
Development: Social Protection Floors [266]

Commitment [#266]:

“We therefore decide to support the implementation and expansion of nationally-designed social protection floors in developing countries, especially low income countries.”

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Assessment:

| Country | Lack of Compliance | Work in Progress | Full Compliance |
|----------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Argentina | -1 | | |
| Australia | | | +1 |
| Brazil | | 0 | |
| Canada | | | +1 |
| China | | 0 | |
| France | | | +1 |
| Germany | | | +1 |
| India | -1 | | |
| Indonesia | | 0 | |
| Italy | | | +1 |
| Japan | | | +1 |
| Korea | | | +1 |
| Mexico | | 0 | |
| Russia | | 0 | |
| Saudi Arabia | | 0 | |
| South Africa | | 0 | |
| Turkey | | 0 | |
| United Kingdom | | | +1 |
| United States | | | +1 |
| European Union | | | +1 |
| Average Score | | +0.40 | |

Background:

In March 1995, the World Summit for Social Development took place in Copenhagen. The Social Summit pledged to make conquest of poverty, achieve goal of full employment and fostering of social integration. In June 2000, governments reconvened in Geneva, to review progress.¹³⁷⁸

In 2006, International Labor Organization (ILO) Social Security Department developed new platform Global extension of social security (GESS) to facilitate the exchange of information and promote innovation in the field of social security. GESS provides an international interdisciplinary knowledge sharing environment and technical assistance services for the extension of social security.¹³⁷⁹

¹³⁷⁸ World Summit for Social Development Copenhagen 1995. Date of Access: 28 February 2012.
<http://social.un.org/index/Home/WorldSummitforSocialDevelopment1995.aspx>

¹³⁷⁹ GESS. Date of Access: 28 February 2012.
<http://www.socialsecurityextension.org/gimi/gess/ShowWiki.do?wid=9>

In 2008, World Bank established the Rapid Social Response Program (RSR) as a response to the food, fuel and financial crises. RSR's primary mission is to help LIC's build social protection systems. Russia, Norway and UK donated resources to the trust fund.¹³⁸⁰

In April 2009, the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (UNCEB) adopted the Social Protection Floor initiative (UN joint initiative to cope with the effects of the economic crisis) This initiative is co-led by the ILO and the WHO and involves a group of 17 collaborating agencies, including UN agencies and international financial institutions. Within the framework of the Social Protection Floor Initiative, the Social Protection Floor Advisory Group has been created to enhance global advocacy activities and to further elaborate the conceptual policy aspects of the approach.¹³⁸¹

In September 2009, Commission of Experts of the President of the UN General Assembly made recommendations on enhancing social protection especially for developing countries. In response to the crisis developing countries should undertake a variety of counter-cyclical policies, including social protection measures, with assistance from developed countries. The report proposed that international community should establish special funds to help creating systems of social protection.¹³⁸²

On 20-22 September 2010 at the UN Millennium Summit in New York, members considered that providing social protection floors could make an important contribution to the achievement of the MDG's.¹³⁸³

On 2-3 May 2011, OECD Social Policy Ministers with their counterparts from Russia, Brazil, Indonesia and South Africa reaffirmed "their commitment to combating unemployment and poverty as well as providing adequate and financially sustainable social protection, including a basic social protection floor in emerging and developing economies."¹³⁸⁴

On 17 June 2011, at its 100th Session, the ILO adopted a Resolution on social protection that reconfirms the role of social security as a human right and a social and economic necessity for countries at all levels of development. This resolution expresses the commitment of governments, employers and workers in the 183 members of the ILO to step up their efforts to build national social protection floor as part of their national strategies to develop comprehensive social security systems.¹³⁸⁵

¹³⁸⁰ Rapid Social Response Program. Date of Access: 28 February 2011.

<http://go.worldbank.org/2DPZ4H67Q0>

¹³⁸¹ Social Protection Floor. Date of Access: 28 February 2011.

<http://www.ilo.org/public/english/protection/spfag/index.htm>

¹³⁸² Report of the Commission of Experts of the President of the United Nations General Assembly on Reforms of the International Monetary and Financial System. 21 September 2009. Date of Access: 28 February 2012. <http://www.un.org/ga/president/63/PDFs/reportofexperts.pdf>

¹³⁸³ Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit. Date of Access: 28 February 2012.

<http://www.un.org/en/mdg/summit2010/pdf/mdg%20outcome%20document.pdf>

¹³⁸⁴ Final Communiqué of the Ministerial Meeting on OECD Social Policy: Building a Fairer Future: The Role of Social Policy. Date of Access: 28 February 2012.

http://www.oecd.org/document/0,3746,en_21571361_47089446_47746169_1_1_1_1,00.html

¹³⁸⁵ Resolution concerning the recurrent discussion on social protection (social security). Date of Access: 28 February 2012.

<http://www.ilo.org/gimi/gess/RessFileDownload.do?ressourceId=24661>

On 27 September 2011, G20 Labour and Employment Ministers adopted conclusions.¹³⁸⁶ They welcomed the conclusions on social protection adopted by the International Labour Conference on 17 June 2011¹³⁸⁷ and took note of the recommendations of the Social Protection Floor Advisory Group chaired by Michelle Bachelet¹³⁸⁸. The ministers welcomed the work done within the framework of the G20 Development Working Group¹³⁸⁹. They took note of the Brasilia declaration on the Social Protection Floor adopted on 10 May 2011.¹³⁹⁰ They recognized the importance of taking account of ILO convention 102 (Social Security, Minimum standards)¹³⁹¹.

Ministers agreed on the following recommendations: Develop nationally defined social protection floors with a view to achieving strong, sustainable and balanced economic growth and social cohesion; Encourage international organizations to coordinate their actions more effectively to help countries develop nationally determined social protection floors; Ensure effective financing for the implementation of nationally determined social protection floors.¹³⁹²

On 3-4 November 2011 at the Cannes summit, G20 Leaders put an emphasis on growth and jobs within the G20 Framework for strong, sustainable and balanced growth. G20 Leaders established a Task Force on Employment that will initially concentrate on youth employment and they also recognized the importance of investing in nationally-designed social protection floors. The G20 tasked several international organizations, including the ILO, the IMF, the OECD and the World Bank, to report to Finance Ministers on the global employment outlook and how the Framework for strong, sustainable and balanced growth can contribute to job creation.¹³⁹³

In April 2012, the World Bank Board launched the Social Protection and Labor Strategy 2012-2022 which lays out ways to deepen the World Bank involvement, capacity, knowledge, and impact in social protection and labor.¹³⁹⁴

¹³⁸⁶ G20 Labour and Employment Ministers' Conclusions. Paris, September 27, 2011. Date of Access: 28 February 2012. <http://www.g8.utoronto.ca/g20/2011/2011-labour-110927-en.pdf>

