/00061905:565e149b4dba840db23129893a7477f4.pdf>

<sup>890</sup> New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition — Cooperation Frameworks Collection (UK) 2 December 2013. Access Date: 24 December 2013. <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/the-new-alliance-for-food-security-and-nutrition-corporate-frameworks>

<sup>891</sup> New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition — Cooperation Frameworks Collection (UK) 2 December 2013. Access Date: 24 December 2013. <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/the-new-alliance-for-food-security-and-nutrition-corporate-frameworks>

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<sup>893</sup> New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition — Cooperation Frameworks Collection (UK) 2 December 2013. Access Date: 24 December 2013. <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/the-new-alliance-for-food-security-and-nutrition-corporate-frameworks>

<sup>894</sup> More Water for the capital city of Nairobi / Cheaper and greener energy for Kenya, French Development Agency (Paris) 20 January 2014. Access Date: 14 May 2014. [http://www.afd.fr/lang/en/home/presse-afd/communiqués/ctnscroll\\_ActualitesList/6\\_6](http://www.afd.fr/lang/en/home/presse-afd/communiqués/ctnscroll_ActualitesList/6_6)

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responsible energy crop cultivation, protect and promote smallholder farm ownership, and ensure this is all done with inclusion of minorities and women.<sup>895</sup>

Further, on 23 June 2013 Germany signed Global Nutrition for Growth Compact 2013 and pledged to make EUR 200 million available by 2020 for projects that contribute to improving food quality supplies, especially for small children and mothers.<sup>896</sup>

Moreover, on October 2013, the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) published a report outlining the strategic guidelines for Germany. In this report the BMZ established their multifaceted approach to tackling the issue of malnutrition.<sup>897</sup> The approach has five core elements to create food security in the developing world: (1) integrating food security issues; (2) putting a focus on women; (3) involving the private sector; (4) developing civil society; (5) systematic monitoring of the impact relevant programs have.<sup>898</sup> In addition, Germany recommits itself to the Scaling Up Nutrition Movement and the promises to continue to be active in EU development policies that pertain to food security, such as the Agenda for Change and the Communication on Enhancing Maternal nutrition in External Assistance.<sup>899</sup>

On 14 March 2014, during his visit to the Central African Republic, Gerd Müller, Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, pledged EU8.5 million to help improve the living conditions of the people, in part by tackling hunger. He also made a commitment of EU3.5 million “support an emergency aid operation for food security and food aid being coordinated by the World Food Programme in the Central African Republic.” In addition to these sums, Germany will also allocate EU5 million “as transitional aid for sustainable food security and for the short-term rehabilitation of infrastructure for water, sanitation and hygiene.”<sup>900</sup>

During his visit to Mali in March 2014, Federal Minister for Economic Co-op-er-a-tion and De-vel-op-ment Gerd Müller lunched “the first of ten centres in Africa dedicated to researching the entire value chain — from the planting of the seeds through to the final product on the table.” Germany is further aiding the process of reconstruction in Mali in several areas including water supply and food security. So far, current irrigation initiatives have helped 70,000 smallholders in the Niger delta produce sufficient rice to feed 400,000 people.<sup>901</sup>

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<sup>895</sup> Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Promoting Sustainable Agriculture Development Policy Strategy, January 2013. Date Accessed: 29 April 2014.

<sup>896</sup> Germany Pledges EUR200 million to Fight Malnutrition, Germany Information Centre: Africa (Berlin) 21 June 2013. Date Accessed: 16 December 2013. [http://www.gicafrika.diplo.de/Vertretung/suedafrika-dz/en/\\_\\_\\_pr/2013/06/06-Nutrition-For-Growth.html](http://www.gicafrika.diplo.de/Vertretung/suedafrika-dz/en/___pr/2013/06/06-Nutrition-For-Growth.html)

<sup>897</sup> Food Security — Strategic Guideline for German Development Policy, Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) October 2013. Date Accessed: 16 December 2013. [http://www.bmz.de/en/publications/type\\_of\\_publication/strategies/Strategiepapier340\\_11\\_2013.pdf](http://www.bmz.de/en/publications/type_of_publication/strategies/Strategiepapier340_11_2013.pdf)

<sup>898</sup> Food Security — Strategic Guideline for German Development Policy, Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) October 2013. Date Accessed: 16 December 2013. [http://www.bmz.de/en/publications/type\\_of\\_publication/strategies/Strategiepapier340\\_11\\_2013.pdf](http://www.bmz.de/en/publications/type_of_publication/strategies/Strategiepapier340_11_2013.pdf)

<sup>899</sup> Food Security — Strategic Guideline for German Development Policy, Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) October 2013. Date Accessed: 16 December 2013. [http://www.bmz.de/en/publications/type\\_of\\_publication/strategies/Strategiepapier340\\_11\\_2013.pdf](http://www.bmz.de/en/publications/type_of_publication/strategies/Strategiepapier340_11_2013.pdf)

