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“We have meanwhile set up a process and there are also independent institutions monitoring which objectives of our G7 meetings we actually achieve. When it comes to these goals we have a compliance rate of about 80%, according to the University of Toronto. Germany, with its 87%, comes off pretty well. That means that next year too, under the Japanese G7 presidency, we are going to check where we stand in comparison to what we have discussed with each other now. So a lot of what we have resolved to do here together is something that we are going to have to work very hard at over the next few months. But I think that it has become apparent that we, as the G7, want to assume responsibility far beyond the prosperity in our own countries. That’s why today’s outreach meetings, that is the meetings with our guests, were also of great importance.”

Chancellor Angela Merkel, Schloss Elmau, 8 June 2015

G7 summits are a moment for people to judge whether aspirational intent is met by concrete commitments. The G7 Research Group provides a report card on the implementation of G7 and G20 commitments. It is a good moment for the public to interact with leaders and say, you took a leadership position on these issues — a year later, or three years later, what have you accomplished?

Achim Steiner, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme,
in G7 Canada: The 2018 Charlevoix Summit



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12. Development: Sustainable Development Goals

“We are determined to work together to address global challenges, in line with Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda and taking into account the African Union Agenda 2063.”

Biarritz Declaration for a G7 and Africa Partnership

Assessment

Member	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Canada			+1
France			+1
Germany			+1
Italy			+1
Japan			+1
United Kingdom			+1
United States		0	
European Union			+1
Average		+0.88 (94%)	

Background

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were adopted in 2015 at the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit in New York.²¹⁴⁵ Here the UN General Assembly “acknowledge[d] the need to further mainstream sustainable development at all levels, integrating economic, social and environmental aspects and recognizing their interlinkages, so as to achieve sustainable development in all its dimensions.”²¹⁴⁶ The 17 SDGs are interconnected while providing a guideline with multiple targets for tackling the root causes of poverty and environmental degradation, thereby offering an opportunity for all people to enjoy peace and prosperity.²¹⁴⁷ These 17 goals prioritize economic, social, and environmental progress, including in areas such as economic inequality, education, and sustainable consumption among others.²¹⁴⁸

The SDGs are the successor to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).²¹⁴⁹ On 8 September 2000, the MDGs were established as the United Nations General Assembly first adopted the UN Millennium Declaration which reaffirmed their “collective responsibility to uphold the principles of human dignity, equality and equity at the global level.”²¹⁵⁰ Fifteen years later the UN published the MDG Report 2015, which illustrated the MDGs’ achievements and shortfalls.²¹⁵¹ During this period,

²¹⁴⁵ Sustainable Development Goals, United Nations Development Programme (New York). Access date: 13 October 2019. <http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/sustainable-development-goals.html>

²¹⁴⁶ Sustainable Development Goals, United Nations Development Programme (New York). Access date: 13 October 2019. <http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/sustainable-development-goals.html>

²¹⁴⁷ Sustainable Development Goals, United Nations Development Programme (New York). Access date: 13 October 2019. <http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/sustainable-development-goals.html>

²¹⁴⁸ Sustainable Development Goals, United Nations Development Programme (New York). Access date: 13 October 2019. <http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/sustainable-development-goals.html>

²¹⁴⁹ United Nations Millennium Declaration, United Nations (New York). Access Date: 13 October 2019. <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/Millennium.aspx>

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²¹⁵¹ The Millennium Development Goals Report 2015, United Nations Development Programme (New York). Access date: 13 October 2019.

([https://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/2015_MDG_Report/pdf/MDG%202015%20rev%20\(July%201\).pdf](https://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/2015_MDG_Report/pdf/MDG%202015%20rev%20(July%201).pdf))

global efforts had produced profound achievements, however, progress was uneven, with the poorest and most vulnerable left behind.²¹⁵²

On 25 September 2015, world leaders at the UN Sustainable Development Summit adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This 15-year agenda centres on the SDGs, that stated to be developed in 2012, and that built upon the MDGs. This ambitious agenda aims to eliminate poverty, decrease inequality, and added new issues such as energy access and sustainable consumption.²¹⁵³

On 16 May 2016, at the G7 Toyama environment ministers' meeting, ministers welcomed the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.²¹⁵⁴ The ministers recognized that the "SDGs will be critical to the people, planet and prosperity for the upcoming 15 years and beyond" and that within their "mandate as G7 environment ministers, [they] have important active roles in implementing the SDGs so that all dimensions are addressed in a [they] have important active roles in implementing the SDGs so that all dimensions are addressed in a balanced manner."²¹⁵⁵

In 2017 at Taormina, G7 leaders reaffirmed their desire to promote sustainable development as envisaged by the 2030 Agenda for Development.²¹⁵⁶ Additionally, in Charlevoix 2019, leaders innovative financing frameworks in order to work towards achieving the 2030 Agenda.²¹⁵⁷

The Africa Union Agenda 2063 meanwhile was produced in 2013 after the African Union celebrated its 50th anniversary and began the development for its new 50-year agenda.²¹⁵⁸ The African Union Commission (AUC), supported by the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), Planning and Coordinating Agency, the African Development Bank and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa created Agenda 2063, which the AU adopted in 2015.²¹⁵⁹

Within the long-term vision of Agenda 2063, the AUC also developed the First Ten Year Implementation Plan of Agenda 2063 (2013-2023).²¹⁶⁰ This is the first in a series of five ten-year programs to provide attainable development objectives in areas such as infrastructure and technology. Included are 12 Flagship Projects, such as the creation of an Integrated High-Speed Train Network, near-term national and Regional Economic Communities, development priorities to

²¹⁵² The Millennium Development Goals Report 2015, United Nations Development Programme (New York). Access date: 13 October 2019.

[https://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/2015_MDG_Report/pdf/MDG%202015%20rev%20\(July%201\).pdf](https://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/2015_MDG_Report/pdf/MDG%202015%20rev%20(July%201).pdf)

²¹⁵³ World leaders adopt Sustainable Development Goals, United Nations Development Programme (New York) Sep 25, 2015. Access Date 13 October 2019.

<http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/presscenter/pressreleases/2015/09/24/undp-welcomes-adoption-of-sustainable-development-goals-by-world-leaders.html>

²¹⁵⁴ Communiqué G7 Toyama Environment Ministers' Meeting, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) May 16, 2016. Access Date: 13 October 2019. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/environment/2016-environment.html>

²¹⁵⁵ Communiqué G7 Toyama Environment Ministers' Meeting, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) May 16, 2016. Access Date: 13 October 2019. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/environment/2016-environment.html>

²¹⁵⁶ G7 Taormina Leaders' Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 May 2017. Access Date: 13 October 2019. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2017taormina/communique.html>

²¹⁵⁷ The Charlevoix G7 Summit Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 June 2018. Access Date: 13 October 2019. (<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2018charlevoix/communique.html>)

²¹⁵⁸ Agenda 2063: First Ten-Year Implementation Plan 2014-2023, tralac (Stellenbosch) 31 March 2016. Access Date: 13 October 2019. <https://www.tralac.org/news/article/9370-agenda-2063-first-ten-year-implementation-plan-2014-2023.html>.

²¹⁵⁹ Agenda 2063: First Ten-Year Implementation Plan 2014-2023, tralac (Stellenbosch) 31 March 2016. Access Date: 13 October 2019. <https://www.tralac.org/news/article/9370-agenda-2063-first-ten-year-implementation-plan-2014-2023.html>.

²¹⁶⁰ Agenda 2063: First Ten-Year Implementation Plan 2014-2023, tralac (Stellenbosch) 31 March 2016. Access Date: 13 October 2019. <https://www.tralac.org/news/article/9370-agenda-2063-first-ten-year-implementation-plan-2014-2023.html>

ensure the successful completion of long-term development aspirations, and continental frameworks such as the Science Technology Innovation Strategy for Africa, in order to support state development efforts.²¹⁶¹

The G7 has been governing on development, including in Africa, since its start. Notably, at the 2002 Kananaskis Summit, the G8 members created the Action Plan for Africa in response to the outcomes to the NEPAD economic development program summit in 2001.²¹⁶² The G8 leaders agreed to partner with NEPAD countries to address issue areas such as health care, economic projects, debt relief, and water management.²¹⁶³

In 2005, G8 members agreed to increase aid to developing countries by USD50 billion, in addition to debt cancellation for the 18 poorest states in the African continent.²¹⁶⁴ Furthermore, G8 members committed to expanding Aids treatment, providing new resources for peacekeeping forces, a strengthening democracy and good governance on the continent.²¹⁶⁵

In 2011, at the Deauville Summit, the G8 members agreed to support the economic communities of Africa and the Minimum Integration Programme of the African Union.²¹⁶⁶ Members committed to improving infrastructure and strengthening economic resilience, in line with the economic pillar of the SDGs.²¹⁶⁷ The G7 leaders reaffirmed this commitment, and was discussed at the 2016 Ise-Shima Summit, and the 2017 Taormina Summit.

In the 2018 Charlevoix Summit Communiqué, the G7 members reiterated their commitment to realizing Africa's potential through Agenda 2063 and outlined new priorities for security, stability, and sustainable development.²¹⁶⁸ Additionally, the G7 leaders agreed to the Charlevoix Commitment on Innovative Financing for Development to promote economic growth in developing economies and foster greater equality of opportunity within and between countries.²¹⁶⁹

Commitment Features

This commitment refers to a larger set of development goals outlined in both the African Union Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Through Agenda 2063, African leaders pledged to accelerate growth, development, and prosperity across the continent, reinforced by a pan-African vision of self-reliance and socioeconomic enhancement.

²¹⁶¹ Agenda 2063: First Ten-Year Implementation Plan 2014-2023, tralac (Stellenbosch) 31 March 2016. Access Date: 13 October 2019. <https://www.tralac.org/news/article/9370-agenda-2063-first-ten-year-implementation-plan-2014-2023.html>

²¹⁶² G8 Summit 2007, The Press and Information Office of the Federal Government of Germany (Berlin) 2009. Access Date: 13 October 2019. https://www.g-8.de/nn_92160/Content/EN/Lexikon/G8/N/neue-partnerschaft-f_C3_BCrafrikas-entwicklung.html

²¹⁶³ G8 Summit 2007, The Press and Information Office of the Federal Government of Germany (Berlin) 2009. Access Date: 13 October 2019. https://www.g-8.de/nn_92160/Content/EN/Lexikon/G8/N/neue-partnerschaft-f_C3_BCrafrikas-entwicklung.html

²¹⁶⁴ G8 leaders agree \$50bn aid boost, BBC News (London) 8 July 2005. Access Date: 13 October 2019. <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/business/4662297.stm>.

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²¹⁶⁶ Deauville G8 Summit Final Compliance Report, G8 Research Group (Toronto) 18 May 2012. Access Date: 13 October 2019. <http://www.g8live.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/2011g8finalcompliance.pdf>

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Agenda 2063 has seven key aspirations, including:

- Sustainable development to modernize infrastructure, preserve the environment, improve education, and eradicate poverty
- A united continent free from colonialism, oppression, and restrictive border policies
- A democratic Africa supportive of human rights, the rule of law, justice, and good governance
- A peaceful Africa
- Entrenched pan-Africanism promoting the cultural diversity and heritage of the region
- People-driven development aimed at empowering women and youth
- A globally influential and self-reliant Africa²¹⁷⁰

The 2030 Agenda has three key pillars:

- Social dimension of sustainable development: implies that “the poor, vulnerable, and marginalized – in both developed and developing countries – should be assured a minimum level of social and environmental protection, and a basic standard of living.”²¹⁷¹
- Environmental dimension of sustainable development: suggests that people must “live within our means and achieve greater prosperity in an inclusive manner within the capacity of the Earth’s life support system.”²¹⁷²
- Economic dimension of sustainable development: indicates the need to increase “natural, social and economic capital to achieve greater resilience and secure future generations’ livelihoods.”²¹⁷³

At the core of this commitment is the recognition that G7 members must work together to address global challenges in line with the 2030 Agenda. This refers to embracing actions that tackle social, economic, and environmental issues outlined throughout the Agenda. For instance, policies that reduce poverty, end gender inequalities, and promote clean energy all fall under the scope of the agenda. Additionally, the commitment states that G7 members must work together to address these global challenges, thereby actions must be in coordination to achieve compliance.