¹³⁸⁷ Report VI, Social security for social justice and a fair globalization, International Labour Conference, 100th Session, Geneva, 2011. Date of Access: 28 February 2012. <http://www.ilo.org/gimi/gess/RessFileDownload.do?ressourceId=21960>

¹³⁸⁸ Social Protection Floor for a Fair and Inclusive Globalization . Date of Access: 28 February 2012. http://www.ilo.org/public/english/protection/spfag/download/background/bachrep_en.pdf

¹³⁸⁹ 2011 Report of the Development Working Group, October 28, 2011. Date of Access: 28 February 2012. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2011/2011-cannes-dwg-111028-en.pdf>

¹³⁹⁰ G20 Consultation Meeting Argentina-Brazil-France-Mexico. Declaration of Brasilia on the Social Protection Floor. Date of Access: 28 February 2012. <http://www.socialsecurityextension.org/gimi/gess/RessFileDownload.do?ressourceId=23162>

¹³⁹¹ The ILO Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102). Date of Access: 28 February 2012. <http://www.ilo.org/public/english/protection/secsoc/areas/legal/conv102.htm>

¹³⁹² G20 Labour and Employment Ministers' Conclusions. Paris, September 27, 2011. Date of Access: 28 February 2012. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2011/2011-labour-110927-en.html>.

¹³⁹³ The ILO and the G20. Date of Access: 28 February 2012. <http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/how-the-ilo-works/multilateral-system/g20/lang--en/index.htm>

¹³⁹⁴ World Bank Social Protection and Labor Strategy 2012-2022, World Bank April 2012. Date of Access: 24 May 2012. http://siteresources.worldbank.org/SOCIALPROTECTION/Resources/280558-1274453001167/7089867-1279223745454/7253917-1291314603217/SPL_Strategy_2012-22_FINAL.pdf

Commitment Features

This commitment affirms the need for G20 members to intensify assistance to support developing countries efforts towards strengthening social protection floors. For full compliance member must (1) take actions to support existing social protection floors in developing countries including by making contributions to international initiatives, (2) expand or create systems in developing countries including by making contributions to expand or create international initiatives.

The ILO Global Jobs Pact specifies the following components of a basic social protection floor: “access to health care, income security for the elderly and persons with disabilities, child benefits and income security combined with public employment guarantee schemes for the unemployed and working poor.”¹³⁹⁵

International Labor Conference of June 2011 refined the concept of social protection floor and agreed on the following definition: “... social protection floors, containing basic social security guarantees that ensure that over the life cycle all in need can afford and have access to essential health care and have income security at least at a nationally defined minimum level. Social protection floor policies should aim at facilitating effective access to essential goods and services, promote productive economic activity and be implemented in close coordination with other policies enhancing employability, reducing informality and precariousness, creating decent jobs and promoting entrepreneurship.”¹³⁹⁶

The report of the Social Protection Floor Advisory Group recommends the traditional and emerging donors to “agree on triangular cooperation mechanisms to enable the building of social protection systems in partner low-income countries,” emphasizing that “these mechanisms could create a division of labor in which traditional donors could provide predictable multi-year funding through direct budgetary support to expand affordability of social programs, while emerging donors could continue focusing on knowledge sharing and capacity building based on their own development experiences.”¹³⁹⁷

The Social Protection Floor Report also welcomed the G20 commitment to “promote exchange of information, experiences and knowledge through the development of a knowledge-sharing platform, which would include both specific cases of successful experiences and technologies that could be transferred among countries” and recommended that “the G20 elaborate an action plan to implement its conclusions and put in place effective mechanisms, in coordination with international organizations, to monitor and report on the progress towards extending social protection coverage.”

The commitment calls for support of developing countries. Several G20 members are developing countries. At the Cannes Summit the G20 leaders states that while “aid commitments made by developed countries should be met” “emerging G20 countries will engage or continue to extend

¹³⁹⁵ Recovering from the crisis: A Global Jobs Pact. June 2009. Date of Access: 28 February 2012. http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_norm/---relconf/documents/meetingdocument/wcms_108456.pdf.

¹³⁹⁶ Sixth item on the agenda: A recurrent discussion on the strategic objective of social protection (social security) under the follow-up to the 2008 ILO Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization. June 2011. Date of Access: 28 February 2012. http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_norm/---relconf/documents/meetingdocument/wcms_157820.pdf.

¹³⁹⁷ Social Protection Floor for a Fair and Inclusive Globalization . Date of Access: 28 February 2012. http://www.ilo.org/public/english/protection/spfag/download/background/bachrep_en.pdf

their level of support to other developing countries.” Thus, only actions to support the implementation and expansion of nationally-designed social protection floors abroad (including in developing G20 member-countries) will be registered as compliance.

Scoring Guidelines:

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| -1 | Member does not take actions to support the implementation and expansion of nationally-designed social protection floors in developing countries. |
| 0 | Member takes actions to support the implementation of nationally-designed social protection floors in developing countries BUT doesn't take actions to support expansion of nationally-designed social protection floors in developing countries. |
| +1 | Member takes actions to support the implementation AND expansion of nationally-designed social protection floors in developing countries. |

Argentina: -1

Argentina has failed to comply with the commitment on development.

On 10 May 2011, Argentina, Brazil and Mexico signed the Declaration of Brasilia on the Social Protection Floor for development of better social protection coverage and the cooperation between international organizations and countries to facilitate the construction of sustainable national social protection systems¹³⁹⁸. No facts of implementation the Declaration have been found.

On 28 September 2011, Argentina and Uruguay made a decision to cooperate and exchange experience in the sphere of social policy. Argentinian Minister of Social Development Alicia Kirshner and her counterpart Daniel Olesker indicated three main aims of cooperation: protection of rights of vulnerable persons, social integration and improvement of life quality.¹³⁹⁹

No facts that Argentina supported implementation and extension of nationally-designed social protection floors in developing countries during the compliance period have been found so it gets a score of -1.

Analyst: Elizaveta Safonkina

Australia: +1

Australia has fully complied with its development commitment.

New funding has been provided by Australia to support the implementation of nationally-designed social protection floors in developing countries.

On 5 December 2011, the Australian Government announced “support to improve the lives of people with disability worldwide” at a symposium on the World Health Organisation and World Bank’s World Report on Disability in Sydney. Foreign Minister Kevin Rudd and Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Carers, Senator Jan McLucas said the Australian Government will

¹³⁹⁸ The Declaration of Brasilia on the Social Protection Floor, Global Extension on Social Security (GESS) 10 May 2011. Date of Access: 4 March 2012.

<http://www.socialsecurityextension.org/gimi/gess/ShowNews.do?nid=9691>

¹³⁹⁹ Los ministerios de Desarrollo Social de Argentina y Uruguay trabajaran juntos por la economía social, Ministerio de Desarrollo Social de la Nacion, 28 September 2011. Date of Access: 4 March 2012. <http://www.desarrollosocial.gob.ar/visitadelegacionuruguay/808>

contribute USD2 million towards a new United Nations Trust Fund to assist countries to implement the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.¹⁴⁰⁰

Australia has also taken actions to support the expansion of nationally-designed social protection floors in developing countries.