<sup>900</sup> Germany is sup-port-ing the Central African Republic with a contribution for food and health care, BMZ (Berlin) 14 March 2014. Access Date: 13 May 2014. [http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2014/maerz/140314\\_pm\\_023\\_Germany-is-supporting-the-Central-African-Republic-with-a-contribution-for-food-and-health-care/index.html](http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2014/maerz/140314_pm_023_Germany-is-supporting-the-Central-African-Republic-with-a-contribution-for-food-and-health-care/index.html)

<sup>901</sup> Minister Gerd Müller returns from trip to Mali and South Sudan, BMZ (Berlin) 28 March 2014. Access Date: 13 May 2014. [http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2014/maerz/140328\\_pm\\_033\\_Minister-Gerd-Mueller-returns-from-trip-to-Mali-and-South-Sudan/index.html](http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2014/maerz/140328_pm_033_Minister-Gerd-Mueller-returns-from-trip-to-Mali-and-South-Sudan/index.html)



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Due to the new pledge of EUR 200 million by 2020, and the BMZ report, Germany fulfilled its commitment to fighting malnutrition by focusing investments on women, as well as developing agriculture in a sustainable way. Thus, Germany has been awarded a compliance score of +1.

*Analyst: Amelia Cook*

### **Italy: +1**

Italy has complied with its commitment to promote resource responsible agricultural investments that target smallholders and women.

On 30 May 2013, Italy signed the New Country Programme of 2013-2015. The new Ethio-Italian Cooperation Framework is expected to increase Italian aid in Ethiopia. The proposed financial contribution is EUR 98,900,000, “divided between gifts and soft loans.”<sup>902</sup> The new cooperation framework has doubled Italy’s previous contribution of EUR 48,000,000. It encompasses Italy’s “adhesion to the New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition Initiative,”<sup>903</sup> and affirms Italy’s focus on the issues of “gender, private sector and climate change.”<sup>904</sup> The programme details a contribution of EUR 600,000 over three years towards a “gender initiative aimed at promoting women empowerment.”<sup>905</sup> The New Country Programme also specifies the need to protect the environment through sustainable initiatives.<sup>906</sup>

Italy further announced an additional EUR 6 million contribution to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).<sup>907</sup> The FAO covers a broad spectrum of focuses, with a stated emphasis on impoverished individuals and communities.<sup>908</sup> From 2012 to 2013, Italy has contributed US\$22.3 million as of March 2013 towards the FAO.<sup>909</sup>

Moreover, the Ethio-Italian Cooperation Framework also outlines a budget allocation of EUR 6 million towards the Agriculture Growth Program through the Ethiopian Ministry of Agriculture.<sup>910</sup> The program aims to “promote sustainable agricultural growth.”<sup>911</sup>

In 2013, Italy pledged EUR 200,000 towards creating Integrated Agro-Food Parks. The initiative is designed to transform smallholder farmers into commercial farms, in hopes of increasing prosperity.<sup>912</sup> The total amount budgeted for this initiative is EUR 1.8 million.<sup>913</sup>

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<sup>902</sup> Who We Are, Cooperazione Italiana allo Sviluppo Ministero Affari Esteri, 2013. Access Date: 21 December 2013.

[http://www.itacaddis.org/en/who\\_we\\_are.php](http://www.itacaddis.org/en/who_we_are.php)

<sup>903</sup> Italy and Ethiopia pledge to a new Cooperation Framework 2013-2015, reliefweb 30 May 2013. Access Date: 21 December 2013. <http://reliefweb.int/report/ethiopia/italy-and-ethiopia-pledge-new-cooperation-framework-2013-2015>

<sup>904</sup> Ethio-Italian Cooperation Framework 2013-2015. Access Date: 21 December 2013.

[http://www.itacaddis.org/docs/2013\\_07\\_18\\_08\\_27\\_28\\_Framework%202013-2015.pdf](http://www.itacaddis.org/docs/2013_07_18_08_27_28_Framework%202013-2015.pdf)

<sup>905</sup> Ethio-Italian Cooperation Framework 2013-2015. Access Date: 21 December 2013.

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<sup>907</sup> Ethio-Italian Cooperation Framework 2013-2015. Access Date: 21 December 2013.

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<sup>908</sup> Reduce Rural Poverty, Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations. Access Date: 21 December 2013.

<http://www.fao.org/about/what-we-do/so3/en/>

<sup>909</sup> Growth Green Agriculture — FAO receives €6m donation GG Agriculture, 7 June 2013. Access Date: 21 December 2013. <http://growthgreenagriculture.com/fao-donation/>

<sup>910</sup> Ethio-Italian Cooperation Framework 2013-2015. Access Date: 21 December 2013.