The second part of this commitment states that G7 members must take into account the African Union Agenda 2063. Thereby, the G7 must align their actions with the aforementioned seven priorities in their support for Agenda 2063, in order to score compliance in the second portion of this commitment.

In this context, to achieve full compliance G7 members must work in partnership to implement multiple sustainable development actions that achieve the goals outlined in the 2030 Agenda. Additionally, these actions must support the African Union Agenda 2063 in a manner consistent with the seven priorities of this continental blueprint. Therefore, these G7 actions must aim to promote

²¹⁷⁰ Agenda 2063, African Union Foundation (Addis Ababa) 2015. Access Date: 13 October 2019.
https://au.int/sites/default/files/documents/36204-doc-agenda2063_popular_version_en.pdf.

²¹⁷¹ The Three Dimensions of Sustainable Development, UNEP (New York) 2015. Access Date 13 October 2019.
<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/3782unep2.pdf>

²¹⁷² The Three Dimensions of Sustainable Development, UNEP (New York) 2015. Access Date 13 October 2019.
<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/3782unep2.pdf>

²¹⁷³ The Three Dimensions of Sustainable Development, UNEP (New York) 2015. Access Date 13 October 2019.
<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/3782unep2.pdf>

sustainable development throughout Africa. Actions include enacting policies and financing investments that aim to end inequalities, promote inclusive growth, and tackle the climate challenge, for instance. Thereby given actions must consider the economic, social, and environmental pillars of the SDGs.

If the G7 members demonstrate action towards implementing the 2030 Agenda, but without consideration for Africa in accordance with the Agenda 2063, then they will receive only partial compliance.

Non-compliance, or -1, is assigned to any G7 member who fails to implement any actions in accordance with the 2030 Agenda.

The G7 member works to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and takes into account the African Union Agenda 2063.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	G7 member NEITHER takes any actions towards the 2030 Agenda, NOR takes actions that support the African Union Agenda 2063.
0	G7 member takes action towards implementing the 2030 Agenda, but takes NO action that supports the African Union Agenda 2063.
+1	G7 member takes action implementing multiple sustainable development actions that achieve the goals outlined in the 2030 Agenda AND takes actions that support the African Union Agenda 2063.

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Canada has fully complied with its commitment to the development goals outlined in both the African Union Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

On 26 August 2019, the Government of Canada announced that Canada will provide CAD1 million in funding to support the 2020 elections in Ethiopia.²¹⁷⁴ The objective of this project is to help Ethiopia's electoral management body increase its capacity, put in place transparency measures and build trust with the electorate.²¹⁷⁵ The project will have a special focus on ensuring the inclusive participation in the electoral process of women, youth and ethnic groups in all regions of the country.²¹⁷⁶

On 28 August 2019, the Government of Canada announced up to CAD20 million over the next five years to help improve access to quality health and reproductive services for women and girls in Mali.²¹⁷⁷ The funding is provided to train more than 2,300 health professionals, managers and trainers

²¹⁷⁴ Canada provides electoral funding support to strengthen democracy in Ethiopia, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 26 August 2019. Access Date: 16 December 2019. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2019/08/canada-provides-electoral-funding-support-to-strengthen-democracy-in-ethiopia.html>.

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in the Bamako, Kayes, Koulikoro, Ségou and Sikasso regions on gender equality and sexual and reproductive health and rights.²¹⁷⁸ The project will also aid capacity building of managers responsible for the Malian government’s human resources management to improve the performance of the health system.²¹⁷⁹

On 28 November 2019, the Government of Canada reaffirmed its commitment to the Ottawa Convention and announced CAD8.3 million to support mine-affected communities, including CAD2 million for landmine clearance in northern Sri Lanka, where women will comprise 50 per cent of the workforce.²¹⁸⁰ The project aims to ensure “gender equality in decision-making processes, as well as in implementation and universalization of the convention.”²¹⁸¹

On 9 December 2019, the Government of Canada announced that the Healthy Families Pakistan initiative, led by the United Nations Population Fund in partnership with the Aga Khan Development Network, would receive federal funding of up to CAD21 million over the next five years to support gender-sensitive approach to women’s reproductive health services in Pakistan.²¹⁸² The project aims to provide women and adolescent girls with “safe and accessible family planning resources” and address underlying “social and cultural barriers” to accessing health services.²¹⁸³

On 10 December 2019, the Government of Canada, at the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Madrid, reaffirmed its commitment to ambitious climate action, including exceeding current 2030 targets and reaching net-zero emissions by 2050.²¹⁸⁴ The Government of Canada also welcomed new endorsees of the Ocean Plastics Charter²¹⁸⁵ and new members of the Powering Past Coal Alliance.²¹⁸⁶ Canada also announced a contribution of CAD5 million in support of the

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²¹⁸² Minister Gould announces new support for women’s reproductive health services in Pakistan, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 9 December 2019. Access Date: 16 December 2019. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2019/12/minister-gould-announces-new-support-for-womens-reproductive-health-services-in-pakistan.html>

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²¹⁸⁴ Canada advanced climate action and remains committed to ambitious global action as United Nations Climate Change Conference concludes, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Ottawa) 16 December 2019. Access Date: 18 December 2019. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2019/12/canada-advanced-climate-action-and-remains-committed-to-ambitious-global-action-as-united-nations-climate-change-conference-concludes.html>

²¹⁸⁵ Canada spearheads global action to reduce plastic pollution at COP25, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Ottawa) 11 December 2019. Access Date: 18 December 2019. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2019/12/canada-spearheads-global-action-to-reduce-plastic-pollution-at-cop25.html>

²¹⁸⁶ Canada welcomes new members to the Powering Past Coal Alliance at COP25, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Ottawa) 10 December 2019. Access Date: 18 December 2019. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2019/12/canada-welcomes-new-members-to-the-powering-past-coal-alliance-at-cop25.html>

Partnership for Market Implementation at the World Bank, to provide technical assistance to developing countries to design, pilot and implement carbon pricing and market instruments.²¹⁸⁷ The Partnership is expected to begin in July 2020, with anticipated USD100 million in capitalization.²¹⁸⁸

On 16 December 2019, the Government of Canada announced it will be providing a repayable contribution in the amount of CAD1.7 million dollars under the Regional Economic Growth Through Innovation program, in cooperation with the Government of Quebec for a total of CAD4.7 million in financial assistance to Coop Agri-Énergie Warwick to develop a cooperative agricultural biomethanizer and the production of renewable energy.²¹⁸⁹ This project is a local initiative to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the agricultural sector, while also reducing emissions resulting from the use of fossil-based natural gas and synthetic fertilizers.²¹⁹⁰

On 17 December 2019, the Government of Canada announced up to CAD8.5 million in funding to the University of Calgary to support energy-savings project including retrofits at the University's Foothills Campus and Main Campus.²¹⁹¹ The project aims to reduce energy consumption in laboratories and medical buildings.²¹⁹² The funding is part of the Government of Canada's Low Carbon Economy Challenge, which invests in projects that reduce carbon pollution, save money, and create jobs.²¹⁹³

On 19 December 2019, the Government of Canada participated in the G7 High Level (Labour and Employment) meeting in Paris, France.²¹⁹⁴ At the meeting, labour and employment representatives of G7 members, along with international social partners and international organizations, discussed the importance of reducing inequalities and working together to address the opportunities and changes generated by technological transformation and their impact on the future of work.²¹⁹⁵ The

²¹⁸⁷ Canada announces support for new carbon-pricing initiative at COP25, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Ottawa) 10 December 2019. Access Date: 18 December 2019. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2019/12/canada-announces-support-for-new-carbon-pricing-initiative-at-cop25.html>

²¹⁸⁸ At COP25, the World Bank Announces Global Partnership for Implementing Carbon Markets, The World Bank (Madrid) 10 December 2019. Access Date: 18 December 2019. <https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2019/12/10/at-cop25-the-world-bank-announces-global-partnership-for-implementing-carbon-markets>

²¹⁸⁹ Québec and Ottawa provide \$4.7M in financial assistance to develop a cooperative agricultural biomethanizer, Canada Economic Development for Quebec Region (Quebec) 16 December 2019. Access Date: 18 December 2019. <https://www.canada.ca/en/economic-development-quebec-regions/news/2019/12/quebec-and-ottawa-provide-47m-in-financial-assistance-to-develop-a-cooperative-agricultural-biomethanizer.html>

²¹⁹⁰ Government Announces Climate Action Incentive Payment Amounts for 2020, Department of Finance Canada (Ottawa) 16 December 2019. Access Date: 18 December 2019. <https://www.fin.gc.ca/n19/19-107-eng.asp>

²¹⁹¹ Government of Canada announces support for energy savings at University of Calgary, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Alberta) 16 December 2019. Access Date: 19 December 2019. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2019/12/government-of-canada-announces-support-for-energy-savings-at-university-of-calgary.html>

²¹⁹² Government of Canada announces support for energy savings at University of Calgary, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Alberta) 16 December 2019. Access Date: 19 December 2019. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2019/12/government-of-canada-announces-support-for-energy-savings-at-university-of-calgary.html>

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²¹⁹⁴ Minister Qualtrough concludes successful G7 High Level (Labour and Employment) meeting in France, Newswire (New York) 19 December 2019. Access Date: 19 December 2019. <https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/minister-qualtrough-concludes-successful-g7-high-level-labour-and-employment-meeting-in-france-813918972.html>

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Government of Canada is committed to achieving concrete results on gender equality, reducing wage gaps and ending violence and harassment in the workplace.²¹⁹⁶

On 14 January 2020, the Government of Canada announced CAD250,000 in funding would be provided to the World Food Programme and CAD40,000 to Caritas to assist the most vulnerable people affected by floods in the Republic of Congo.²¹⁹⁷ Activities will include distributing food where there is no longer any access to food, providing cash vouchers where the price of food has soared, and increasing screening and treatment of malnutrition in children.²¹⁹⁸ Caritas will provide emergency kits of essential household items to 500 families affected by the floods in Brazzaville.²¹⁹⁹

On 15 January 2020, the Government of Canada announced CAD56 million in funding to help Control the Ebola epidemic address the humanitarian needs of the country's most vulnerable people and strengthen its local health system.²²⁰⁰ CAD10 million is allocated to development assistance, CAD45 million is allocated to trusted humanitarian partners working in the Democratic Republic of Congo to response to Ebola-specific and other humanitarian needs.²²⁰¹ And CAD991,699 is allocated to the Peace and Stabilization Operations Program aimed at reducing the spread of Ebola.²²⁰²

On 17 January 2020, the Government of Canada announced funding for several Canada-Africa projects. Funding includes: CAD18 million over five years for Mozambican Rural Women's and Girls' Participatory Economic Empowerment project focused on fostering the economic empowerment of women and girl members of agricultural associations and stimulate agri-food production through field

²¹⁹⁶ Minister Qualtrough concludes successful G7 High Level (Labour and Employment) meeting in France, Newswire (New York) 19 December 2019. Access Date: 19 December 2019. <https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/minister-qualtrough-concludes-successful-g7-high-level-labour-and-employment-meeting-in-france-813918972.html>

²¹⁹⁷ Canada announces funding to provide humanitarian assistance to flood-affected people in the Republic of Congo and to fight Ebola and other crises in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 14 January 2020. Access Date: 6 March 2020. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2020/01/canada-announces-funding-to-provide-humanitarian-assistance-to-flood-affected-people-in-the-republic-of-congo-and-to-fight-ebola-and-other-crises-i.html>

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²¹⁹⁹ Canada announces funding to provide humanitarian assistance to flood-affected people in the Republic of Congo and to fight Ebola and other crises in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 14 January 2020. Access Date: 6 March 2020. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2020/01/canada-announces-funding-to-provide-humanitarian-assistance-to-flood-affected-people-in-the-republic-of-congo-and-to-fight-ebola-and-other-crises-i.html>

²²⁰⁰ Canada announces funding to provide humanitarian assistance to flood-affected people in the Republic of Congo and to fight Ebola and other crises in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 14 January 2020. Access Date: 6 March 2020. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2020/01/canada-announces-funding-to-provide-humanitarian-assistance-to-flood-affected-people-in-the-republic-of-congo-and-to-fight-ebola-and-other-crises-i.html>

²²⁰¹ Canada announces funding to provide humanitarian assistance to flood-affected people in the Republic of Congo and to fight Ebola and other crises in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 14 January 2020. Access Date: 6 March 2020. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2020/01/canada-announces-funding-to-provide-humanitarian-assistance-to-flood-affected-people-in-the-republic-of-congo-and-to-fight-ebola-and-other-crises-i.html>