On 18 November 2011, Australia announced it will contribute to the reading outcomes for 100 million children in primary grades by 2015 under a new All Children Reading initiative.¹⁴⁰¹ A founding partner of the All Children Reading (ACR) initiative, AUSAID will work in partnership with USAID and World Vision to address key global challenges in education, invest in innovation, and encourage private sector involvement.¹⁴⁰²

On 6 December 2011, Australian Government announced that it will improve health and education for 300,000 people in Afghanistan's Uruzgan province through a project that will build schools and health centres, train teachers and midwives and treat children for malnutrition. The project will construct 20 new schools, half of which are for girls; train 250 women as teachers; immunise 6,000 children; and treat nearly 20,000 children for malnutrition.¹⁴⁰³

On 26 January 2012, Foreign Minister Kevin Rudd announced, that Australia would invest in health programs in Ethiopia that will result in more trained health workers, increased rates of immunization and a reduction in maternal and infant deaths. Foreign Minister Kevin Rudd and Ethiopian Minister for Health Tedros Adhanom, signed a new bilateral agreement that includes USD43 million over four years to strengthen national health programs in the country.¹⁴⁰⁴

Australia has complied with both parts by supporting the implementation and expansion of nationally-designed social protection floors in developing countries. Thus, it is awarded a score of +1.

Analyst: Yulia Ovchinnikova

Brazil: 0

Brazil has partially complied with the commitment to support implementation and expansion of nationally-designed social protection floors in developing countries.

According to International Organization Global Health Strategies initiatives report, the Government of Brazil committed to supporting the construction of a factory to produce

¹⁴⁰⁰ Improving the lives of people with disability worldwide, Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs Official Website 5 December 2011. Date of access: 16 March 2012.

http://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/2011/kr_mr_111205.html

¹⁴⁰¹ USAID Request for Proposals: All Children Reading Grand Challenge for Development, ICTworks 18 November 2011. Date of access: 24 May 2012.

<http://www.ictworks.org/news/2011/11/18/usaaid-request-proposals-all-children-reading-grand-challenge-development>

¹⁴⁰² All Children Reading, AusAID 1 December 2011. Date of access: 24 May 2012.

<http://www.usaid.gov.au/HotTopics/Pages/Display.aspx?QID=274>

¹⁴⁰³ Australia supports Afghan women and children through schooling and health services, Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs Official Website 6 December 2011. Date of access: 18 March 2012. http://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/2011/kr_mr_111206.html

¹⁴⁰⁴ Australia supporting a healthy Ethiopia, Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs Official Website 26 January 2012. Date of access: 15 March 2012.

http://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/2012/kr_mr_120126.html

antiretroviral drugs in Mozambique.¹⁴⁰⁵ The construction is already under way and the factory is expected to begin its operations in the second half of 2012.¹⁴⁰⁶

On 17 March 2012, members of the Union of South American Nations adopted the investment program of USD10 million targeted at developing health among other priorities. Brazil committed to pass on 39% of the overall program budget as from 2013.¹⁴⁰⁷

On 14 May 2012, Brazil made a commitment to donate USD7.5 million to the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) to help fund a food assistance program, education projects and health care in the Gaza Strip. The donation represents an increase of 700% over the amount donated by Brazil to the Gaza Strip in 2011.¹⁴⁰⁸

Brazil has taken steps to expand social protection floors in developing countries but no information on support to implementation of nationally-designed social protection floors has been found. Thus it is awarded a score of 0.

Analyst: Polina Arkhipova

Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to support the implementation and expansion of nationally-designed social protection floors in developing countries.

Canada is involved in a number of projects aimed at helping developing countries in the framework of the programs realized by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

According to the CIDA's 2011-2012 annual Report on Plans and Priorities, Canadian government plans to spend US\$951 million on its programs in low-income countries until the end of the first quarter of 2012.¹⁴⁰⁹ CIDA's low-income countries of focus include Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Ghana, Mali, Mozambique, Pakistan, Senegal, Tanzania, and Vietnam. The programs in these countries will concentrate, inter alia, on improving access to services such as health, education.¹⁴¹⁰

¹⁴⁰⁵ BRICS countries are more advanced on the combat of poverty than developed nations, Portal Brazil 28 March 2012. Date of access: 15 April 2012.

<http://www.brasil.gov.br/news/history/2012/03/28/brics-countries-are-more-advanced-on-the-combat-of-poverty-than-developed-nations-says-report>

¹⁴⁰⁶ Mozambique: Anti-Retroviral Factory in Production By August, AllAfrica.com 23 January 2012. Date of access: 27 April 2012. <http://allafrica.com/stories/201201240038.html>

¹⁴⁰⁷ UNASUR wants to invest USD10 million to expand integration in South America, Portal Brazil 20 March 2012. Date of access: 11 April 2012.

<http://www.brasil.gov.br/news/history/2012/03/20/unasur-wants-to-invest-us-10-million-to-expand-integration-in-south-america>

¹⁴⁰⁸ Brazil will donate US\$ 7.5 million to Palestinian refugees, Portal Brazil 16 May 2012. Date of access: 27 May 2012. http://www.brasil.gov.br/news/history/2012/05/16/brazil-will-donate-us-7.5-million-to-palestinian-refugees/newsitem_view?set_language=en

¹⁴⁰⁹ Report on Plans and Priorities for the period ending 31 March 2011. Canadian International Development Agency 16 August 2011. Date of Access: 20 March 2012. <http://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/rpp/2011-2012/inst/ida/ida-eng.pdf>

¹⁴¹⁰ Report on Plans and Priorities for the period ending 31 March 2011. Canadian International Development Agency 16 August 2011. Date of Access: 20 March 2012. <http://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/rpp/2011-2012/inst/ida/ida-eng.pdf>

The report mentions that to achieve this result CIDA, among other activities, supports education and health services that contribute to the well-being of children and youth. CIDA also supports developing countries' governments' objectives to achieve their development goals.¹⁴¹¹

Through its programs Canadian International Development Agency also assists middle-income developing countries, which include Bolivia, Colombia, Honduras, Indonesia, Peru, Ukraine, and the countries of the Caribbean Region. In aiding these countries CIDA pursues a strategy of strengthening citizen participation in their country's social and economic progress and increasing accountability and effectiveness of public and civil institutions. According to the report it is realized by improving the capacity to deliver services such as education and health; improving public financial management and government capacity to formulate and implement policies, regulations, systems, and services.¹⁴¹²

CIDA's program in Vietnam, entitled "Poverty Reduction by Improving Social Services and Health" aims "to build the capacity of University of Labor and Social Affairs in Hanoi and other universities in Northern Vietnam that offer social work program in order to educate professional social workers and professors at the Master's level." This project contributes to increasing the number of qualified social work practitioners available and to improving health and living conditions of the poor and disadvantaged women, men and children."¹⁴¹³