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Furthermore, on 6 May 2014, the Italian Government announced it will be hosting the Universal Exposition in Milan in 2015. The theme of the exhibit “Feeding the Planet. Energy for Life.” According to Foreign Minister Federica Mogherini, “EXPO Milano will take place at a crucial period for the Post-2015 Development Agenda and will be a unique opportunity to contribute to the global debate on nutrition and food security.”<sup>914</sup>

Therefore, Italy has been awarded a +1 for making investments in initiatives that target smallholders and women, which are resource responsible.

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### **Japan: +1**

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to make investments that are accountable to natural resources which aim to benefit smallholders and women. It has declared its efforts and intentions at improving status of women, enhancing the roles of smallholders, and accountability of natural resources.

On 25 September 2013, in a statement given by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan, at the Side Event “Post-2015: Health and Development” held in New York, Abe addressed Japan’s goals at “achieving universal health coverage (UHC), which ensures access to essential health-care services for all.”<sup>915</sup> Abe highlighted that “a health boost for the entire population...women in particular” is needed.<sup>916</sup>

Moreover, on 26 September 2013, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe announced “what will serve as both a factor for and outcome of growth [of Japan] will be to mobilize the power of women,” and that “creating an environment in which women find it comfortable to work and enhancing opportunities for women to work and to be active in society is...a matter of the greatest urgency.”<sup>917</sup> In Japan’s initiative towards Women’s Empowerment and Gender Equality, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe declared his intention to “create a society in which women shine, and...develop a national action plan regarding women, peace, and security, in cooperation with people working at the grass-roots level.”<sup>918</sup> He aims to do so through the declared policy priorities that “facilitat[es] women’s active role/participation in society and women’s empowerment, enhancing Japan’s efforts in the areas of

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<sup>912</sup> Ethio-Italian Cooperation Framework 2013-2015. Access Date: 21 December 2013.

[http://www.itacaddis.org/docs/2013\\_07\\_18\\_08\\_27\\_28\\_Framework%202013-2015.pdf](http://www.itacaddis.org/docs/2013_07_18_08_27_28_Framework%202013-2015.pdf)

<sup>913</sup> Ethio-Italian Cooperation Framework 2013-2015. Access Date: 21 December 2013.

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<sup>914</sup> Ministry of Foreign Affairs and EXPO Milano 2015 illustrate the UN’s participation in the Universal Exposition, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Roma) 6 May 2014. Access Date: 14 May 2014.

[http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Sala\\_stamp/ArchivioNotizie/Comunicati/2014/05/20140506\\_onuexpo.htm](http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Sala_stamp/ArchivioNotizie/Comunicati/2014/05/20140506_onuexpo.htm)

<sup>915</sup> Statement by Mr. Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan, at the Side Event “Post-2015: Health and Development,” 25 September 2013. Access Date: 20 December 2013. [http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/page3e\\_000089.html](http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/page3e_000089.html)

<sup>916</sup> Statement by Mr. Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan, at the Side Event “Post-2015: Health and Development,” 25 September 2013. Access Date: 20 December 2013. [http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/page3e\\_000089.html](http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/page3e_000089.html)

<sup>917</sup> Address by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, at The Sixty-Eighth Session of The General Assembly of The United Nations, 26 September 2013. Access Date: 29 December 2013.

[http://www.kantei.go.jp/foreign/96\\_abe/statement/201309/26generaldebate\\_e.html](http://www.kantei.go.jp/foreign/96_abe/statement/201309/26generaldebate_e.html)

<sup>918</sup> Address by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, at The Sixty-Eighth Session of The General Assembly of The United Nations, 26 September 2013. Access Date: 29 December 2013.

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women's health care as part of its strategy on Global Health Diplomacy, and supporting women's participation and protecting their rights in the area of peace and security."<sup>919</sup>

Furthermore, on 5 October 2013, Minister of Foreign Affairs Fumio Kishida attended the 25th APEC Ministers Meeting held in Bali, Indonesia. The ministers recognize "the crucial role of farmers and fishers, especially smallholders and women, in increasing food production and attaining food security in the region."<sup>920</sup> They also note the need to improve individual capacity to food loss reduction due to their "vulnerability to economic turbulence and natural shocks."<sup>921</sup> Ministers suggested that "integrating smallholder farmers and fishers with the private sector in food supply-chains" to enhance partnerships, which will also "take into account the importance of gender equality and the significant role of women in ensuring food security from household, to community, economy-wide, and regional levels."<sup>922</sup>