²²⁰² Canada announces funding to provide humanitarian assistance to flood-affected people in the Republic of Congo and to fight Ebola and other crises in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 14 January 2020. Access Date: 6 March 2020. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2020/01/canada-announces-funding-to-provide-humanitarian-assistance-to-flood-affected-people-in-the-republic-of-congo-and-to-fight-ebola-and-other-crises-i.html>

training focused on climate-smart agriculture, and CAD10 million over five years to Action for Girls and Young Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in Mozambique, which aims to improve gender equality in Mozambique.²²⁰³

On 10 February 2020, the Government of Canada announced CAD200,000 in funding through the federal government's Climate Action Fund to the Youth Climate Lab.²²⁰⁴ This funding will support the creation of the FutureXChange program designed to equip fifteen young Canadians with the tools they need to create their own climate projects around Traditional Knowledge and climate policy, and raise awareness about climate change through digital outreach, community workshops, and conferences.²²⁰⁵

On 10 April 2020, the Government of Canada and the Government of Jamaica chaired the UN Group of Friends on SDG Financing videoconference, bringing together Ambassadors from across the entire membership of the United Nations with high-level representatives from the United Nations, G20, International Monetary Fund, World Bank Group and Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development to discuss ways to mitigate the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, especially on developing countries in Africa.²²⁰⁶

On 12 June 2020, Canada joined the International Coalition for the Sahel, which helps countries in the Sahel advance "their priorities for peace and security, economic and social development, inclusive governance, gender equality and climate change."²²⁰⁷ Foreign Minister François-Philippe Champagne will be a part of the coalition's Small Group of Foreign Ministers.²²⁰⁸

On 17 June 2020, Minister Champagne and the other G7 foreign ministers issued a statement condemning China's sudden security law in Hong Kong.²²⁰⁹ They urged China to reconsider their decision, as they said that these laws go against previous declarations and pose a threat to the fundamental rights and freedoms of the people of Hong Kong.²²¹⁰

On 27 June 2020, Karina Gould, the Minister of International Development, announced a commitment of CAD120 million to support the Access to COVID-19 (ACT) Accelerator, with

²²⁰³ Canada-Africa project announcements, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 17 January 2020. Access Date: 6 March 2020. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2020/01/canada-africa-project-announcements.html>

²²⁰⁴ Government of Canada announces support for Youth Climate Lab, Government of Canada (Vancouver) 10 February 2020. Access Date: 6 March 2020. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2020/02/government-of-canada-announces-support-for-youth-climate-lab.html>

²²⁰⁵ Government of Canada announces support for Youth Climate Lab, Government of Canada (Vancouver) 10 February 2020. Access Date: 6 March 2020. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2020/02/government-of-canada-announces-support-for-youth-climate-lab.html>

²²⁰⁶ Joint statement by Canadian and Jamaican Foreign Ministers, following their chairing of a historic meeting of the UN Group of Friends on SDG Financing, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 11 April 2020. Access Date: 12 April 2020. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2020/04/joint-statement-by-canadian-and-jamaican-foreign-ministers-following-their-chairing-of-a-historic-meeting-of-the-un-group-of-friends-on-sdg-financing.html>

²²⁰⁷ Canada joins International Coalition for the Sahel, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 12 June 2020. Access Date: 31 August 2020. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2020/06/canada-joins-international-coalition-for-the-sahel.html>

²²⁰⁸ Canada joins International Coalition for the Sahel, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 12 June 2020. Access Date: 31 August 2020. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2020/06/canada-joins-international-coalition-for-the-sahel.html>

²²⁰⁹ G7 Foreign ministers' Statement on Hong Kong, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 17 June 2020. Access Date: 31 August 2020. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2020/06/g7-foreign-ministers-statement-on-hong-kong.html>

²²¹⁰ G7 Foreign ministers' Statement on Hong Kong, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 17 June 2020. Access Date: 31 August 2020. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2020/06/g7-foreign-ministers-statement-on-hong-kong.html>

CAD20 million of that intended for the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI).²²¹¹ Canada joined ACT in collaboration with other countries in May to help “accelerate the development, production and equitable distribution of new COVID-19 diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines.”²²¹² In this announcement, Gould announced an additional CAD180 million “to address the immediate humanitarian and development impacts” of the coronavirus crisis and to help developing countries mitigate and address the challenges of this crisis including essential food security, nutrition and education.²²¹³

On 3 July 2020, Minister Champagne issued a statement announcing new measures in response to the passage of National Security Legislation in Hong Kong.²²¹⁴ He denounced the passage of the legislation in defiance of Hong Kong’s Basic Law and stated that Canada would begin to “treat exports of sensitive goods to Hong Kong in the same way as those destined for China” and would “not permit the export of sensitive military items to Hong Kong.”²²¹⁵

On 15 July 2020, Global Affairs Canada issued a statement calling for a “swift and transparent conclusion to the Guyanese election process” which had lasted more than four months since elections were held.²²¹⁶ The agency stated that it would continue to work with partners in the international community to demand respect for the democratic rights of the people of Guyana and results from the election.²²¹⁷

On 5 August 2020, Minister Champagne announced that Canada would provide an additional CAD5 million in humanitarian assistance in response to the explosion in Beirut on top of the initial CAD1.5 million that was sent to trusted humanitarian partners.²²¹⁸

On 9 August 2020, the foreign ministers of Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States Secretary of State issued a statement expressing concern over the Hong Kong government’s disqualification of candidates and postponement of Legislative Council elections.²²¹⁹

²²¹¹ Canada announces support for equitable access to new COVID-19 medical solutions, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 27 June 2020. Access Date: 31 August 2020. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2020/06/g7-foreign-ministers-statement-on-hong-kong.html>

²²¹² Canada announces support for equitable access to new COVID-19 medical solutions, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 27 June 2020. Access Date: 31 August 2020. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2020/06/g7-foreign-ministers-statement-on-hong-kong.html>

²²¹³ Canada announces support for equitable access to new COVID-19 medical solutions, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 27 June 2020. Access Date: 31 August 2020. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2020/06/g7-foreign-ministers-statement-on-hong-kong.html>

²²¹⁴ Canada takes action following passage of National Security Legislation for Hong Kong, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 3 July 2020. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2020/07/canada-takes-action-following-passage-of-national-security-legislation-for-hong-kong.html>

²²¹⁵ Canada takes action following passage of National Security Legislation for Hong Kong, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 3 July 2020. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2020/07/canada-takes-action-following-passage-of-national-security-legislation-for-hong-kong.html>

²²¹⁶ Canada calls for a swift and transparent conclusion to the Guyanese election process, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 15 July 2020. Access Date: 31 August 2020. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2020/07/canada-calls-for-a-swift-and-transparent-conclusion-to-the-guyanese-election-process.html>

²²¹⁷ Canada calls for a swift and transparent conclusion to the Guyanese election process, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 15 July 2020. Access Date: 31 August 2020. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2020/07/canada-calls-for-a-swift-and-transparent-conclusion-to-the-guyanese-election-process.html>

²²¹⁸ Canada providing humanitarian assistance in response to Beirut explosion, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 5 August 2020. Access Date: 31 August 2020. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2020/08/canada-providing-humanitarian-assistance-in-response-to-beirut-explosion.html>

²²¹⁹ Statement on the Erosion of Rights in Hong Kong, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 9 August 2020. Access Date: 31 August 2020. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2020/08/statement-on-the-erosion-of-rights-in-hong-kong.html>

The ministers stated that the new National Security Law was “eroding the Hong Kong people’s fundamental rights and liberties” and called on the Hong Kong government to reinstate the eligibility of disqualified candidates.²²²⁰

On 17 August 2020, Minister Champagne issued a statement condemning the crackdown on protesters following the presidential election in Belarus.²²²¹ The statement called for a thorough investigation to be conducted through the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, stated that the Government of Canada stood with the people of Belarus and promised to work with international partners to ensure their voices were heard.²²²²

On 19 August 2020, Minister Coull announced that the Government of Canada would allocate CAD13.5 million of its funding in response to the explosion in Beirut towards UN humanitarian agencies and the Lebanese Red Cross.²²²³ Additionally, it would increase its contribution to the Humanitarian Coalition’s Lebanon Matching fund by CAD3 million, bringing its total contribution to CAD8 million.²²²⁴

On 19 August 2020, Minister Champagne issued a statement condemning the coup d’etat in Mali, which ousted a democratically elected leader.²²²⁵ The Minister stated that Canada would work with the Economic Community of West African States, African Union and United Nations to help ensure a return to a state of constitutional order.²²²⁶

Through involvement in sustainable initiatives, such as the Climate Action Incentive Payment, and engagement and aid with African Union members, like reproductive health projects in Mali, Canada has taken action towards both the Sustainable Development Goals and the African Union Agenda 2063.

Thus, Canada has received a score of +1.

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France: +1

France has fully complied with its commitment to support the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda and taking into account the African Union Agenda 2063.

²²²⁰ Statement on the Erosion of Rights in Hong Kong, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 9 August 2020. Access Date: 31 August 2020. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2020/08/statement-on-the-erosion-of-rights-in-hong-kong.html>

²²²¹ Statement by Minister Champagne on Belarusian presidential elections, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 17 August 2020. Access Date: 31 August 2020. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2020/08/statement-by-minister-champagne-on-belarusian-presidential-elections.html>

²²²² Statement by Minister Champagne on Belarusian presidential elections, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 17 August 2020. Access Date: 31 August 2020. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2020/08/statement-by-minister-champagne-on-belarusian-presidential-elections.html>

²²²³ Canada’s humanitarian response in Beirut, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 19 August 2020. Access Date: <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2020/08/canadas-humanitarian-response-in-beirut.html>

²²²⁴ Canada’s humanitarian response in Beirut, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 19 August 2020. Access Date: <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2020/08/canadas-humanitarian-response-in-beirut.html>

²²²⁵ Statement by Minister Champagne on coup d’etat in Mali, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 19 August 2020. Access Date: 31 August 2020. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2020/08/statement-by-minister-champagne-on-coup-detat-in-mali.html>

²²²⁶ Statement by Minister Champagne on coup d’etat in Mali, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 19 August 2020. Access Date: 31 August 2020. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2020/08/statement-by-minister-champagne-on-coup-detat-in-mali.html>

On 10 October 2019, President Emmanuel Macron pledged a total of USD1.4 billion at the Global Fund's Sixth Replenishment Conference.²²²⁷ The president also made a "stirring appeal" at the conference, inducing other donors to "[make] last minute-minute increases on top of their original pledges" in order to reach the Global Fund target of at least USD14 billion.²²²⁸ These funds will go towards efforts to end AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria.²²²⁹

On 22 October 2019, Minister of State attached to the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs Jean-Baptiste Lemoyne launched France's new international strategy for food security, nutrition and sustainable agriculture at its launch event.²²³⁰ This new strategy is designed to "focus France's international development activities for the period of 2019-2024 on this issue, in particular by supporting more sustainable, nutritious food and agricultural systems and by developing a type of agriculture that is more productive from an economic, social, and environmental standpoint."²²³¹

On 4-9 November 2019, France signed the Rome Declaration in support of the "transition [to] a more sustainable cold chain in order to limit food losses and waste" and the movement towards a low-carbon economy.²²³² Concrete measures include a new tax on hydrofluorocarbons to be introduced on 1 January 2021 and a reinforced energy savings certificate system on 1 March 2021.²²³³

On 6 November 2019, President Macron and China's President Xi Jinping committed to fulfilling "the commitments by developed countries to provide and mobilize USD100 billion each year for climate finance by 2020 and set a new collective quantified goal from a floor of USD100 billion per year by 2025."²²³⁴ This was part of the Beijing Call for Biodiversity Conservation and Climate Change in which both presidents expressed "their full support for multilateralism in international

²²²⁷ Pledges at Global Fund Sixth Replenishment Conference, The Global Fund (Geneva) 10 October 2019. Access Date: 13 December 2019.

https://www.theglobalfund.org/media/8882/replenishment_2019sixthreplenishmentconferencepledges_list_en.pdf.

²²²⁸ Global Fund Donors Pledge US\$14 Billion in Fight to End Epidemics, The Global Fund (Geneva) 10 October 2019. Access Date: 13 December 2019. <https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/news/2019-10-10-global-fund-donors-pledge-usd14-billion-in-fight-to-end-epidemics/>.