CIDA has an ongoing (until 2018) project in Peru, which among other goals "aims to enhance the capacity of the Government of Peru and five regional governments to plan and deliver equitable and inclusive public services to citizens," thus contributing to the expansion of social protection mechanisms in Peru.¹⁴¹⁴

CIDA's project in Mongolia "is designed to support small projects proposed and implemented by local organizations in Mongolia through providing funding for small projects that offer direct social, economic, or technical assistance to local populations."¹⁴¹⁵

Canada continues to realize its international programs aimed, among other issues, at helping developing countries' governments to implement and expand such components of social

¹⁴¹¹ Report on Plans and Priorities for the period ending 31 March 2011. Canadian International Development Agency 16 August 2011. Date of Access: 20 March 2012. <http://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/rpp/2011-2012/inst/ida/ida-eng.pdf>

¹⁴¹² Report on Plans and Priorities for the period ending 31 March 2011. Canadian International Development Agency 16 August 2011. Date of Access: 20 March 2012. <http://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/rpp/2011-2012/inst/ida/ida-eng.pdf>

¹⁴¹³ Project browser. Canadian International Development Agency 16 December 2011. Date of Access 16 March 2012. <http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/cidaweb/cpo.nsf/vLUWebProjEn/08782F9EDEFD13658525767F003CB95C?OpenDocument>

¹⁴¹⁴ Project browser. Canadian International Development Agency 16 December 2011. Date of Access 16 March 2012. <http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/cidaweb/cpo.nsf/vLUWebProjEn/08782F9EDEFD13658525767F003CB95C?OpenDocument>

¹⁴¹⁵ Project browser. Canadian International Development Agency 16 December 2011. Date of Access 16 March 2012. <http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/cidaweb/cpo.nsf/vLUWebProjEn/08782F9EDEFD13658525767F003CB95C?OpenDocument>

protection systems as healthcare, education, food and income security, expanded economic opportunities for women and youth. Thus, it has been awarded a score of +1.

Analyst: Andrei Sakharov

China: 0

China has partially complied with the commitment on social protection floors.

On 17 November 2011, China handed over Tirunesh-Beijing Ethio-China Friendship Hospital to Ethiopia at Akaki area. The state-of-art Hospital has been constructed with a capital of CNY80 million (approximately USD12.7 million) by the Chinese government. Ethiopian State Minister of Health stated, “China thus helped to build up Ethiopian human resources and capacities through the transfer of knowledge, skills and technologies which help accelerate their determined efforts to build up Ethiopian health system and expand service delivery.”¹⁴¹⁶

On 22 March 2012, China has donated 466 cartons of anti-malaria medicines worth USD500 000 to Liberia as means of supporting the health sector of the country.¹⁴¹⁷

China has taken actions to support the implementation of nationally-designed social protection floors in developing countries, but has not taken actions to support their expansion. Thus, China has been awarded a score of 0.

Analyst: Svetlana Nikitina

France: +1

France has complied with its commitment to take actions to support the implementation and expansion of social protection floors in developing countries.

On 4 March 2012, Jean Leonetti Minister to the Minister of State, Henri de Raincourt Minister of Foreign and European Affairs responsible for Cooperation presented French aid measures and reaffirmed commitment to spend almost one billion euros per year to improve health protection in developing countries.¹⁴¹⁸

On 7 March 2012, Fédération hospitalière de France (FHF) and French Development Agency (AFD) signed a EUR2 million grant agreement. The aim is to develop hospital networks and partnerships in order to improve healthcare quality and hospital management in developing countries.¹⁴¹⁹

¹⁴¹⁶ China hands over state-of-art hospital to Ethiopia, the Chinese Government’s Official Web Portal 17 November 2011. Date of access: 17 November 2011

http://english.gov.cn/chinatoday/2011-11/17/content_1995917.htm

¹⁴¹⁷ China donates 500, 000 USD worth of anti-malaria drugs to Liberia, Xinhua News Agency 22 March 2012. Date of access: 22 March 2012 http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-03/22/c_131483321.htm

¹⁴¹⁸ Conseil des ministres du 04 janvier 2012, French Government’s Official Web Portal. Date of Access: 24 May 2012.

http://www.elysee.fr/president/root/bank_objects/Compte_rendu_du_Conseil_des_ministres_du_4_janvier_2012.pdf

¹⁴¹⁹ AFD and Fédération hospitalière de France join hands to strengthen hospital networks and partnerships, French Development Agency 7 March 2012. Date of Access: 2 April 2012.

<http://www.afd.fr/lang/en/home/presse-afd/communiqués>

France continues to support the implementation and expansion of social protection floors in different vulnerable regions. Thus, France has been awarded a score of +1.

Analyst: Vitaly Nagornov

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with its development commitment.

New funding has been provided by Germany to support the implementation of nationally-designed social protection floors in developing countries and it has also taken measures to support their expansion.

On 6 December 2011, German Development Minister Dirk Niebel and Togo's President Faure Gnassingbé announced the resumption of German development cooperation. Niebel pledged an initial commitment of EUR27 million. The funds will go to joint development efforts, for example in the fields of vocational education¹⁴²⁰ aiming to teach and maintain the skills required for those in Togo to find secure employment, maintain their livelihoods and serve as the basis for their participation in society¹⁴²¹.

On 7 December 2011, Germany and Malawi held government negotiations on development cooperation in Lilongwe. At the negotiations, EUR41 million was committed for bilateral development cooperation. The remaining commitments have been earmarked for poverty reduction, especially by means of investment in health and population policy and efforts to strengthen transparency and accountability.¹⁴²²

On 5 April 2012, German Development Minister Dirk Niebel and Melinda Gates, Co-Chair of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, agreed they would work together on family planning and maternal health. They jointly made a commitment for EUR20 million, with each side providing half of that amount, to support family planning projects in West Africa.¹⁴²³

Germany has complied with both parts of the commitment, supporting implementation and expansion of nationally-designed social protection floors in developing countries. Thus it is awarded a score of +1.

Analyst: Yulia Ovchinnikova

¹⁴²⁰ Resumption of development cooperation with Togo – support for a successful future, the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development 6 December 2011. Date of access: 17 March 2012.

http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2011/December/20111206_pm_227_togo/index.html

¹⁴²¹ Vocational training, the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development 20 April 2012. Date of access: 20 April 2012.

http://www.bmz.de/en/what_we_do/issues/Education/beruflicheBildung/index.html#t02

¹⁴²² Government negotiations with Malawi concluded, the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development 8 December 2012. Date of access: 15 March 2012.

http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2011/December/20111208_pm_232_malawi/index.html

¹⁴²³ BMZ and Gates Foundation launch co-operation in the family planning sector, the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development 05 April 2012. Date of access: 20 April 2012.

http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2012/April/20120405_pm_88_gates/index.html

India: -1

India has failed to comply with the development commitment.