On 14 December 2013, the Heads of State/Government of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and Japan discussed the Implementation Plan of the Vision Statement on ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation at a meeting in Tokyo. With regards to smallholders and accountable investments in natural resources, the two parties aim to (1): "[advance] the establishment of public-private partnership (PPP) guidelines and schemes to mobilise resources;"<sup>923</sup> (2) "promote industrial advancement especially through human resources development in industrial sectors, small and medium enterprises (SMEs) cooperation, and upgrading supply chain networks across the region;" (3) and "forge closer cooperation in protecting and conserving the environment and promoting sustainable use of natural resources [through] environmental education and public participation."<sup>923</sup> Recognizing the importance of fostering the roles of women, Japan and ASEAN seek to "strengthen cooperation to empower women to participate in political, economic, and socio-cultural development."<sup>924</sup>

In addition to Japan's effort to build influence and power in the regions of Africa, on 10 January 2014, Japan announced "more than USD 14 billion in trade and foreign aid agreements"<sup>925</sup> during Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's trip to Ethiopia, Ivory Coast, and Mozambique. Furthermore, Japan has indicated an interest in shifting from aid to trade with regards to the resources found in Africa as Prime Minister Shinzo Abe stated in a press conference, "The African nations are no longer in need of aid. The region's human resource development and infrastructure improvement are both attractive investments for the future."<sup>926</sup>

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<sup>919</sup> Japan's Initiative regarding Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality (Toward a society in which all women shine), September 2013. Access Date: 2 May 2014. <http://www.mofa.go.jp/files/000016518.pdf>

<sup>920</sup> Joint Ministerial Statement, 5 October 2013. Access Date: 20 December 2013. <http://www.mofa.go.jp/files/000016154.pdf>

<sup>921</sup> Joint Ministerial Statement, 5 October 2013. Access Date: 20 December 2013. <http://www.mofa.go.jp/files/000016154.pdf>

<sup>922</sup> Joint Ministerial Statement, 5 October 2013. Access Date: 20 December 2013. <http://www.mofa.go.jp/files/000016154.pdf>

<sup>923</sup> Implementation Plan of the Vision Statement on ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation, 14 December 2013.

Access Date: 29 December 2013. <http://www.mofa.go.jp/files/000022447.pdf>

<sup>924</sup> Implementation Plan of the Vision Statement on ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation, 14 December 2013.

Access Date: 29 December 2013. <http://www.mofa.go.jp/files/000022447.pdf>

<sup>925</sup> Japan battles China for influence in Africa, The Globe and Mail World (Johannesburg) 10 January 2014. Access Date: 2 May 2014. <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/world/japan-battles-china-for-influence-in-africa/article16288594/>

<sup>926</sup> Growing Africa Destination of Investment for Japan, Asia News Network Business 15 January 2014. Access Date: 2 May 2014. <http://www.asianewsnet.net/Growing-Africa-destination-of-investment-for-Japan-56110.html>

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On 7 February 2014, at a meeting between Fumio Kishida, minister for foreign affairs of Japan, and Secretary of State of the United States John Kerry, the two parties confirmed that both countries “will work together on global challenges including development and support for women.”<sup>927</sup>

Furthermore, on 26 March 2014 during a courtesy call between the Executive Director of UN Women Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, and Minister for Foreign Affairs Fumio Kishida, Minister Kishida stated that “Japan contributed approximately USD 5.5 million this month to UN Women’s projects in countries in the Middle East and Africa” and is expecting over more than USD 10 million to UN Women this year.

Therefore, Japan has been awarded a score of +1 for discussed and has taken steps to promote investment that supports women, children and that promotes sustainable development.

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### **Russia: 0**

Russia has partially complied with the commitment on health.

Russia has continued to implement the school meals development project in Armenia.

The project is aimed at “promoting sustainability and building links with local agriculture” with a goal of making the school meals programmes “self sufficient and nationally-owned” including through local production of food.<sup>928</sup> In 2013 similar programs were launched in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan with Russia’s contribution amounting to USD 22 million in 2013-2015.<sup>929</sup> In 2013 Russia also allocated USD 6 million for the implementation of school meals development program in the Deauville Partnership countries.<sup>930</sup>

Russia has made investments to improve nutrition in a responsible and sustainable forms, however they are not directly targeted at smallholders and women.

Thus, Russia has been awarded a score of 0.

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### **United Kingdom: +1**

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to deepen impact by ensuring investments have a measurable impact on malnutrition, particularly for smallholders and women, and are made responsibly and support the sustainable use of natural resources.

On 8 June 2013 the UK and Brazil co-hosted the “Nutrition for Growth” meeting. Participants signed the “Global Nutrition for Growth Compact” which committed to improving nutrition with a focus on pregnant women and children. Commitment of up to GBP 2.7 million have been secured for tackling malnutrition by 2020, and the UK up until now has committed an additional GBP 375 million. Related to this commitment, funds will focus on developing nutrient-rich and resilient crops

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<sup>927</sup> Japan-U.S. Foreign Ministers' Meeting (Summary), 7 February 2014. Access Date: 2 May 2014. [http://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e\\_000214.html](http://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_000214.html)

<sup>928</sup> Russia Provides Model For School Meals In CIS, WFP 18 March 2010. <http://www.wfp.org/stories/russia-provides-model-school-meals-cis>.