²²²⁹ World AIDS Day (1 December 2019), France Diplomatie Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 1 December 2019. Access Date: 13 December 2019. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/development-assistance/health/news/article/world-aids-day-1-dec-2019>.

²²³⁰ Food security - Jean-Baptiste Lemoyne launches France's new international strategy on food security, nutrition and sustainable agriculture, France Diplomatie Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 22 October 2019. Access date: 13 December 2019. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/health-food-security-nutrition-sustainable-agriculture/events/article/food-security-jean-baptiste-lemoyne-launches-france-s-new-international>.

²²³¹ Food security - Jean-Baptiste Lemoyne launches France's new international strategy on food security, nutrition and sustainable agriculture, France Diplomatie Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 22 October 2019. Access date: 13 December 2019. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/health-food-security-nutrition-sustainable-agriculture/events/article/food-security-jean-baptiste-lemoyne-launches-france-s-new-international>.

²²³² Refrigeration systems: France supports a more sustainable cold chain by signing the Rome Declaration, Ministry of the Ecological and Inclusive Transition (Paris) 19 November 2019. Access Date: 04 April 2020. <https://www.ecologique-solidaire.gouv.fr/systemes-refrigeration-france-soutient-chaine-froid-plus-durable-en-signant-declaration-rome>

²²³³ Refrigeration systems: France supports a more sustainable cold chain by signing the Rome Declaration, Ministry of the Ecological and Inclusive Transition (Paris) 19 November 2019. Access Date: 04 April 2020. <https://www.ecologique-solidaire.gouv.fr/systemes-refrigeration-france-soutient-chaine-froid-plus-durable-en-signant-declaration-rome>

²²³⁴ Beijing Call for Biodiversity Conservation and Climate Change (06 November 2019), France Diplomatie Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 6 November 2019. Access Date: 13 December 2019. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/climate-and-environment/news/article/beijing-call-for-biodiversity-conservation-and-climate-change-06-nov-19>.

environmental governance” and committed to other actions against biodiversity loss and degradation of terrestrial ecosystems.²²³⁵

On 12 November 2019, Minister of Europe and Foreign Affairs Jean-Yves Le Drian and German Minister for Foreign Affairs Heiko Maas wrote a joint article published in *Le Figaro* titled “No, multilateralism is not outdated!”²²³⁶ The purpose of this article was to encourage multilateral actions and collaborations in synchrony with the meeting of the Alliance for Multilateralism at the Paris Peace Forum.²²³⁷

On November 20 2019, 27 Yezidi women accompanied by their children arrived in France by from Erbil.²²³⁸ These women, along with others who also arrived in 2019, fulfilled the pledge by President Macron to “welcome 100 Yezidi families – the victims of crimes committed by Daesh – to France.”²²³⁹

On 28 November 2019, Chief Executive Officer of the Agence Française de Développement (Afd) Rémy Rioux and Group Chief Executive Director of the African Guarantee Fund for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Félix Bikpo signed a sub-participation agreement of USD30 million.²²⁴⁰ This action seeks to “improve access to credit to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) throughout the African continent” by increasing the capacity of the African Guarantee Fund to offer loans to small African businesses.²²⁴¹²²⁴²

On 2 December 2019, Minister of State attached to the Minister for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition Brune Poirson and the President of the Inter-American Bank of Development Alberto

²²³⁵ Statement of UNCCD Executive Secretary Ibrahim Thiaw in response to the Beijing Call for Biodiversity Conservation and Climate Change, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (Bonn) 7 November 2019. Access Date: 13 December 2019. <https://www.unccd.int/news-events/statement-unccd-executive-secretary-ibrahim-thiaw-response-beijing-call-biodiversity>.

²²³⁶ Joint article by Jean-Yves Le Drian and Heiko Maas: “No, multilateralism is not outdated!” (published in *Le Figaro* newspaper - 12 November 2019), France Diplomatie Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 12 November 2019. Access Date: 13 December 2019. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/united-nations/alliance-for-multilateralism-63158/article/joint-article-by-jean-yves-le-drian-and-heiko-maas-no-multilateralism-is-not>.

²²³⁷ Joint article by Jean-Yves Le Drian and Heiko Maas: “No, multilateralism is not outdated!” (published in *Le Figaro* newspaper - 12 November 2019), France Diplomatie Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 12 November 2019. Access Date: 13 December 2019. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/united-nations/alliance-for-multilateralism-63158/article/joint-article-by-jean-yves-le-drian-and-heiko-maas-no-multilateralism-is-not>.

²²³⁸ Joint press release - 27 Yezidi families, previously victims of Daesh, welcomed in France (20 November 2019), France Diplomatie Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 20 November 2019. Access Date: 13 December 2019. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/iraq/news/article/joint-press-release-27-yezidi-families-previously-victims-of-daesh-welcomed-in>.

²²³⁹ France to take in 100 Yazidi women stranded in Iraqi Kurdistan, France 24 (Paris) 25 October 2018. Access Date: 13 December 2019. <https://www.france24.com/en/20181025-france-take-100-yazidi-women-iraqi-kurdistan>.

²²⁴⁰ The French Development Agency Supports African SMEs via a Counter-Guarantee of USD 30 Million to the African Guarantee Fund, Agence Française de Développement (Paris) 28 November 2019. Access Date: 13 December 2019. <https://www.afd.fr/en/french-development-agency-supports-african-smes-counter-guarantee-usd-30-million-african-guarantee-fund>.

²²⁴¹ The French Development Agency Supports African SMEs via a Counter-Guarantee of USD 30 Million to the African Guarantee Fund, Agence Française de Développement (Paris) 28 November 2019. Access Date: 13 December 2019. <https://www.afd.fr/en/french-development-agency-supports-african-smes-counter-guarantee-usd-30-million-african-guarantee-fund>.

²²⁴² French Development Agency Supports African SMEs via a Counter-Guarantee of USD 30 Million to the African Guarantee Fund, African Guarantee Fund (Nairobi) 28 November 2019. Access Date: 13 December 2019. <https://africanguaranteefund.com/french-development-agency-supports-african-smes-via-a-counter-guarantee-of-usd-30-million-to-the-african-guarantee-fund/>.

Moreno signed the agreement to create a new trust fund devoted to biodiversity and committed EUR24 million.²²⁴³

On 9 December 2019, the AfD launched a EUR15 million seed fund in Africa as part of a “growing commitment to expanding the continent’s digital ecosystem.”²²⁴⁴ This is part of EMERGING Valley, an international summit organized by the agency to “provide support and financing for African start-ups” as well as a “platform for emerging innovations and partnerships between Europe and Africa.”²²⁴⁵

On 9 December 2019, Secretary of State to the Minister for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition Emmanuelle Wargon announced the deployment of a second version of the national geographic information system for compensatory measures against biodiversity.²²⁴⁶ This was done in conjunction with the Agence Française de la Biodiversité towards the objective of “not net loss, or even gain in biodiversity” following past decreases by facilitating environmental assessments and compensatory measures.²²⁴⁷

On 11 December 2019, AfD Regional Director for Senegal, the Gambia, Cape Verde and Guinea Bissau Alexandre Pointier and the Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs Mambureh Njie signed an agreement formalizing budget support worth EUR2 million for Gambia.²²⁴⁸

On 17 December 2019, Minister Le Drian and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic Saleumxay Kommasith met and discussed prospects for increasing economic cooperation, particularly in the renewable energy sector through projects such as the Nam Theun 2 dam project.²²⁴⁹

On 19 December 2019, Minister Le Drian and the Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the United Mexican States Marcelo Luis Ebrard Casaubo issued the French-Mexican Declaration for Effective Multilateralism.²²⁵⁰ The two countries committed to jointly hosting the Generation Equality Forum in 2020 and promoting cooperation on global issues with a focus on the environment, technology, international peace, human rights, and the economy.²²⁵¹

²²⁴³ Biodiversity – COP25 – Press release issued by the Ministry for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition, France in the United Kingdom French Embassy in London (London) 02 December 2019. Access Date: 4 April 2020. <https://uk.ambafrance.org/France-helps-create-biodiversity-fund>.

²²⁴⁴ AfD Group: Driver for African Startups, Agence Française de Développement (Paris) 9 December 2019. Access Date: 13 December 2019. <https://www.afd.fr/en/afd-group-driver-african-start-ups>.

²²⁴⁵ AfD Group: Driver for African Startups, Agence Française de Développement (Paris) 9 December 2019. Access Date: 13 December 2019. <https://www.afd.fr/en/afd-group-driver-african-start-ups>.

²²⁴⁶ Biodiversity: new version of GéoMCE, Ministry for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition (Paris) 9 December 2019. Access Date: 04 April 2020. <https://www.ecologique-solidaire.gouv.fr/biodiversite-nouvelle-version-geomce>.

²²⁴⁷ Biodiversity: new version of GéoMCE, Ministry for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition (Paris) 9 December 2019. Access Date: 04 April 2020. <https://www.ecologique-solidaire.gouv.fr/biodiversite-nouvelle-version-geomce>.

²²⁴⁸ Gambia: French Development Agency Grants Budget Support to Government, allAfrica (Kanifing) 11 December 2019. Access Date: 13 December 2019. <https://allafrica.com/stories/201912110900.html>.

²²⁴⁹ Laos – Meeting between Jean-Yves Le Drian and his Laotian counterpart (17 December 2019), Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 17 December 2019. Access Date: 04 April 2020. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/laos/events/article/laos-meeting-between-jean-yves-le-drian-and-his-laotian-counterpart-17-dec-2019>.

²²⁵⁰ French-Mexican Declaration for Effective Multilateralism (19 December 2019), Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 19 December 2019. Access Date: 04 April 2020. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/mexico/news/article/french-mexican-declaration-for-effective-multilateralism-19-dec-2019>.

²²⁵¹ French-Mexican Declaration for Effective Multilateralism (19 December 2019), Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 19 December 2019. Access Date: 04 April 2020. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/mexico/news/article/french-mexican-declaration-for-effective-multilateralism-19-dec-2019>.

On 13 January 2020, President Macron attended the Pau Summit with the heads of state of the G5 Sahel region and took part in the creation of the Coalition for the Sahel, a new framework bringing together the participating countries and any outside countries and organizations that wish to contribute.²²⁵² The four pillars of the plan are “military engagement, capacity-building of the G5 armed forces, support for the restoration of state and local authority, stabilization and development.”²²⁵³

On 20 January 2020, Prime Minister Edouard Philippe confirmed the closures of Fessenheim 1 and 2, the two oldest operating nuclear reactors in France, on 22 February 2020 and 30 June 2020 respectively.²²⁵⁴ The two closures are part of France’s energy-climate strategy which holds the “diversification of sources of production and supply of electricity” as one of its major axes.²²⁵⁵

On 22 January 2020, the Afd, the German Ministry for the Environment, BlackRock, and the Hewlett and Grantham foundations announced the Climate Finance Partnership, an investment fund aimed to “direct capital into climate-related projects in developing countries,” such as in Africa. France will contribute USD30 million and AFD will “provide knowledge of climate issues in emerging countries and expertise in the field.”²²⁵⁶

On 30 January 2020, the Afd board of directors approved the Indicative Funding Program for loans related to development projects in order to achieve the targets set for public aid by 2022 by the French state.²²⁵⁷ The target of the funding program is set at EUR7.5 billion.²²⁵⁸

On 6 February 2020, Afd’s Rémy Rioux and President of the Organising Committee for the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic games Tony Estanguet signed an agreement to cooperate on “sports and development projects” in developing countries.²²⁵⁹ Projects over the 2020-2023 include entrepreneurship support programs and funding for projects in which sports are used to promote development.²²⁶⁰

²²⁵² G5 Sahel – Pau Summit – Statement by the Heads of State (13 Jan. 2020), Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 13 January 2020. Access Date: 04 April 2020. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/security-disarmament-and-non-proliferation/news/news-about-defence-and-security/article/g5-sahel-pau-summit-statement-by-the-heads-of-state-13-jan-2020>.

²²⁵³ Sahel - Jean-Yves Le Drian’s participation in the General Assembly of the Sahel Alliance and the G5 Sahel Summit (Nouakchott, 25 Feb. 20), Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 25 February 2020. Access Date: 04 April 2020. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/mauritania/news/article/sahel-jean-yves-le-drian-s-participation-in-the-general-assembly-of-the-sahel>.