On 10 January 2012, Indian Commerce, Industries and Textiles Minister Anand Sharma discussed with Zimbabwean Finance Minister Tendai Biti the proposal for a credit line of USD100 million for strengthening health infrastructure in Zimbabwe. The two Ministers agreed to accelerate the execution of the India-Africa Forum Summit Action Plan.¹⁴²⁴ No facts of this proposal's further implementation have been found.

No facts that India has taken actions to support the implementation and expansion of nationally-designed social protection floors in developing countries have been found. Therefore, it has been awarded a score of -1.

Analyst: Vitaly Nagornov

Indonesia: 0

Indonesia has partially complied with the commitment to support the implementation and expansion of nationally-designed social protection floors in developing countries, especially low income countries.

At the meeting with the Chairman of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission U Win Mra Indonesian Foreign Minister Marty Natalegawa confirmed that the Indonesian Government would continue supporting Myanmar's economic development by building institutional capacity in the areas the country needs.¹⁴²⁵

On 10 April 2012, Indonesia launched six South-South and triangular cooperation programs for developing countries: Indonesia's South-South and Triangular cooperation Forum, Publications on Indonesia's Technical Cooperation Capacities, an International Training Programme on Post-Harvest Technologies on Fruits and Veges, an International Training Programme on Water Management for African countries, a Workshop on the Strengthening of Technical Cooperation through Public Private Partnership, and the Dissemination of Implementing Agencies' Facilities to Development Partners. Indonesian Foreign Minister Marty Natalegawa said that the programs were an "Indonesia's contribution to the common effort to achieve global prosperity," including achieving the MDGs by 2015. According to the press reports 14 countries (Fiji, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Timor Leste, Cambodia, Algeria, Egypt, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Iran, Mexico, Madagascar, Sudan, and Zimbabwe) joined the programs.¹⁴²⁶

Indonesia has been awarded a score of 0 for taking some measures which could possibly support implementation and expansion of nationally-designed social protection floors in developing countries.

Analyst: Elena Martynova

Italy: +1

Italy has fully complied with the commitment on social protection floors.

¹⁴²⁴ Indian PSUS to help Zimbabwe in building infrastructure 10 January 2012. Date of Access: 27 April 2012. http://commerce.nic.in/pressrelease/pressrelease_detail.asp?id=2882

¹⁴²⁵ FM: Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Encourage Transformation. Date of Access: 25 April 2012 <http://www.kemlu.go.id/Pages/News.aspx?IDP=5499&l=en>

¹⁴²⁶ Indonesia launched South-South and triangular cooperation programs. Date of Access: 15 April 2012 <http://www.antaraneews.com/en/news/81246/indonesia-launched-south-south-and-triangular-cooperation-programs>

It has taken actions to support both implementation and expansion of nationally-designed social protection floors in developing countries

On 9 November 2011, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) announced that 70 nurses from 12 of Kenya's rural hospitals were attending an advanced nursing course. The course is part of the "Support for district health services and development of public-private partnership (PPP) policies" that received EUR4 million in funding from the MFA. The programme operates at two levels. At the national level, it envisages legislation to regulate PPP policies in the health sector. And at the province level, it implements a series of initiatives to boost infrastructure, equipment and training in 12 hospitals in the Eastern and Nyanza Provinces. The need for nursing training courses arose from Kenya's grave shortage of specialist nurses, a shortfall of over 1000 nurses in the country's hospitals as of October 2011.¹⁴²⁷

On 14 December 2011, the Italian Cooperation announced that Ethiopian government launched a new plan for the prevention of the HIV especially where the Italian Cooperation is also engaged. The plan would affect 90% of pregnant women and provide with antiretrovirals at least 80% HIV-positive persons. The Italian Cooperation together with the United Nations Population Fund (UNPFA) aims to provide technical assistance to the Ethiopian Ministry of Health to improve effectiveness, efficiency, coordination, and transparency of activities in response to the HIV/AIDS.¹⁴²⁸

On 20 January 2012, the Italian Cooperation started up a new project in Djibouti, authorized by Italian MFA on 23 November 2011, with EUR2.2 million in funding for the promotion of maternal-infant healthcare. The programme, in its launching stage, would train approximately 300 public socio-healthcare workers over a 3-year period, with the benefit going to 20% of the populations of both Djibouti and neighbouring Somalia.¹⁴²⁹

On 12 March 2012, the Development Cooperation Steering Committee of Italy approved a EUR20-million package of aid for developing countries. Over EUR3 million would go to interventions in the healthcare, nutrition and agriculture sectors in Somalia through UNICEF, FAO, UNDP, UNHCR and OCHR. Italian aid would continue in Sudan and South Sudan through various programmes for respective amounts of EUR3 million and EUR2 million, and include the

¹⁴²⁷ Cooperation: Kenya, training for 70 nurses, Italian MFA 9 November 2011. Date of Access: 16 April 2012.

http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Sala_Stampa/ArchivioNotizie/Approfondimenti/2011/11/20111109_CooperazioneKenya.htm?LANG=EN

¹⁴²⁸ Piano nazionale anti-HIV, Cooperazione Italiana allo Sviluppo 14 December 2011. Date of Access: 16 April 2012.

<http://www.cooperazioneallosviluppo.esteri.it/pdgcs/italiano/news/viewnews.asp?idx=4774>

¹⁴²⁹ Cooperation: project in Djibouti for maternal and infant health, Italian MFA 20 January 2012. Date of Access: 25 March 2012.

http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Sala_Stampa/ArchivioNotizie/Approfondimenti/2012/01/20120120_CooperazioneGibuti.htm?LANG=EN and Intervento sanitario d'emergenza, Cooperazione Italiana alla Sciluppo 22 December 2011. Date of Access: 16 April 2012.

<http://www.cooperazioneallosviluppo.esteri.it/pdgcs/italiano/news/viewnews.asp?idx=4796>

areas of healthcare, education to the populations affected by civil war. EUR1 million would go for healthcare in Lebanon.¹⁴³⁰

Italy has taken actions to support the implementation and expansion of nationally-designed social protection floors in developing countries. Thus, it has been awarded a score of +1.

Analyst: Anna Vekshina

Japan: +1

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to support the implementation and expansion of nationally-designed social protection floors in developing countries.