<sup>929</sup> Government Resoulution No 960-p of 11 June 2013. Government of Russia. <http://government.ru/docs/2398>.

<sup>930</sup> Government Resoulution No 2153-p of 22 November 2012. Government of Russia. <http://government.ru/docs/5911>.

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and “ensuring businesses in developing countries place good nutrition at the heart of their workforce welfare priorities.”<sup>931</sup>

Furthermore, on 15 October 2013, the UK launched the “Global Handwashing Day” and a partnership with UNICEF, Oxfam, Mercy Corps and five other international NGOs to improve access to water, sanitation and hygiene in the Democratic Republic of Congo. By allocating GBP 84.6 million on the program “École et Village Assainis” of promoting healthy villages and schools, this initiative places children as its focus.<sup>932</sup>

Britain is also working to “forge a new partnership between east Africa, leading businesses and the London Stock Exchange Group to boost development in the region.” The UK’s International Development Secretary Justine Greening, along with representatives of eighteen British and international businesses and social enterprises met to “set out four new commercial initiatives to help the poorest benefit from economic growth in Tanzania.” On 7 November 2013, the UK announced an investment of GBP 3.3 million for “Equity for Tanzania” that focuses on financing small and medium agricultural businesses and farmers.<sup>933</sup>

In addition, on 27 November 2013, the UK’s Department for International Development announced to contribute to a global initiative of providing girls and women with clean sources of energy, thus providing safe cooking solutions in developing countries. The Department for International Development agreed to provide GBP 4.5 million to the ENERGIA International Network on Gender and Sustainable Energy and GBP 7 million to the “Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves.”<sup>934</sup>

On 20 December 2013, the UK and United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization announced to team up on a four-year, GBP 30 million project to improve agricultural sustainability, rural development, and nutrition in Zimbabwe. The goals of this project are to “address the root causes of poverty and food insecurity, and build resilience against climate change.” In particular it aims to address the challenges facing smallholder farmers, especially women in boosting productivity and acquiring access to markets.<sup>935</sup>

In December 2013, the new Malnutrition Prevention Project to raise awareness of malnutrition among elderly people was launched with government backing.<sup>936</sup> The project aims to raise awareness

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<sup>931</sup> Nutrition for Growth: Beating Hunger through Business and Science, Department for International Development (London) 8 June 2013. Access Date: 8 January 2014. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/nutrition-for-growth-beating-hunger-through-business-and-science>

<sup>932</sup> Global Handwashing Day: Britain Supports Water and Sanitation Access to 4 million in DRC, Department for International Development (London) 15 October 2013. Access Date: 8 January 2014. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/global-handwashing-day-britain-supports-water-and-sanitation-access-to-4-million-in-drc>

<sup>933</sup> UK Promotes Business Links in East Africa to End Poverty, Department for International Development (London) 5 November 2013. Access Date: 8 January 2014 <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-promotes-business-links-in-east-africa-to-end-poverty>

<sup>934</sup> UK to Help Girls and Women Access Clean Energy, Department for International Development (London) 27 November 2013. Access Date: 8 January 2014. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-to-help-girls-and-women-access-clean-energy>

<sup>935</sup> Major Boost for Zimbabwe’s Sustainable Agricultural Development and Food Security Efforts, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (Media) 20 December 2013. Access Date: 8 January 2014. <http://www.fao.org/news/story/en/item/210883/icode/>

<sup>936</sup> Elderly malnutrition highlighted in government project, BBC News 22 December 2013. Access Date: 11 May 2014. <http://www.bbc.com/news/health-25463483>

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of malnutrition among healthcare professionals and volunteers, and targets seniors who suffer from untreated malnutrition.<sup>937</sup>

Moreover, on 8 May 2014, the UK Department of Health, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs and Department of Education published a response to Sustain's school and hospital food campaign, which recognized the importance of "providing sustainable, high quality, nutritious food across every area of the public sector"<sup>938</sup> and introduced legally binding methods for improvement.<sup>939</sup> Different departments have developed an appropriate course of action for their part of the public sector.<sup>940</sup> For example, the Department for Health has set up a Hospital Food Standards Panel to advise on nutritional standards for patient meals and sustainability for example local and sustainable procurement.<sup>941</sup>

Thus, the United Kingdom has been awarded with a score of +1 for the government's efforts in complying with its commitments of tackling malnutrition with a focus on children, women and smallholders with accountability to natural resources.

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### **United States: +1**

The United States has fulfilled its commitment to ensure that agricultural investments have a tangible impact on women and small holders, and in ensuring and supporting the use of sustainable resources. This is evident in the ongoing activity of existing projects.