²²⁵⁴ Fessenheim closure confirmed for 2020, Nuclear Engineering International (London) 20 January 2020. Access Date: 04 April 2020. <https://www.neimagazine.com/news/newsfessenheim-closure-confirmed-for-2020-7609762>.

²²⁵⁵ Closure of the Fessenheim power station, Ministry of the Ecological and Inclusive Transition (Paris) 21 February 2020. Access Date: 04 April 2020. <https://www.ecologique-solidaire.gouv.fr/fermeture-centrale-fessenheim>.

²²⁵⁶ A Partnership with Blackrock to Direct Investment into Greener Finance in Developing Countries, Agence Française de Développement (Paris) 22 January 2020. Access Date: 04 April 2020. <https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/blackrock-climate-finance-partnership>.

²²⁵⁷ AFD approves Indicative Funding Program 2020, Development Aid (Nicosia) 07 February 2020. Access Date: 04 April 2020. <https://www.developmentaid.org/#!/news-stream/post/58685/afd-approves-indicative-funding-program-2020>.

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²²⁵⁹ Sports and Sustainable Development: AFD and Paris 2024, Agence Française de Développement (Paris) 06 February 2020. Access Date: 04 April 2020. <https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/sports-and-sustainable-development-afd-and-paris-2024>.

²²⁶⁰ Sports and Sustainable Development: AFD and Paris 2024, Agence Française de Développement (Paris) 06 February 2020. Access Date: 04 April 2020. <https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/sports-and-sustainable-development-afd-and-paris-2024f>.

On 7 February 2020, the AfD announced the selection of 12 cities across East and West Africa to take part in the African Smart Towns Network (ASToN).²²⁶¹ The initiative places emphasis on using new technologies to create smart cities by providing services that are well-suited to local contexts and the needs of residents. This support includes EUR2.995 million over two-and-a-half years to be managed directly by the cities for the accomplishment of a specific priority with relation to digital transition.²²⁶²

On 10 February 2020, President Macron signed Law No. 2020-105 Regarding a Circular Economy and the Fight Against Waste as part of efforts to help change the French society model “from a linear economy to a circular economy.”²²⁶³ The law also contains provisions to phase out single-use implements such as paper receipts and plastic bags and aims for “all plastic to be recyclable by 2025 and a 50 [per cent] reduction in the use of single-use plastic bottles in the next decade.”²²⁶⁴

On 25 February 2020, Minister Le Drian chaired the meeting of the General Assembly of the Sahel Alliance, a group aimed at “ensuring high-level international mobilisation in support of the joint commitments to promote development in the region.”²²⁶⁵

On 28 February 2020, Minister of the Ecological and Inclusive Transition Élisabeth Borne attended the Salon International de l’Agriculture.²²⁶⁶ At the show, she announced the mobilisation of EUR150 million by water agencies in order to promote good practices in farming as well as the installation of photovoltaics on agricultural buildings.²²⁶⁷

On 6 March 2020, Minister Poirson signed the European Plastics Pact, which requires the signatories to individually and collectively contribute to “achieving better management of the life cycle of single use plastic products and packaging.”²²⁶⁸

On 10 March 2020, the French government adopted an international water and sanitation strategy from 2020-2030 aimed at universal access to water and sanitation services and sustainable water management.²²⁶⁹

²²⁶¹ 12 African Cities Making the Digital Transition, Agence Française de Développement (Paris) 07 February 2020. Access Date: 4 April 2020. <https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/12-african-cities-making-digital-transition?origin=/en/actualites>.

²²⁶² 12 African Cities Making the Digital Transition, Agence Française de Développement (Paris) 07 February 2020. Access Date: 4 April 2020. <https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/12-african-cities-making-digital-transition?origin=/en/actualites>.

²²⁶³ France: New Anti-waste Law Adopted, Library of Congress (Washington DC) 20 March 2020. Access Date: 04 April 2020. <http://www.loc.gov/law/foreign-news/article/france-new-anti-waste-law-adopted/>.

²²⁶⁴ Landmark French law will stop unsold goods being thrown away, The Guardian (London) 30 January 2020. Access Date: 04 April 2020. <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/jan/30/france-passes-landmark-law-to-stop-unsold-goods-being-thrown-away>.

²²⁶⁵ Sahel - Jean-Yves Le Drian’s participation in the General Assembly of the Sahel Alliance and the G5 Sahel Summit (Nouakchott, 25 Feb. 20), Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 25 February 2020. Access Date: 04 April 2020. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/mauritania/news/article/sahel-jean-yves-le-drian-s-participation-in-the-general-assembly-of-the-sahel>.

²²⁶⁶ For efficient and environmentally friendly agriculture, Ministry of the Ecological and Inclusive Transition (Paris) 28 February 2020. Access Date: 04 April 2020. <https://www.ecologique-solidaire.gouv.fr/agriculture-performante-et-respectueuse-lenvironnement>.

²²⁶⁷ For efficient and environmentally friendly agriculture, Ministry of the Ecological and Inclusive Transition (Paris) 28 February 2020. Access Date: 04 April 2020. <https://www.ecologique-solidaire.gouv.fr/agriculture-performante-et-respectueuse-lenvironnement>.

²²⁶⁸ A European Pact to control use of plastic and promote a circular economy, Government of France (Paris) 06 March 2020. Access Date: 04 April 2020. <https://www.gouvernement.fr/en/a-european-pact-to-control-use-of-plastic-and-promote-a-circular-economy>.

On 11 March 2020, Minister Le Drian met with the Swedish Minister for Foreign Affairs Ann Linde to discuss future cooperations between their respective countries. More specifically, the ministers agreed to intensified cooperation on emerging technologies, gender equality, and actions in the Sahel.²²⁷⁰

On 12 March 2020, the AfD signed an agreement with the Indonesian Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries aimed at “[raising] awareness of the causes of marine debris, its effects at sea, and ways to reduce pollution.” Additionally, the project will help to protect wildlife such as the sea turtle by tracing their travels and examining where they may encounter floating plastic. The AfD will provide a grant of EUR500 000 in support of the project.²²⁷¹

On 20 March 2020, the AfD signed a public policy loan agreement with the Mexican Finance Ministry pertaining to green finance.²²⁷² The objective of the loan is to help Mexico “help Mexico channel public and private funds into low-carbon, inclusive growth, in line with the commitments of the Paris Agreement” and to “pursue work on risk management and resilience, particularly as it pertains to infrastructure.”²²⁷³

On 8 August 2020, the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs issued a communique outlining various measures taken to help the Lebanese people in the wake of the explosion in Beirut.²²⁷⁴ These measures included an air and sea bridge to transport personnel medical material, medicine and food to Lebanon and the mobilization of domestic resources to expedite the provision of these supplies.²²⁷⁵

On 19 August 2020, the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs issued a statement calling for the release of the President of Mali following the military coup the previous day.²²⁷⁶ Additionally, the

²²⁶⁹ France’s International Strategy for Water and Sanitation (2020-2030), Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 24 February 2020. Access Date: April 04 2020. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/photos-publications-and-graphics/publications/article/france-s-international-strategy-for-water-and-sanitation-2020-2030>.

²²⁷⁰ Joint press statement by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Sweden and France (Paris, 11 March 20), Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 11 March 2020. Access Date: 04 April 2020. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/sweden/events/article/joint-press-statement-by-the-ministers-for-foreign-affairs-of-sweden-and-france>.

²²⁷¹ Indonesia: Tackling Plastic and Marine Debris, Agence Française de Développement (Paris) 22 March 2020. Access Date: 04 April 2020. <https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/indonesia-ocean-plastic-debris?origin=/en/actualites>.

²²⁷² “Mexico Is on Its Way to a Major Climate Transition” – Jean-Baptiste Sabatié, Agence Française de Développement (Paris) 30 March 2020. Access Date: 04 April 2020. <https://burundi.afd.fr/en/actualites/mexico-its-way-major-climate-transition-jean-baptiste-sabatie>.

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²²⁷⁴ Explosion in Beirut – France is taking action to help Beirut and the Lebanese people, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 8 August 2020. Access Date: 31 August 2020. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/lebanon/news/article/explosion-in-beirut-france-is-taking-action-to-help-beirut-and-the-lebanese>

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²²⁷⁶ Mali – Statement by Jean-Yves Le Drian, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 18 August 2020. Access Date: 31 August 2020. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/mali/news/article/mali-statement-by-jean-yves-le-drian-minister-for-europe-and-foreign-affairs-18>

statement urged a return to civilian rule through engaging in a dialogue to solve the crisis in the country.²²⁷⁷

On 21 August 2020, the government of France called for a cessation of hostilities and engagement in “good faith in efforts to conclude a lasting ceasefire” between the parties involved in the ongoing conflict in Libya.²²⁷⁸ The statement outlined one goal to be the return of the political process in Libya and the end of all foreign interference in the country.²²⁷⁹

France has engaged in numerous actions to further the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals in alignment with the African Union’s Agenda 2063 by engaging in economic development projects with members of the African Union and by supporting global efforts around these goals. Specifically, France has maintained a consistently high level of engagement with environmental efforts as well as support for developing nations and democracy.

Thus, France has received a score of +1.

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Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to address global challenges, in line with Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda and taking into account the African Union Agenda 2063.

On 9 September 2019, Federal Minister of Development Gerd Müller launched the “Green Button” textile certification mark.²²⁸⁰ This mark certifies that textile manufacturers meet a series of 26 minimum social and environmental standards.²²⁸¹

On 23 September 2019, Minister Müller committed EUR200 million to a global forest conservation program in partnership with the World Bank.²²⁸² Additionally, Minister Müller committed EUR30 million to the Central African Forest Initiative.²²⁸³

²²⁷⁷ Mali – Statement by Jean-Yves Le Drian, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 18 August 2020. Access Date: 31 August 2020. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/mali/news/article/mali-statement-by-jean-yves-le-drian-minister-for-europe-and-foreign-affairs-18>

²²⁷⁸ Libya, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 21 August 2020. Access Date: 31 August 2020. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/libya/news/2020/article/libya-21-aug-20>

²²⁷⁹ Libya, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 21 August 2020. Access Date: 31 August 2020. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/libya/news/2020/article/libya-21-aug-20>

²²⁸⁰ Minister Gerd Müller introduces the "Green Button", a publicly endorsed textile label, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 9 September 2019. Access Date: 16 December 2019. http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2019/september/190909_pm_048_Minister-Gerd-Mueller-introduces-the-Green-Button-a-publicly-endorsed-textile-label/index.html

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²²⁸² Germany provides 200 million euros in seed funding for World Bank loan programme for forest conservation, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 23 September 2019. Access Date: 16 December 2019. http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2019/september/190923_pm_051_Germany-provides-200-million-euros-in-seed-funding-for-World-Bank-loan-programme-for-forest-conservation/index.html

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On 12 November 2019, Minister Müller announced the expansion of family planning and maternity ward stations in Cameroon, Malawi, and Niger.²²⁸⁴ The contribution will help further the realization of sexual rights and reproductive health goals including the continuation of "self-determined family planning and maternal health."²²⁸⁵

On 19 November 2019, Chancellor Angela Merkel committed EUR20 million to the G20 Compact with Africa Facility, which will support local green businesses in Africa.²²⁸⁶ The facility will work to create an enabling environment for investment through 1) Policy dialogue and creation of enabling environments; 2) Capacity development and technical assistance; 3) Design of blended finance instruments for the private sector.²²⁸⁷

On 9 December 2020, Minister Müller committed EUR500 million to expand international protection against climate change.²²⁸⁸ The announcement was made at the COP 25 conference in Madrid, and included funds for natural disaster relief in developing countries – including in Africa – and for helping coastal communities adapt to climate change.²²⁸⁹

On 10 December 2019, Federal Minister for Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety Svenja Schulze committed EUR30 million to the Adaptation Fund.²²⁹⁰ The Adaptation Fund finances sustainable climate change adaptation projects in developing countries.²²⁹¹

²²⁸⁴ Deutschland steigert internationales Engagement für Familienplanung, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 12 November 2019. Access Date: 16 December 2019.

http://www.bmz.de/de/presse/aktuelleMeldungen/2019/november/191112_pm_064_Deutschland-steigert-internationales-Engagement-fuer-Familienplanung/index.html