Japan is involved in a number of cooperation programs aimed at helping developing countries implement and enhance their social protection systems.¹⁴³¹

According to the Japan International Development Agency (JICA) Annual Report 2011 Japan's key areas of interest in the social sphere are: social insurance and social welfare, education, healthcare, support for people with disabilities, labor and employment.¹⁴³²

On 11 November 2011, JICA signed a Loan Agreement with the Asia Commercial Joint Stock Bank (ACB), one of the largest private commercial banks in Vietnam, for an Industrial Human Resources Development Project. Under the agreement, JICA will support Vietnamese company Esuhai Co., Ltd. in its projects for school building construction, thus promoting the expansion of social protection floors in Vietnam.¹⁴³³

Japan is realizing several projects in Vietnam, including the project for improvement of the quality of human resources in the Medical Service System. This project is scheduled for completion by the end of fiscal year 2013. Other ongoing projects in this country include Project for Strengthening Medical Rehabilitation Service in the Southern Area of Vietnam and establishing the Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability.¹⁴³⁴

JICA's projects in China include several programs aimed at institution building and human resources development for social security and health systems.¹⁴³⁵

¹⁴³⁰ Cooperation: needs to be stronger to make Italy a leader, Italian MFA 14 March 2012. Date of Access: 26 March 2012.

http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Sala_Stampa/ArchivioNotizie/Approfondimenti/2012/03/20120314_CooperazioneRilancio.htm?LANG=EN

¹⁴³¹ Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. ODA Policies. Rolling plans. Countries and Regions.

Date of Access 13 March 2012. http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/oda/rolling_plans/region.html#r4

¹⁴³² Japan International Cooperation Agency Annual Report 2011 of Access: 20 March 2012.

<http://www.jica.go.jp/english/publications/reports/annual/2011/pdf/all.pdf>

¹⁴³³ First Project Signed for Private Sector Investment Finance since Program Resumed. Japan International Cooperation Agency 11 November 2011. Date of Access: 15 March

2012. <http://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2011/111111.html>

¹⁴³⁴ ODA Policies. Rolling plans for Social Republic of Vietnam. Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Date of Access: 15 March 2012.

http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/oda/rolling_plans/pdfs/vietnam.pdf

¹⁴³⁵ ODA Policies. Rolling plans: China., Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan 1 August 2010.

Date of Access: 25 March 2012. http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/oda/rolling_plans/pdfs/china.pdf

Japan International development Agency continues to participate in a number of programs designed to help developing countries establish or enhance their social protection floors. Thus Japan is awarded a score of +1.

Analyst: Andrei Sakharov

Korea: +1

Korea has fully complied with its commitment to support the implementation and expansion of nationally-designed social protection floors in developing countries, especially low income countries.

Korea has taken actions to support implementation of nationally-designed social protection floors in developing countries

On 3-5 December 2011, Korean experts presented the final research results and policy recommendations on developing the system of education in Saudi Arabia.¹⁴³⁶ Possible cooperation of Korea and Saudi Arabia on this issue was discussed.¹⁴³⁷

Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) conducts a training program “Healthcare Policy and Program Management.” The programs are a part of the Korean government’s grant aid and technical cooperation program. The major goal is to help the participating countries improve their status of public health by sharing with them Korea’s successful experience in community healthcare¹⁴³⁸. During the compliance period Vietnam¹⁴³⁹ and Ethiopia¹⁴⁴⁰ participated in the program.

On 21 February 2012, KOICA finished a USD3.5 million grant aid project to eliminate poverty in local farming communities and improve living conditions in Bangladesh. A handover ceremony and workshop were held on 13 February 2012 to commemorate the project’s close and assess its outcome. As part of the project new schools and community centres had been constructed in eleven villages.¹⁴⁴¹

Korea has complied with both parts of the commitment, thus it is awarded a score of +1.

Analyst: Pavel Zhdanov

Mexico: 0

Mexico has partially complied with the commitment to implement and expand nationally-designed social protection floors.

¹⁴³⁶ Final Reporting Workshop and Senior Policy Dialogue for 2011 KSP with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, KSP 2 February 2012. Date of Access: 15 April 2012

http://www.ksp.go.kr/event/01/event_bilateral_view.jsp?seq_n=7337

¹⁴³⁷ Advanced of Public Education and Lifelong Education of Saudi Arabia: Application of EBS Model in Korea, 2011 KSP with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Final Reporting Workshop 5 December 2011. Date of Access: 21 April 2012 http://www.ksp.go.kr/file/images/431_04.pdf

¹⁴³⁸ Health Policy and Program management (Ethiopia), KOICA 28 February 2012. Date of Access: 15 April 2012 http://www.koica.go.kr/english/board/new/1262794_1967.html.

¹⁴³⁹ Community Healthcare Development for Vietnam, KOICA 21 February 2012. Date of Access: 15 April 2012 http://www.koica.go.kr/english/board/new/1262243_1967.html.

¹⁴⁴⁰ Health Policy and Program management (Ethiopia), KOICA 28 February 2012. Date of Access: 15 April 2012 http://www.koica.go.kr/english/board/new/1262794_1967.html.

¹⁴⁴¹ KOICA in Bangladesh, Uzbekistan, Portal Korea.net 21 February. Date of Access: 15 April 2012 <http://www.korea.net/NewsFocus/Policies/view?articleId=98821&pageIndex=5>.

According to the UNDP the Mexican experience of developing its own social protection floors is being shared with developing countries as part of sharing innovative experience.¹⁴⁴²

On 1-2 April 2012, Mexico hosted the International Forum on Universal Health Coverage. The participants from 21 countries met to exchange experiences and promote international cooperation on efforts to sustain progress towards universal health coverage.¹⁴⁴³

Mexico has taken some measures to assist in implementation of social protection floors abroad through best practice sharing and leading by example and thus is awarded a score of 0.

Analyst: Polina Arkhipova

Russia: 0

Russia has partially complied with its commitment on development.

Russia contributes to the development of school meal program in Armenia. According to the Russian Government decision of 30 June 2010 US\$6 million should be allocated in 2011-2012 to the World Food Programme (WFP) for realization of this program.¹⁴⁴⁴ The goal of Russian and the WFP is “to make the programmes self sufficient and nationally-owned.”¹⁴⁴⁵ On 14 November 2011 the Russian Government adopted the action plan on the realization of the Complex Program of Russia’s Participation in International Cooperation on Agriculture, Fishery and Food Security. According to the action plan relevant authorities should negotiate plans for development of a school meal system in Tajikistan in 2011-2012. Launch of a similar program in Kyrgyzstan ^{is also} planned.¹⁴⁴⁶

Russia has taken some steps to support implementation of nationally-designed social protection floors in developing countries but these actions were limited to one specific issue and no facts of expanding nationally-designed social protection floors during the compliance period have been found. Thus, it has been awarded a score of 0.

Analyst: Mark Rakhmangulov

Saudi Arabia: 0

Saudi Arabia has partially complied with its commitment to support the implementation and expansion of nationally-designed social protection floors in developing countries, especially low income countries.

¹⁴⁴² Sharing Innovative Experiences: Successful Social Protection Floor Experiences, International Labour Organization 2011. Date of access: 23 April 2012

<http://www.ilo.org/gimi/gess/RessFileDownload.do?resourceId=20840>

¹⁴⁴³ More countries move towards universal health coverage, World Health Organization 2 April 2012. Date of access: 12 April

2012. http://www.who.int/dg/speeches/2012/universal_health_coverage_20120402/en/index.html.