On May 2010, the United States created the Feed the Future (FtF) initiative that seeks to ensure that opportunities for sustainable food security are utilized by the United States and partnering countries.<sup>942</sup> From 2010 to 2012, President Barack Obama pledged USD 3.5 billion in support of this initiative.<sup>943</sup>

One of the United States core investments, made through FtF, is in women's empowerment in the agricultural sector.<sup>944</sup> FtF created a measurement of women's empowerment known as the Women's Empowerment in Agriculture Index (or WEAI). WEAI measures the "empowerment, [agency] and

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<sup>937</sup> Elderly malnutrition highlighted in government project, BBC News 22 December 2013. Access Date: 11 May 2014. <http://www.bbc.com/news/health-25463483>

<sup>938</sup> Government publishes a response to Sustain's school and hospital food campaign, Department of health, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs and Department for Education (London) 8 May 2014. Access Date: 11 May 2014 <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/improving-food-in-hospitals-and-schools>

<sup>939</sup> Government publishes a response to Sustain's school and hospital food campaign, Department of health, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs and Department for Education (London) 8 May 2014. Access Date: 11 May 2014 <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/improving-food-in-hospitals-and-schools>

<sup>940</sup> Government publishes a response to Sustain's school and hospital food campaign, Department of health, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs and Department for Education (London) 8 May 2014. Access Date: 11 May 2014 <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/improving-food-in-hospitals-and-schools>

<sup>941</sup> Government publishes a response to Sustain's school and hospital food campaign, Department of health, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs and Department for Education (London) 8 May 2014. Access Date: 11 May 2014 <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/improving-food-in-hospitals-and-schools>

<sup>942</sup> Meeting the President's Challenge to End Extreme Poverty, Feed the Future (Washington), 15 February 2013. Access Date: 21 December 2013. <http://feedthefuture.gov/article/meeting-president's-challenge-end-extreme-poverty#>

<sup>943</sup> The Obama Administration's Feed the Future Initiative, Congressional Research Service (Washington), 10 January 2011. Access Date: 21 December 2013 <https://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R41612.pdf>

<sup>944</sup> Women and Agriculture: Improving Global Food Security, United States Agency for International Development (Washington), September 2011. Access Date: 21 December 2013 <http://feedthefuture.gov/sites/default/files/resource/files/Clinton%20Women%20and%20Agriculture%20report.pdf>

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inclusion of women in the agriculture sector,”<sup>945</sup> which in turn has impacts on women’s decision-making abilities, access to income and leadership in the community.<sup>946</sup>

Moreover, through FtF, the United States has worked to connect smallholders to the global economy. This has primarily taken place through providing “smallholder farmers with the tools and technologies they need to produce more robust harvests” and, consequently have greater access to opportunities in local markets. Moreover, there has been an increased focus on engaging women smallholders. This is evident in the fact that out of the nearly 7.5 million farmers that used “improved technology and management practices” with FtF support; of these, approximately 30 per cent were women.<sup>947</sup>

Additionally, although the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has supported investments in areas related of sustainable food production—evident in the United States’ involvement in the Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resource Management Collaborative Research Support Program and the Consultative Group on International Agriculture Research—with the goal of increasing agricultural productivity and economic growth,<sup>948</sup> the role of the private sector has been emphasized. Although this alludes to President Obama’s call for greater private sector involvement, it does not speak to increased levels of public funding for such programs and research initiatives.

In January 2014, at the World Economic Forum at Davos, USAID and Dupont announced a Memorandum of Understanding — a commitment to increase farmer productivity by “improving smallholder farmers’ access to key tools and technologies [ensuring] opportunities to participate in increasing global markets.”<sup>949</sup> Furthermore, on 15 April 2014, USAID partnered with Mexico to assist El Salvador in “[increasing] cacao production as an alternative source of income for rural farmers affected by the coffee rust outbreak.”<sup>950</sup> This initiative involves the training of approximately 10,000 female and male farmers on “supply chain opportunities [and] sustainable farming.”<sup>951</sup>

The United States continues to implement existing programs that are designed to support women and smallholders, as well as facilitate sustainable agricultural practices, with new investments in these

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<sup>945</sup> The Women’s Empowerment in Agriculture Index, Feed the Future (Washington), 12 September 2013. Access Date: 21 December 2013. <http://feedthefuture.gov/article/womens-empowerment-agriculture-index-0>

<sup>946</sup> Women’s Empowerment in Agriculture Index, International Food Policy Research Institute (Washington), 2012. Access Date: 21 December 2013. [http://www.ifpri.org/sites/default/files/publications/weai\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.ifpri.org/sites/default/files/publications/weai_brochure.pdf)

<sup>947</sup> Progress Report: Growing Innovation, Harvesting Results, Feed the Future (Washington), June 2013. Access Date: December 2013. [http://www.feedthefuture.gov/sites/default/files/resource/files/feed\\_the\\_future\\_progress\\_report\\_2013.pdf](http://www.feedthefuture.gov/sites/default/files/resource/files/feed_the_future_progress_report_2013.pdf)