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²²⁸⁸ At the climate conference in Madrid, the Federal Development Ministry announces new projects to protect against climate risks and protect the oceans, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 9 December 2019. Access Date: 7 April 2020.

https://www.bmz.de/de/presse/aktuelleMeldungen/2019/dezember/191209_pm_067_BMZ-kuendigt-auf-der-Klimakonferenz-in-Madrid-neue-Projekte-zur-Absicherung-von-Klimarisiken-und-zum-Schutz-der-Ozeane-an/index.html

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²²⁹⁰ UN Climate Change Conference: Germany supports Adaptation Fund with 30 million euros, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (Bonn) 10 December 2019. Access Date: 16 December 2019. <https://www.bmu.de/en/pressrelease/un-climate-change-conference-germany-supports-adaptation-fund-with-30-million-euros/>

²²⁹¹ UN Climate Change Conference: Germany supports Adaptation Fund with 30 million euros, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (Bonn) 10 December 2019. Access Date: 16 December 2019. <https://www.bmu.de/en/pressrelease/un-climate-change-conference-germany-supports-adaptation-fund-with-30-million-euros/>

On 11 December 2019, Minister Schulze committed EUR20 million to support 12 developing countries in implementing climate targets in land use and agricultural sectors.²²⁹² A key focus is to support partner countries in implementing their obligations under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Paris Agreement and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.²²⁹³

On 17 January 2020, Minister Schulze committed EUR10 million to protecting extremely rare insect species.²²⁹⁴ The funds will develop insect-friendly grassland, and demonstrate Germany's commitment to preserving life on land, a Sustainable Development Goal. The scope of the projects ranges from the rescue of an extremely rare insect species through the development of an insect-friendly grassland to model processes for the protection and promotion of the insect fauna in biosphere reserves.²²⁹⁵

On 2 February 2020, Minister Müller committed EUR15 million to support cultural industries in Africa.²²⁹⁶ The initiative will target African start-ups, for example in the film and fashion industry, which will be supported with advice and further training in management, product development and sales.²²⁹⁷

On 27 March 2020, the German Federal Council adopted amendments to the Fertilizer Law, intended to increase the protection of groundwater. The amendments will reduce nitrate pollution, and prevent erosion-related flooding.²²⁹⁸

On 7 May 2020, the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development announced that it was supporting efforts to convert a Volkswagen production plant in South Africa into a medical facility to treat COVID-19 patients.²²⁹⁹ The Ministry made EUR5.2 million available for the

²²⁹² BMU promotes climate action in farming, Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Bonn) 12 December 2019.

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²²⁹⁴ Praxisprojekte zum Insektenschutz: Schulze übergibt Förderbescheide, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (Bonn) 17 January 2020. Access Date: 7 April 2020.

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²²⁹⁶ Bundesentwicklungsministerium startet neue Initiative zur Förderung der Kreativwirtschaft in Afrika, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 12 February 2020. Access Date: 7 April 2020.

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²²⁹⁸ Schulze: Neues Düngerecht sorgt für besseren Schutz des Grundwassers, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (Bonn) 27 March 2020. Access Date: 7 April 2020.

<https://www.bmu.de/pressemitteilung/schulze-neues-duengerecht-sorgt-fuer-besseren-schutz-des-grundwassers/>

²²⁹⁹ Development Ministry and Volkswagen provide 4,000 additional hospital beds in South Africa, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 7 May 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020.

http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2020/mai/200507_pm_010_Corona-crisis-Development-Ministry-and-Volkswagen-provide-4000-additional-hospital-beds-in-South-Africa/index.html

conversion of the plant, which would provide an additional 4000 hospital beds and 800 ventilators to help South Africa address the crisis.²³⁰⁰

On 13 May 2020, the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety released a statement outlining the efforts and goals of the Global Ocean Alliance.²³⁰¹ Germany joined the alliance at the beginning of May, supporting its goal to protect at least 30 percent of the world's seas and oceans by 2030.²³⁰²

On 15 May 2020, the German Federal Foreign Office announced an additional EUR300 million to curb the spread of the pandemic in humanitarian emergencies.²³⁰³ This aid will be used to expand testing, access to water, and improve sanitation.²³⁰⁴

On 26 May 2020, Foreign Minister Heiko Maas announced EUR22 million in additional aid to help in the Venezuelan refugee crisis amid the global pandemic.²³⁰⁵ Of this aid, EUR18 million will be going to neighbouring countries that have accepted Venezuelan refugees and EUR4 million will go to development projects in Venezuela.²³⁰⁶

On 16 June 2020, the German government announced that it would assume premium payments of about EUR19 million for drought insurance offered by the African Risk Capacity.²³⁰⁷ These payments would help to reliably protect up to 20 million vulnerable people in Africa against drought in the next agricultural season, helping to mitigate the risk of a compounding crisis.²³⁰⁸

²³⁰⁰ Development Ministry and Volkswagen provide 4,000 additional hospital beds in South Africa, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 7 May 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020.

http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2020/mai/200507_pm_010_Corona-crisis-Development-Ministry-and-Volkswagen-provide-4000-additional-hospital-beds-in-South-Africa/index.html

²³⁰¹ Germany joins Global Ocean Alliance for marine protection, Federal Ministry for the Environment and Nuclear Safety (Berlin) 13 May 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. <https://www.bmu.de/en/pressrelease/germany-joins-global-ocean-alliance-for-marine-protection/>

²³⁰² Germany joins Global Ocean Alliance for marine protection, Federal Ministry for the Environment and Nuclear Safety (Berlin) 13 May 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. <https://www.bmu.de/en/pressrelease/germany-joins-global-ocean-alliance-for-marine-protection/>

²³⁰³ "People around the world are in need of our solidarity": Humanitarian assistance and human rights, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 15 May 2020. Access Date: 3 June 2020. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/aussenpolitik/themen/humanitaerehilfe/maas-humanitarian-assistance-corona/2342390>

²³⁰⁴ "People around the world are in need of our solidarity": Humanitarian assistance and human rights, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 15 May 2020. Access Date: 3 June 2020. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/aussenpolitik/themen/humanitaerehilfe/maas-humanitarian-assistance-corona/2342390>

²³⁰⁵ Germany increases assistance for Venezuela to more than 50 million euro, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 26 May 2020. Access Date: 3 June 2020. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/aussenpolitik/laenderinformationen/venezuela-node/venezuela-donors-conference/2344744>

²³⁰⁶ Germany increases assistance for Venezuela to more than 50 million euro, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 26 May 2020. Access Date: 3 June 2020. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/aussenpolitik/laenderinformationen/venezuela-node/venezuela-donors-conference/2344744>

²³⁰⁷ Germany helps African countries maintain drought insurance in view of COVID-19, Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 16 June 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2020/juni/200616_Germany-helps-African-countries-maintain-drought-insurance-in-view-of-COVID-19/index.html

²³⁰⁸ Germany helps African countries maintain drought insurance in view of COVID-19, Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 16 June 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2020/juni/200616_Germany-helps-African-countries-maintain-drought-insurance-in-view-of-COVID-19/index.html

On 23 June 2020, the German Development Ministry sent a team of expert and laboratory materials to Peru to help the country fight against the ongoing coronavirus outbreaks.²³⁰⁹ The German Epidemic Preparedness Teams help countries with outbreaks in their outbreak identification and mitigation of the spread of the virus.²³¹⁰

On 26 June 2020, the German Development Ministry announced that it would resume their development cooperation with Sudan.²³¹¹ The ministry committed to making EUR150 million available to Sudan in 2020 to address water, food security and training and support for refugees and poor families during the coronavirus crisis.²³¹²

On 30 June 2020, at the conference on supporting Syria and the region, the German government committed EUR1.58 billion in assistance.²³¹³ This aid is intended to help provide basic necessities in the region, as well as strengthen work programmes and education in the region to prevent a “lost generation from growing up” in the civil war.²³¹⁴

On 17 July 2020, the Federal Environment Ministry adopted a support package for developing and newly industrialising economies to support them in a climate-friendly economic recovery from the pandemic and to increase resilience against future pandemics.²³¹⁵ The package aims to support economic recovery by adding funds to projects linked to jobs and by paying for economic advisors to support governments in creating climate- and biodiversity-friendly recovery packages.²³¹⁶

²³⁰⁹ German team of experts assists Peru, Ministry for economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 23 June 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020.

http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2020/juni/200623_pm_032_German-team-of-experts-assists-Peru-in-COVID-19-crisis/index.html

²³¹⁰ German team of experts assists Peru, Ministry for economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 23 June 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020.

http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2020/juni/200623_pm_032_German-team-of-experts-assists-Peru-in-COVID-19-crisis/index.html

²³¹¹ Minister Müller: Germany commits 150 million euros for cooperation with Sudan’s reform-oriented government, Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 25 June 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020.

http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2020/juni/200625_pm_017_Minister-Mueller-Germany-commits-150-million-euros-for-cooperation-with-Sudans-reform-oriented-government/index.html

²³¹² Minister Müller: Germany commits 150 million euros for cooperation with Sudan’s reform-oriented government, Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 25 June 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020.

http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2020/juni/200625_pm_017_Minister-Mueller-Germany-commits-150-million-euros-for-cooperation-with-Sudans-reform-oriented-government/index.html

²³¹³ Minister Müller: Refugee and crisis region around Syria still needs our support, Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 30 June 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020.

http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2020/juni/200630_Minister-Mueller-Refugee-and-crisis-region-around-Syria-still-needs-our-support/index.html

²³¹⁴ Minister Müller: Refugee and crisis region around Syria still needs our support, Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 30 June 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020.

http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2020/juni/200630_Minister-Mueller-Refugee-and-crisis-region-around-Syria-still-needs-our-support/index.html

²³¹⁵ Global green recovery and the International Climate Initiative, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (Berlin) 17 July 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020.

<https://www.bmu.de/en/pressrelease/global-green-recovery-and-the-international-climate-initiative/>

²³¹⁶ Global green recovery and the International Climate Initiative, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (Berlin) 17 July 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020.

<https://www.bmu.de/en/pressrelease/global-green-recovery-and-the-international-climate-initiative/>

On 29 July 2020, the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development handed over the first substantial donation of COVID-19 supplies to the African Union.²³¹⁷ The African Union was given about 1.4 million COVID-19 tests to help fight the pandemic as a part of the ministry's Emergency COVID-19 Support Programme.²³¹⁸

Germany has committed funds to a variety of environmental and economic sustainability projects in Germany and worldwide, including projects in line with the African Union Agenda 2063.

Thus, Germany has received a score of +1.

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Italy: +1

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to the development goals outlined in both the African Union Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

On 18 September 2019, the Government of Italy presented the project entitled “Mediterranean Diet’s principles for Agenda 2030,” a multi-day event focused on carrying out scientific studies, considerations and analyses on the Mediterranean Diet.²³¹⁹ The project aims to promote and disseminate knowledge of the principles underlying the Mediterranean Diet, benefits to community health and wellbeing, and benefits to the environment and to the planet’s resources.²³²⁰ It will also dedicate days to “protecting biodiversity, respecting the environment, nutritional aspects, less food waste, the role of women” – to assure a sustainable agricultural and nutritional development model.²³²¹

On 3 October 2019, the Government of Italy signed an intergovernmental agreement with Jordan under which Italian Cooperation will contribute EUR85 million to the education and training of children and young people in Jordan.²³²² The agreement part of the 2016-2025 Jordanian national

²³¹⁷ German Epidemic Preparedness Team hands over 1.4 million tests to the African Union, Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 29 July 2020.

http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2020/juli/200729_pm-22_COVID-19-pandemic-German-Epidemic-Preparedness-Team-hands-over-1_4-million-tests-to-the-African-Union/index.html

²³¹⁸ German Epidemic Preparedness Team hands over 1.4 million tests to the African Union, Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 29 July 2020.

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²³¹⁹ Italy presents the project “Mediterranean Diet’s principles for Agenda 2030”, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e Della Cooperazione Internazionale (Roma) 18 September 2019. Access Date: 17 December 2019.

https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/eventi/2019/09/l-italia-presenta-il-progetto-mediterranean-diet-s-principles-for-agenda-2030.html

²³²⁰ Italy presents the project “Mediterranean Diet’s principles for Agenda 2030”, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e Della Cooperazione Internazionale (Roma) 18 September 2019. Access Date: 17 December 2019.

https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/eventi/2019/09/l-italia-presenta-il-progetto-mediterranean-diet-s-principles-for-agenda-2030.html

²³²¹ Italy presents the project “Mediterranean Diet’s principles for Agenda 2030”, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e Della Cooperazione Internazionale (Roma) 18 September 2019. Access Date: 17 December 2019.