¹⁴⁴⁴ 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>.

¹⁴⁴⁵ 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.

¹⁴⁴⁶ Executive Order No. 2028, Government of Russia (Moscow). 14 November 2011. Date of Access: 15 February 2012. <http://government.ru/gov/results/17146/>

On 14 March 2012, Saudi Arabia-based Islamic Development Bank (IDB) and its affiliates decided to provide financing of USD2 billion for the implementation of projects in Nigeria in several areas, including education and health. It also budgeted USD700 million for capacity building to address poverty and other related initiatives in 2012.¹⁴⁴⁷ Saudi Arabia provides a large part (27%) of the budget of the Islamic Development Bank.¹⁴⁴⁸

On 24 March 2012, during the two days “IDB Group-Nigeria Business Forum” IDB and the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria signed US\$98 million agreement to support bilingual Arabic/English) education in Nigeria. This support will help bridge the gap between formal and informal education in Nigeria, within the bilingual education programme.¹⁴⁴⁹

Saudi Arabia has taken actions to expand nationally-designed social protection floors in developing countries through Islamic Development Bank, but no facts of its bilateral support to implementation of the social protection floors in developing countries have been found. Thus it is awarded a score of 0.

Analyst: Alexey Mironov

South Africa: 0

South Africa has partially complied with the commitment on development.

In 2012 the South African Development Partnership Agency (SADPA) and Partnership Development Fund are expected to replace the African Renaissance and International Cooperation Fund.¹⁴⁵⁰ The latter is focused on conflict resolution and peacekeeping in countries including Mali, Zimbabwe, Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo.¹⁴⁵¹ SADPA will enable South Africa to cooperate with other African countries not just as a donor but as a development partner addressing challenges of poverty, underdevelopment and marginalisation.¹⁴⁵²

According to the Reuters, South Africa is a leader in the introduction of molecular diagnostics for tuberculosis on the African continent, providing these health services to other African countries.¹⁴⁵³

¹⁴⁴⁷ Islamic Bank to Provide U.S. \$2 Billion for Projects, International Islamic News Agency 14 March 2012. Date of Access: 14.04.2012. http://iina.me/wp_en/?p=1007278

¹⁴⁴⁸ Islamic Bank to Provide U.S. \$2 Billion for Projects, International Islamic News Agency 14 March 2012. Date of Access: 14.04.2012. http://iina.me/wp_en/?p=1007278

¹⁴⁴⁹ IDB Extends \$98 million Support to Bilingual Education in Nigeria, Islamic Development Bank News 24 March 2012. Date of Access: 26 April 2012. http://www.isdb.org/irj/servlet/prt/portal/prtroot/NewsAppEU.NewsDetails?idbNews=IDB_Extends_98_million_Support_to_Bilingual_Education_in_Nigeria.xml

¹⁴⁵⁰ Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO) 2012 Strategic Plan, Parliamentary Monitoring Group 13 March 2012. Date of Access: 19 March 2012. <http://www.pmg.org.za/report/20120314-department-international-relations-and-cooperation-strategic-plan-201>.

¹⁴⁵¹ South Africa’s development partnership agency: A burden or blessing? South African Institute of International Affairs 21 October 2011. Date of Access: 27 March 2012. <http://www.saiia.org.za/diplomatic-pouch/south-africa-s-development-partnership-agency-a-burden-or-blessing.html>.

¹⁴⁵² Establishment of SADPA, SAFPI. Date of Access: 18 April 2012. <http://www.safpi.org/publications/establishment-sadpa>.

¹⁴⁵³ Rising economies boost foreign aid spending on health, Reuters 26 March 2012. Date of Access: 30 March 2012. <http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE82P06S20120326>.

South Africa has taken some actions to support the implementation of nationally-designed social protection floors in developing countries, but has not taken actions to expand them. Therefore the score is 0.

Analyst: Tatyana Lanshina

Turkey: 0

Turkey has partially complied with the commitment to support implementation and expansion of nationally-designed social protection floors in developing countries.

Turkey has made steps to help implement nationally-designed social protection floors in developing countries.

On 23 February 2012, the Foreign Minister of Turkey Ahmet Davutoğlu said that Turkey provided USD200 million financial aid to least developing countries each year.¹⁴⁵⁴

On 26 February 2012, the Turkish International Cooperation and Development Agency (TIKA) announced that it planned to help restore the educational and cultural heritage of Bosnia and Herzegovina. As a part of this project the TIKA will support 100 schools with Ottoman cultural heritage in the country.¹⁴⁵⁵

On 7 March 2012, TIKA announced that it would provide scholarships for approximately 450 Macedonian people, including from elementary and secondary school, as well as university students from low-income families. This initiative is a part of Turkey's project aimed at supporting education in the Balkan countries.¹⁴⁵⁶

On 8 March 2012, TIKA and the Aegean International Federation of Health started to deliver medical assistance in Somalia. During a 15-day period doctors from both organizations examined 3157 patients, operated on 27 people and provided 6454 Somali people with medicine.¹⁴⁵⁷

No facts of Turkey taking measures to expand social protection floors in developing countries during the compliance period have been found.

¹⁴⁵⁴ Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoğlu, at the G20 meeting emphasized the importance of adopting new approaches in the global system, Republic of Turkey Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Date of Access: 21 April 2012. <http://www.mfa.gov.tr/foreign-minister-ahmet-davutoglu-at-the-g20-meeting-emphasized-the-importance-of-adopting-new-approaches-in-the-global-system.en.mfa>

¹⁴⁵⁵ Turkey supports Bosnian history with «100 school project», Turkish Cooperation and Development Agency (TIKA) 26 February 2012. Date of Access: 28 May 2012. <http://www.tika.gov.tr/basinda-tika/turkey-supports-bosnian-history-with-100-schools-project/210>

¹⁴⁵⁶ Agency to support Macedonian students, Turkish Cooperation and Development Agency (TIKA) 7 March 2012. Date of Access: 28 May 2012. <http://www.tika.gov.tr/basinda-tika/agency-to-support-macedonian-students/218>

¹⁴⁵⁷ Gönüllü Doktorlar, Somali'de 3 Bin Hastayı Muayene Etti, Turkish Cooperation and Development Agency (TIKA) 3 April 2012. Date of Access: 28 May 2012. <http://www.tika.gov.tr/basinda-tika/gonullu-doktorlar-somalide-3-bin-hastayi-muayene-etti/238>

Turkey has taken actions to support the implementation of nationally-designed social protection floors in developing countries, but has failed to expand them. Therefore, it has been awarded a score of 0.

Analyst: Nadezhda Sporysheva

United Kingdom: +1

The UK has fully complied with its commitment on development.

During the compliance period the UK has undertaken some actions to support and expand implementation of social protection floors in developing countries. Most of them were connected with the support of the healthcare systems in the poorest countries.