<sup>948</sup> Investing in Sustainable Agriculture, United States Agency for International Development (Washington), 11 April 2013. Access Date: 21 December 2013. <http://www.usaid.gov/what-we-do/agriculture-and-food-security/investing-sustainable-agriculture>

<sup>949</sup> USAID and Dupont Announce Commitment to Increase Farmer Productivity and Food and Nutrition Security, United States Agency for International Development (Washington) 23 January 2014. Access Date: 9 May 2014. <http://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/jan-23-2014-usaid-and-dupont-announce-commitment-increase-farmer-productivity>

<sup>950</sup> U.S. and Mexico Partner to Increase Cacao Production in El Salvador, United States Agency for International Development (Washington) 15 April 2014. Access Date: 9 May 2014. <http://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/apr-15-2014-us-and-mexico-partner-increase-cacao-production-el-salvador>

<sup>951</sup> U.S. and Mexico Partner to Increase Cacao Production in El Salvador, United States Agency for International Development (Washington) 15 April 2014. Access Date: 9 May 2014. <http://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/apr-15-2014-us-and-mexico-partner-increase-cacao-production-el-salvador>

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areas having been made since the Lough Erne Summit. As a result, this reports awards the United States a score of +1.

*Analyst: Aditya Ran*

### **European Union: +1**

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to promote health and nutrition investments in areas that directly target women and small holders, which are accountable and resource responsible.

On 28 October 2013, Ambassador, Deputy Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Ioannis Vrailas reaffirmed the commitment by the EU to pay “special attention to small-holder farmers, particularly women” and to “adopt ecologically efficient agricultural practices” and “improve their nutrition status.”<sup>952</sup>

Moreover, on the 24 November 2013, the EU launched the “Food Security Policy and Strategy Capacity Building Programme” and announced EUR 8.6 million allocated to its support.<sup>953</sup> Additionally, the EU extended its approach for Eastern Sudan by including provisions to support small-scale farmers to improve their agricultural productivity while promoting at the same time sustainable use of arable land. To this end EUR 20 million in funding is available.<sup>954</sup>

The European Union together with the UN Food and Agriculture Organization has also provided EUR 60 million in assistance as a part of the Millennium Development Goals under which the EU and FAO focus on agricultural development involving smallholder farmers and their families to promote improved nutrition and support for agricultural policies.<sup>955</sup>

In addition, the EU has reinforced its support for the Sahel region for the period 2014 to 2020 with the announcement of new funding by EU Development Commissioner, Adris Piebalgs, during a joint visit with UN Secretary, Ban Ki Moon, World Bank President, Jim Yong Kim, Chairperson of the African Union Commission, Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, and African Development Bank President, Donald Kaberuka.<sup>956</sup>

The support of EUR 5 billion aims to help Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, and Chad tackle the challenges of agriculture and food security among others.<sup>957</sup> Accordingly, during the visits to each of the six countries, the EU announced support in the amount of EUR 442 million to

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<sup>952</sup> EU Statement — United Nations 2nd Committee: Agriculture Development, Food Security and Nutrition, EU at the UN (Brussels) 28 October 2013. Access Date: 20 December 2013. [http://www.eu-un.europa.eu/articles/en/article\\_14167\\_en.htm](http://www.eu-un.europa.eu/articles/en/article_14167_en.htm)

<sup>953</sup> European Development Days addresses Food Security in East Sudan, European Union Delegation to Sudan (Sudan) 25 November 2013. Access Date: 20 December 2013. [http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/sudan/press\\_corner/all\\_news/news/2013/20131125\\_en.htm](http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/sudan/press_corner/all_news/news/2013/20131125_en.htm)

<sup>954</sup> European Development Days addresses Food Security in East Sudan, European Union Delegation to Sudan (Khartoum) 25 November 2013. Access Date: 20 December 2013. [http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/sudan/press\\_corner/all\\_news/news/2013/20131125\\_en.htm](http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/sudan/press_corner/all_news/news/2013/20131125_en.htm)

<sup>955</sup> EU and FAO help six countries achieve the Millennium Development Goal on hunger, European Commission (Brussels) 26 September 2013. Access Date: 20 December 2013. [http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_IP-13-880\\_en.htm?locale=en](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-13-880_en.htm?locale=en)

<sup>956</sup> EU reinforces its support for the Sahel in the years to come, European Commission (Brussels) 4 November 2013, Date Accessed: 20 December 2012. [http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_IP-13-1013\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-13-1013_en.htm)