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²³²² Italy-Jordan: 85 million euros for education and training, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e Della Cooperazione Internazionale (Roma) 03 October 2019. Access Date: 17 December 2019. https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/retediplomatica/italia-giordania-85-mln-di-euro-per-istruzione-e-formazione.html

human resources development strategy to achieve the Agenda 2030 sustainable development goals.²³²³ The project aims to fulfill two goals by 2025: ensure that all boys and girls have access to quality education, and all young adults who have technical and professional skills, have access to jobs.²³²⁴

On 15 October 2019, the Government of Italy donated 10 ambulances and three water tankers to the Government of Niger to enable the authorities to provide assistance to migrants and tackle human trafficking, through the Fund for Africa.²³²⁵

On 23 October 2019, the Government of Italy reaffirmed its commitment to partnering with African Countries for inclusive and sustainable development towards the UN 2030 Agenda and the Agenda 2063 of the African Union during a debate chaired by the President of the United Nations General Assembly.²³²⁶ The Government of Italy also expressed strong support for the African Architecture of Peace and Security, for strengthening the trilateral cooperation between the UN, African Union and European Union, and welcomed the entry into force of the African continental Free Trade Area, which represents a big step towards an integrated and peaceful Africa.²³²⁷

On 29 October 2019, the Government of Italy co-sponsored an unanimously adopted resolution on Women, Peace and Security Agenda at the Security Council meeting.²³²⁸ The next step will be the organization in Rome on 3 and 4 December at an international seminar on the responsibility of States to promote the participation of women in peace processes, in collaboration with UN Women, and the third edition of the Women's Forum.²³²⁹

On 30 October 2019, the Government of Italy spoke at the meeting of the UN Commission for the Consolidation of Peace dedicated to the situation in Central Africa, reaffirming its commitment to promoting the full implementation of the Bangui peace agreement, and calling upon the UN and the international community to support the 2020/2021 elections in the Central African Republic, which “represents an important step for democracy in the country.”²³³⁰

²³²³ Italy-Jordan: 85 million euros for education and training, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e Della Cooperazione Internazionale (Roma) 03 October 2019. Access Date: 17 December 2019. https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/retediplomatica/italia-giordania-85-mln-di-euro-per-istruzione-e-formazione.html

²³²⁴ Italy-Jordan: 85 million euros for education and training, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e Della Cooperazione Internazionale (Roma) 03 October 2019. Access Date: 17 December 2019. https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/retediplomatica/italia-giordania-85-mln-di-euro-per-istruzione-e-formazione.html

²³²⁵ Italy donates 10 ambulances to the Niger Government, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e Della Cooperazione Internazionale (Roma) 15 October 2019. Access Date: 17 December 2019. https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/retediplomatica/2019/10/l-italia-dona-10-ambulanze-al-governo-del-niger.html

²³²⁶ Zappia: Italy is among the top donor countries for Africa, and is ready to do more, Onu Italia (New York) 23 October 2019. Access Date: 18 December 2019. <https://www.onuitalia.com/zappia-italy-is-among-the-top-donor-countries-for-africa-and-is-ready-to-do-more/>

²³²⁷ Zappia: Italy is among the top donor countries for Africa, and is ready to do more, Onu Italia (New York) 23 October 2019. Access Date: 18 December 2019. <https://www.onuitalia.com/zappia-italy-is-among-the-top-donor-countries-for-africa-and-is-ready-to-do-more/>

²³²⁸ Women, peace and security: Italy co-sponsor resolution reaffirms its commitment, Onu Italia (New York) 29 October 2019. Access Date: 17 December 2019. <https://www.onuitalia.com/women-peace-and-security-italy-co-sponsors-new-resolution-and-reaffirms-its-support/>

²³²⁹ Women, peace and security: Italy co-sponsor resolution reaffirms its commitment, Onu Italia (New York) 29 October 2019. Access Date: 17 December 2019. <https://www.onuitalia.com/women-peace-and-security-italy-co-sponsors-new-resolution-and-reaffirms-its-support/>

²³³⁰ Central Africa: Italy to Peacebuilding Commission, commitment for Bangui agreement facilitated by Sant'Egidio, Onu Italia (New York) 30 October 2019. Access Date: 18 December 2019. <https://www.onuitalia.com/central-african-republic-italy-at-the-peacebuilding-commission-support-for-the-bangui-agreement-to-be-facilitated-by-santegidio/>

On 4 November 2019, the Government of Italy announced that state schools will begin incorporating sustainability and climate crisis into as many compulsory subjects for school children as possible.²³³¹ Other subjects including geography, mathematics and physics will be taught from the perspective of sustainability, with one hour a week dedicated to the themes of global heating and humans' influence on the planet.²³³² Starting in September 2020, a 33-hour-a-year lesson will be used as a pilot program to ultimately incorporate the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development into the entire curriculum.²³³³

On 21 November 2019, the Government of Italy and UNESCO, signed the MAECI-UNESCO agreement in Doha for the implementation of a joint cooperation project aimed at ensuring access to education for children in Iraq who currently cannot go to school, with the Government of Italy committing EUR1 million to the project.²³³⁴ The funds will be used by UNESCO to restart ten schools, conduct campaigns to promote enrollment and provide school kits to about 17,000 boys and girls of the Governorships of Salah al-Din and Baghdad.²³³⁵

On 26 November 2019, the Government of Italy opened the Italy-Africa Business Week in Milan, designed to boost business relations and economic cooperation with the African continent.²³³⁶ Deputy Minister Emanuela Del Re met the Somali Minister of Information, Culture and Tourism, Mohamed and the Minister of Commerce, Industry and Handicrafts of Burkina Faso, highlighting the growing trade volume with Africa.²³³⁷

On 5 December 2019, the Italian Embassy in Nairobi and the Italian Cultural Institute in Kenya in association with World Agroforestry Centre, Centre for International Forestry Research, and Bioversity International, held a symposium on "Climate Change, Forests and Food Security" in Nairobi.²³³⁸ The main goal of the event was for Kenya and Italy to exchange ideas on best practices,

²³³¹ Italy to put sustainability at heart of learning in schools, The Guardian (London) 06 November 2019. Access Date: 18 December 2019. <https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2019/nov/06/italy-to-school-students-in-sustainability-and-climate-crisis>

²³³² Italy's Students Will Get a Lesson in Climate Change. Many Lessons, in Fact, The New York Times (New York) 05 November 2019. Access Date: 18 December 2019. <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/11/05/world/europe/italy-schools-climate-change.html>

²³³³ Italy's Students Will Get a Lesson in Climate Change. Many Lessons, in Fact, The New York Times (New York) 05 November 2019. Access Date: 18 December 2019. <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/11/05/world/europe/italy-schools-climate-change.html>

²³³⁴ Doha: Signing of the MAECI-UNESCO Agreement on children's education in Iraq, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e Della Cooperazione Internazionale (Roma) 21 November 2019. Access Date: 17 December 2019. https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/retediplomatica/firmato-a-doha-accordo-maeci-unesco-per-istruzione-infantile-in-iraq.html

²³³⁵ Doha: Signing of the MAECI-UNESCO Agreement on children's education in Iraq, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e Della Cooperazione Internazionale (Roma) 21 November 2019. Access Date: 17 December 2019. https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/retediplomatica/firmato-a-doha-accordo-maeci-unesco-per-istruzione-infantile-in-iraq.html

²³³⁶ Heading: Del Re opens Italy-Africa Business Week in Milan, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e Della Cooperazione Internazionale (Roma) 26 November 2019. Access Date: 17 December 2019. https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/retediplomatica/2019/11/del-re-apre-lavori-di-italia-africa-business-week-di-milano.html

²³³⁷ Heading: Del Re opens Italy-Africa Business Week in Milan, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e Della Cooperazione Internazionale (Roma) 26 November 2019. Access Date: 17 December 2019. https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/retediplomatica/2019/11/del-re-apre-lavori-di-italia-africa-business-week-di-milano.html

²³³⁸ Symposium on climate change and forests in Kenya, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e Della Cooperazione Internazionale (Roma) 05 December 2019. Access Date: 17 December 2019. https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/retediplomatica/2019/12/in-kenya-un-simposio-su-cambiamenti-climatici-e-foreste.html

and to discuss the integrated management of the territory, taking into account the current climate change and food security challenges.²³³⁹

On 9 December 2019, the Government of Italy, at the 33rd International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, made an open pledge to take all the necessary steps to assure that children may live safely and enjoy their fundamental rights also in situations of conflict. Italy's pledge aims to prevent violence against children, through continuity of education, access of humanitarian operations to children in conflict zones, and awareness raising campaigns against the recruitment and deployment of children in armed conflicts.²³⁴⁰

On 13 December 2019, the Government of Italy in coordination with the Food and Agriculture Organization) and Future Food Institute announced the second edition of international training bootcamps to train a new class of "Climate Shapers" to address and mitigate the climate crisis through the regeneration of agri-food systems, with three Italian stops in Marettimo (Sicily), Rome and Bologna.²³⁴¹ The project aims to address four themes, "Climate Smart Cities," "Climate Smart Farms," "Climate Smart Oceans," and "Climate Smart Kitchen."²³⁴²

On 18 December 2019, the Government of Italy hosted the sixth annual meeting of the Joint Committee for Development Cooperation.²³⁴³ The Joint Committee approved a package of initiatives for a total value of over 69 million euros, of which 30 million for African countries, and 10 for the territorial implementation of the 2030 Agenda.²³⁴⁴ The programs confirm Italy's priority attention to the Mediterranean and to sub-Saharan Africa.²³⁴⁵

On 4 March 2020, the Government of Italy reaffirmed Italy's support for a democratic and peaceful transition process, as well as Prime Minister Handok's vision of economic and social progress in Sudan during an institutional visit to Sudan.²³⁴⁶ The Government of Italy reiterated the commitment

²³³⁹ Symposium on climate change and forests in Kenya, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e Della Cooperazione Internazionale (Roma) 05 December 2019. Access Date: 17 December 2019.

https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/retediplomatica/2019/12/in-kenya-un-simposio-su-cambiamenti-climatici-e-foreste.html

²³⁴⁰ International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent: Italy makes an open pledge, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e Della Cooperazione Internazionale (Roma) 09 December 2019. Access Date: 17 December 2019.

https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/retediplomatica/2019/12/conferenza-croce-rossa-e-mezzaluna-rossa-impegno-italiano.html

²³⁴¹ Fao and Future Food Institute promote boot-camps to form "Climate Shapers"; three stops in Italy, Onu Italia (New York) 13 December 2019. Access Date: 18 December 2019. <https://www.onuitalia.com/fao-and-future-food-institute-promote-boot-camps-to-form-climate-shapers-three-stops-in-italy/>

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²³⁴³ Sixth Session of the Joint Committee for Development Cooperation (Roma) 18 December 2019. Access Date: 6 March 2019. https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2019/12/vi-seduta-annuale-del-comitato-congiunto-per-la-cooperazione-allo-sviluppo.html

²³⁴⁴ Sixth Session of the Joint Committee for Development Cooperation (Roma) 18 December 2019. Access Date: 6 March 2019. https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2019/12/vi-seduta-annuale-del-comitato-congiunto-per-la-cooperazione-allo-sviluppo.html

²³⁴⁵ Sixth Session of the Joint Committee for Development Cooperation (Roma) 18 December 2019. Access Date: 6 March 2019. https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2019/12/vi-seduta-annuale-del-comitato-congiunto-per-la-cooperazione-allo-sviluppo.html

²³⁴⁶ Visit by Vice Minister Del Re in Sudan (Roma) 4 March 2020. Access Date: 10 April 2020.

https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2020/03/visita-della-vice-ministra-del-re-in-sudan.html

to enhance its advocacy within the Group of friends of Sudan to facilitate the removal of Sudan from the list of countries sponsoring terrorism.²³⁴⁷

On 1 July 2020, on the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Italy released a statement reaffirming its commitment to security in the Congo.²³⁴⁸ In particular, it committed to working with Italian associations and non-governmental organisations to help improve living conditions in the eastern provinces that have been victim to escalating violence in the past year.²³⁴⁹

On 4 July 2020, the first of three flights organized by the Italian Cooperation left to provide aid in Somalia as a part of the “European Humanitarian Air Bridge.”²³⁵⁰ The government stated that the whole operation had a total load of 42 tons of humanitarian aid.²³⁵¹ The Air Bridge is an example of cooperation between European Union member states to deliver effective and efficient aid abroad.²³⁵²

On 21 July 2020, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation provided funding in support of the International Organization for Migration in Tunisia to facilitate voluntary return to vulnerable migrants stranded in Tunisia.²³⁵³ The program provides support for migrant workers who have lost jobs and do not have safe options for returning home and helps facilitate a transition back to their countries of origin.²³⁵⁴

²³⁴⁷ Visit by Vice Minister Del Re in Sudan (Roma) 4 March 2020. Access Date: 10 April 2020.

https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2020/03/visita-della-vice-ministra-del-re-in-sudan.html

²³⁴⁸ Note by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Democratic Republic of Congo, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 1 July 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020.

https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2020/07/nota-farnesina-repubblica-democratica-del-congo.html

²³⁴⁹ Note by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Democratic Republic of Congo, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 1 July 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020.

https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2020/07/nota-farnesina-repubblica-democratica-del-congo.html

²³⁵⁰ Somalia. Humanitarian flight in the framework of the “European Air Bridge,” Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 4 July 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020.

https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2020/07/somalia-volo-umanitario-nel-quadro-del-ponte-aereo-umanitario-europeo.html

²³⁵¹ Somalia. Humanitarian flight in the framework of the “European Air Bridge,” Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 4 July 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020.

https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2020/07/somalia-volo-umanitario-nel-quadro-del-ponte-aereo-umanitario-europeo.html

²³⁵² Somalia. Humanitarian flight in the framework of the “European Air Bridge,” Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 4 July 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020.