The UK continued to take actions to support the implementation of nationally-designed social protection floors in developing countries. On 14 March 2012, UK Prime Minister David Cameron and US President Barack Obama renewed their joint commitment to work together to change the lives of 1.2 billion poor people in the world including provision of healthcare and other social programs.¹⁴⁵⁸

The UK has also expanded its support of social protection floors in developing countries. On 30 January 2012, the UK, US and United Arab Emirates governments together with 13 pharmaceutical companies, the World Bank and the World Health Organization announced in London an initiative aiming to eliminate 10 neglected tropical diseases by 2020 among the world's poorest.¹⁴⁵⁹ Also in January 2012, the UK committed to make a five-fold increase in Britain's support as part of an international effort to enlarge the system of neglected tropical diseases treatments in developing countries.¹⁴⁶⁰

On 15 March 2012 the Department for International Development announced support of new training programs for more than 17 thousand health workers to provide emergency care for mothers and newborns in the world's poorest countries.¹⁴⁶¹

The UK has taken actions to support the implementation and expansion of nationally-designed social protection floors in developing countries, therefore its score is +1.

Analyst: Natalia Churkina

¹⁴⁵⁸ Global development: UK and US renew aid partnership, Department for International Development 14 March 2012. Date of Access: 14 April 2012.

<http://www.dfid.gov.uk/News/Latest-news/2012/Global-development-UK-and-US-renew-aid-partnership/>.

¹⁴⁵⁹ UK and partners unite to combat tropical diseases, Department for International Development 30 January 2012. Date of Access: 14 April 2012. <http://www.dfid.gov.uk/News/Latest-news/2012/UK-and-partners-unite-to-combat-tropical-diseases/>.

¹⁴⁶⁰ UK to protect 140 million people from tropical diseases, Department for International Development 21 January 2012. Date of Access: 14 April 2012. <http://www.dfid.gov.uk/News/Latest-news/2012/Britain-to-protect-more-than-140-million-in-global-effort-to-rid-the-world-of-neglected-tropical-diseases/>.

¹⁴⁶¹ UK medics to help save lives of more mums and babies, Department for International Development 15 March 2012. Date of Access: 14 April 2012. <http://www.dfid.gov.uk/News/Latest-news/2012/British-medics-to-help-save-lives-of-more-mums-and-babies/>.

United States: +1

The United States has fully complied with the commitment on development.

The US has taken actions to support implementation of nationally-designed social protection floors in developing countries.

On 17 November 2011, the United States formally announced the launch of the Nursing Education Partnership Initiative (NEPI) in Malawi. Under the NEPI, established in 2010, the agreements by the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) were made with Malawi, Zambia, Lesotho, Ethiopia, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Representatives from Ministries of Health in these countries as well as leaders from nursing and midwifery schools, educators, professional associations, professional councils, and U.S. officials participated in the launch. The discussion was focused on improving the education of nurses and midwives in order to increase the number of qualified health professionals capable of meeting the health care needs of today's African communities and families.¹⁴⁶²

On 18 November 2011, under the U.S.-Indonesia Comprehensive Partnership, the United States announced, "it is committed to supporting Indonesia's efforts to improve quality of health care." Guided by the key programming principles of the Global Health Initiative (GHI), which streamlines and prioritizes U.S. health efforts in country, the United States and Indonesia are collaborating on three main goals: achieving Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) on health, expanding health research and science partnerships, and partnering on global health issues.¹⁴⁶³

The US has also taken actions to support expansion of nationally-designed social protection floors in developing countries

On 22 November 2011, the U.S. Government expanded its loan-financing program in Ethiopia through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Development Credit Authority (DCA). USAID, the Bank of Abyssinia, and NIB Bank, signed a new agreement, which would offer greater access to credit for projects in the health sector. Funded by the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), the new health sector loan agreement would provide up to USD13.4 million in loans to private health sector enterprises outside of Addis Ababa, particularly those offering HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis (TB) services. These loans would enable clinics, pharmacies, and hospitals to make quality improvements and expand services that support public health goals.¹⁴⁶⁴

On 12 March 2012, the U.S. Agency for International Development and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) signed the statement of intent and announced a partnership to promote investment and financing in the water sector across sub-Saharan Africa. The partnership seeks to stimulate private investment and financing and strengthen institutional capacity in Africa

¹⁴⁶² United States addresses human resources in Africa with launch of the Nursing Education Partnership Initiative (NEPI), U.S. Department of State 17 November 2011. Date of Access: 17 April 2012. <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2011/11/177307.htm>

¹⁴⁶³ Global health initiative in Indonesia, U.S. Department of State 18 November 2011. Date of Access: 17 April 2012. <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2011/11/177380.htm>

¹⁴⁶⁴ U.S. Government partners with private Ethiopian Banks to increase access to credit in agriculture and health sectors, USAID 22 November 2011. Date of Access: 31 March 2012. <http://www.usaid.gov/press/releases/2011/pr111122.html>

to develop and sustain water programs. USAID and JICA explore short-term opportunities for joint collaboration in African countries that may lead to long-term investment.¹⁴⁶⁵

The United States has taken actions to support the implementation and expansion of nationally-designed social protection floors in developing countries. Thus, it has been awarded a score of +1.

Analyst: Anna Vekshina

European Union: +1

The EU has fully complied with its commitment on development.

During the compliance period the EU has undertaken some actions to support and expand implementation of social protection floors in developing countries.

The EU continued to take actions to support the implementation of nationally-designed social protection floors in developing countries. During the monitoring period the EU continued to support the health sector and programmes addressing poverty in Vietnam. European Commission support in the health sector in Vietnam includes 2 projects totaling EUR32.75 million, and one support program of EUR39.25 million. The EU supports the Vietnamese government's Health Care Fund for the Poor, which improves the quality of the health services for the poor and provides financial support for the poor to buy these services.¹⁴⁶⁶

The EU also expanded its support of social protection floors in developing countries. On 21 December 2011, the European Commission announced additional funding for projects targeting the most off-track Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in 36 African, Caribbean and Pacific countries. These additional funding priorities will include reducing hunger and child mortality and securing better maternal health, for example, by increasing the number of healthcare professionals in these countries.¹⁴⁶⁷

The EU has taken actions to support the implementation and expansion of nationally-designed social protection floors in developing countries, therefore its score is +1.

Analyst: Natalia Churkina

¹⁴⁶⁵ USAID and Japan International Cooperation Agency cooperate on supporting water development in Africa, USAID 14 March 2012. Date of Access: 31 March 2012.
<http://www.usaid.gov/press/releases/2012/pr120314.html>

¹⁴⁶⁶ EU development cooperation with Vietnam, the official website of the European Union 28 March 2012. Date of Access: 14 April 2012.
<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/12/222&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>.

¹⁴⁶⁷ Millennium Development Goals: EU gives additional support to 36 countries for tackling hunger, child mortality, maternal health, and access to water, The European Commission 21 December 2011. Date of Access: 14 April 2012.
<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/11/1563&format=HTML&aged=1&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>.