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Chad,<sup>958</sup> EUR 623 million to Burkina Faso,<sup>959</sup> EUR 615 million to Mali,<sup>960</sup> and EUR 542 million to Niger.<sup>961</sup> Additionally, the EU reached a new agreement with Niger on the Northern Niger Local Development project under which EUR 25.6 million are committed for stabilization and local development.<sup>962</sup> The goal of this development, amongst others, is to strengthen the capacities of public and private players, improving food security through income from agricultural and pastoral activities.<sup>963</sup>

Furthermore, during his 18 June 2013 to 20 June 2013 visit to Zambia, EU Commissioner for Development, Andris Piebalgs signed an agreement to support smallholder farmers and promote agricultural conservation in Zambia with EUR 11.1 million in EU funding.<sup>964</sup> Additionally, the Commissioner attended the Seminar on Energy future of Zambia: Sustainable Energy Sources and Hydro Power Potential, where he expressed the strong support the EU intends to provide to Zambia's energy sector.<sup>965</sup>

On 4 October 2013, The EU announced the provision of EUR 50 million to improve food security and build resilience to drought in southern and eastern Ethiopia as a part of the Supporting Horn of Africa Resilience (SHARE) initiative.<sup>966</sup>

In addition, on 21 January 2014, the EU announced close to EUR 3 billion in grants for countries and organizations in the region of Central Africa<sup>1</sup> for the period 2014-2020. The new funding aims to benefit the 162 million citizens living in a region that has suffered from a number of armed conflicts as well as chronic poverty and malnutrition. <sup>967</sup>

On 4 February 2014, the EU allocated EUR 320 million through UNICEF to improve the health and nutrition of children and women in 15 developing countries and to help speed progress in meeting the Millennium Development Goals. Funding aims to tackle under-nutrition and infectious

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<sup>958</sup> European Union announces increase in development aid for Chad for 2014-2020, European Commission (Brussels) 7 November 2013, Date Accessed: 20 December 2012. [http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_IP-13-1033\\_en.htm?locale=en](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-13-1033_en.htm?locale=en)

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diseases.<sup>968</sup> The EU Development Commissioner Andris Piebalgs, also pledged EUR 195 million for Mauritania in the areas of food security, rule of law and healthcare for the years 2014-2020.<sup>969</sup>

Moreover, on 13 February 2014, Commissioner Piebalgs released a statement on sustainable energy in Africa. Piebalgs reaffirmed the importance of energy for the development of sustainable economic growth, sustainable agriculture, quality healthcare, and decent education. In addition, the EU has set itself the goal to help developing countries provide 500 million people with access to sustainable energy services by 2030.<sup>970</sup>

On 14 February 2014, the EU announced EUR 55 million of new support for Cape Verde during the period 2014-2020. The funding will focus specifically on the areas of the fight against poverty, sustainable and inclusive growth and good governance. Additionally, the Commissioner Piebalgs announced the first deployment of the EU's Technical Assistance Facility for Sustainable Energy for All in Cape Verde; a new instrument on energy cooperation which will cover the whole of Africa.<sup>971</sup>

Subsequently, on 20 March 2014, the EU announced over EUR 6.5 billion in new support for countries and organizations in Asia for the period 2014-2020. The new funds will address key priorities such as social protection, better health and education, job creation and better integration of partner countries into regional and world markets.<sup>972</sup>

Additionally on, 4 March 2014, the EU announced EUR 620 million of new EU support to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and EUR 460 million for Rwanda for the period 2014-2020. The funding will focus on the areas of health; environment and sustainable agriculture.<sup>973</sup>

On 24 and 25 March 2014, at the EUROsociAL conference in Brussels, European Development Commissioner Piebalgs, talked about new EU support of at least EUR2.5 billion for Latin America for the years 2014 to 2020, which is part of the Development Cooperation Instrument. A total of EUR 36 million were budgeted to the EURO-SOLAR programme that provides the most disadvantaged countries with remote training courses in health promotion and disease monitoring.<sup>974</sup>

On 11 April 2014, the EU stepped up its effort to contain the spread of the Ebola outbreak in West Africa by increasing its funding for immediate health operations, experts and risk assessments to EUR 1.1 million.<sup>975</sup>

Furthermore, on 23 to 30 April 2014, Commissioner Piebalgs together with New Zealand Foreign Minister, Murray McCully, undertook a joint mission to the Pacific and Papua New Guinea to further

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<sup>975</sup> Ebola in West Africa: EU increases its immediate health assistance to €1.1 million (Brussels) 11 April 2014, Date Accessed: 2 May 2014. [http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_IP-14-426\\_en.htm?locale=en](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-14-426_en.htm?locale=en)

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strengthen development cooperation in that region. During the trip, the EU launched two projects worth almost EUR 60 million that aim at the development of renewable energy crucial education and healthcare, for growth, tourism and even for the supply of water.<sup>976</sup>

Thus the European Union has been awarded a score of +1 for promoting health and nutrition investments in areas that directly relate to women and small holders. It has made accountable investments for smallholder and women that are responsible in regards to natural resources.

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