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²³⁵³ The Ministry of Foreign Affairs alongside the IOM in Tunisia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 21 July 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020.

https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2020/07/la-farnesina-a-fianco-dell-oim-in-tunisia.html

²³⁵⁴ The Ministry of Foreign Affairs alongside the IOM in Tunisia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 21 July 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020.

https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2020/07/la-farnesina-a-fianco-dell-oim-in-tunisia.html

On 6 August 2020, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation sent a flight to Beirut to deliver 8.5 tons of medical equipment in the wake of the August 4 explosion.²³⁵⁵ Deputy Minister Del Re stated that the initiative aimed to contribute to “alleviate the suffering of the Lebanese population” who were struggling with the large explosion and ongoing coronavirus pandemic.²³⁵⁶

On 11 August 2020, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation released a statement condemning the response to unrest in Belarus following the elections.²³⁵⁷ The Italian government called on the Minsk authorities to enter a dialogue with the opposition and to take necessary measures to defuse tensions and work towards a “stable and democratic Belarus.”²³⁵⁸

On 20 August 2020, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation released a statement of concern over the coup in Mali.²³⁵⁹ The government reaffirmed their commitment to “peace, stability, the protection of the rule of law and the fight against terrorism in Mali and throughout the Sahel region.”²³⁶⁰

Italy has taken action to both support the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals as well as specifically support the African Union’s Agenda 2063 through general development aid and targeted engagement with members of the African Union.

Thus, Italy has received a score of +1.

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Japan: +1

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to take action to support the goals outlined in the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and support the African Union Agenda 2063.

On 27 August 2019, the Ministry of Economy Trade and Industry inaugurated two bodies under the Strategic Policy Committee of the Advisory Committee for Natural Resources and Energy: (1) the Subcommittee on System Reform for Renewable Energy as Main Power Source and the

²³⁵⁵ Lebanon: humanitarian flight with medical supplies to Beirut, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 6 August 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2020/08/libano-volo-umanitario-con-materiale-sanitario-partito-per-beirut.html

²³⁵⁶ Lebanon: humanitarian flight with medical supplies to Beirut, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 6 August 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2020/08/libano-volo-umanitario-con-materiale-sanitario-partito-per-beirut.html

²³⁵⁷ Belarus: deep concern about the suppression of key civil rights and fundamental democratic freedoms, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 11 August 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2020/08/bielorussia-profonda-preoccupazione-per-la-compressione-dei-principali-diritti-civili-e-delle-fondamentali-liberta-democratiche.html

²³⁵⁸ Belarus: deep concern about the suppression of key civil rights and fundamental democratic freedoms, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 11 August 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2020/08/bielorussia-profonda-preoccupazione-per-la-compressione-dei-principali-diritti-civili-e-delle-fondamentali-liberta-democratiche.html

²³⁵⁹ Note of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Mali, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 20 August 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2020/08/nota-farnesina-mali.html

²³⁶⁰ Note of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Mali, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 20 August 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2020/08/nota-farnesina-mali.html

Subcommittee for Sustainable Power Systems.²³⁶¹ This was done in response to past large-scale blackouts with the goal of advancing the development of technologies for “making renewable energy become a main power source against the backdrop of increasing demand for decarbonization.”²³⁶²

On 28 August 2019, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe presented many initiatives during his keynote speech at the Tokyo International Conference for Africa’s Development, including ABE Initiative 3.0, further promotion of UHC including through launch of the Africa Health and Wellbeing Initiative, and support to measures for Africa’s own peace and stability.²³⁶³

On 29 August 2019, Prime Minister Abe met with Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia H.E. Dr. Abiy Ahmed Ali and pledged support for Ethiopian development through two grant aids for elections and improvement of Ethiopian health and medical services respectiveness as well as the dispatchment of an agricultural expert to improve agricultural productivity in Ethiopia.²³⁶⁴

On 30 August 2019, Prime Minister Abe “announced Japan’s decision to provide emergency grant aid of USD5 million and the dispatch of the Japan Disaster Relief Team/Infectious Disease Response Team” in response to the recent Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.²³⁶⁵

On 30 August 2019, Japan and the African Union member states along with the representatives of Intergovernmental African, international, regional organizations and partner countries as well as the private sector and civil society organizations from Japan and Africa committed to the Yokohama Declaration 2019. Japan committed to the “Yokohama Plan of Actions 2019” with the overarching theme of “Advancing Africa’s Development through People, Technology and Innovation.”²³⁶⁶ The three main pillars are “accelerating economic transformation and improving business environment through innovation and private sector engagement,” “deepening sustainable and resilient society,” and strengthening peace and stability.²³⁶⁷

On 30 August 2019, Japanese State Minister of Finance Keisuke Suzuki announced a joint grant of USD3.5 billion with the African Development Bank (AfDB) under the Enhanced Private Sector

²³⁶¹ Two Bodies Inaugurated: Subcommittee on System Reform for Renewable Energy as Main Power Source and Subcommittee for Sustainable Power Systems, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo), 27 August 2019. Access Date: December 11 2019. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2019/0827_004.html.

²³⁶² Two Bodies Inaugurated: Subcommittee on System Reform for Renewable Energy as Main Power Source and Subcommittee for Sustainable Power Systems, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo), 27 August 2019. Access Date: December 11 2019. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2019/0827_004.html.

²³⁶³ Tokyo International Conference on African Development 7 (TICAD7) was held on August 28, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 28 August 2019. Access Date: 29 April 2020. https://www.mofa.go.jp/af/af1/page4e_001088.html

²³⁶⁴ Japan-Ethiopia Summit Meeting, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Japan (Tokyo) 29 August 2019. Access Date: 10 December 2019. https://www.mofa.go.jp/af/af2/et/page3e_001079.html.

²³⁶⁵ Japan-Democratic Republic of the Congo Summit Meeting, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Japan (Tokyo) 30 August 2019. Access Date: 8 December 2019. https://www.mofa.go.jp/af/af1/d_congo/page6e_000210_00002.htm.

²³⁶⁶ Yokohama Declaration 2019, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Japan (Tokyo) 30 August 2019. Access Date: 11 December 2019. https://www.mofa.go.jp/region/africa/ticad/ticad7/pdf/yokohama_declaration_en.pdf.

²³⁶⁷ Yokohama Declaration 2019, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Japan (Tokyo) 30 August 2019. Access Date: 11 December 2019. https://www.mofa.go.jp/region/africa/ticad/ticad7/pdf/yokohama_declaration_en.pdf.

Assistance for Africa initiative (EPSA4).²³⁶⁸ The funds are expected to “enhance the fourth phase of EPSA to spur private-sector-led sustainable and inclusive growth in Africa.”²³⁶⁹

On 6 September 2019, the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) committed to an additional investment of up to USD30 million in the Japan Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Women Empowerment Fund.²³⁷⁰ The objective of the funds is to expand financing to micro-finance institutions and promote gender equality by empowering low-income women through the “improvement of women’s access to funds for economic activities.”²³⁷¹

On 11 September 2019, Japan’s Ambassador to Burundi Takayuki Miyashita signed and exchanged a note with Burundian Foreign Minister Ezekiel Nibigira on a gift of food aid consisting of 3,700 tons of rice.²³⁷² The sale of the donated rice within the country is expected to generate USD3 million to be used in development projects in accordance with the National Development Plan.²³⁷³

On 25 September 2019, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan Isshu Sugawara announced the “Carbon Recycling 3C Initiative” and also signed the Memorandum of Cooperation on Carbon Recycling between Japan and Australia.²³⁷⁴ The initiative is aimed towards the use of carbon dioxide as a fuel and material and includes three specific actions: (1) Promotion of mutual exchange (Caravan); (2) establishment of R&D and demonstration base (Center of Research); and (3) Promotion of international joint research (Collaboration).²³⁷⁵

On 26 September 2019, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry and the Ministry of the Environment established a joint meeting between the Working Group for the Study for Introducing Fee-incurring Plastic Checkout Bags, and the Subcommittee on the Study for Introducing Fee-incurring Plastic Checkout Bags of the Working Group for a Circular Economy of the Central Environment of the Council.²³⁷⁶ The goal of this meeting was to further discuss the application of fees to plastic checkout bags

²³⁶⁸ Japan and African Development Bank announce \$3.5 billion in support of Africa’s development, RegionWeek (Burundi) 30 August 2019. Access Date: 05 April 2020. <https://regionweek.com/japan-and-african-development-bank-announce-3-5-billion-in-support-of-africas-development/>.

²³⁶⁹ Japan, AfDB Announce \$3.5 billion to Support Africa’s Private Sector Development, Liberian Observer (Monrovia) 02 September 2019. Access Date: 05 April 2020. <https://www.liberianobserver.com/news/japan-afdb-announce-3-5-billion-to-support-africas-private-sector-development/>.

²³⁷⁰ Additional fund investment for microfinance institutions targeting women's empowerment -Contributing to the improvement of financial access and poverty reduction for women in Asia-, Japanese International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 04 September 2019. Access Date: 06 April 2020. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2019/20190904_10_en.html.

²³⁷¹ Additional fund investment for microfinance institutions targeting women's empowerment -Contributing to the improvement of financial access and poverty reduction for women in Asia-, Japanese International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 04 September 2019. Access Date: 06 April 2020. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2019/20190904_10_en.html.

²³⁷² Japan donates 3 million dollars aid to Burundi Government, RegionWeek (Burundi) 11 September 2019. Access Date: 05 April 2020. <https://regionweek.com/japan-donates-3-million-dollars-aid-to-burundi-government/>.

²³⁷³ Japan donates 3 million dollars aid to Burundi Government, RegionWeek (Burundi) 11 September 2019. Access Date: 05 April 2020. <https://regionweek.com/japan-donates-3-million-dollars-aid-to-burundi-government/>.

²³⁷⁴ Carbon Recycling 3C Initiative, Ministry of Economy Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 25 September 2019. Access Date: 10 December 2019. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2019/pdf/0925_001.pdf.

²³⁷⁵ Carbon Recycling 3C Initiative, Ministry of Economy Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 25 September 2019. Access Date: 10 December 2019. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2019/pdf/0925_001.pdf.

²³⁷⁶ First Joint Meeting to be Held between: the Working Group for the Study for Introducing Fee-incurring Plastic Checkout Bags under the Waste and Recycling Subcommittee of the Committee on Industrial Science and Technology Policy and Environment of the Industrial Structure Council, METI; and the Subcommittee on the Study for Introducing Fee-incurring Plastic Checkout Bags of the Working Group for a Circular Economy of the Central Environment Council, MOE, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo), 19 September 2019. Access Date: December 11 2019. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2019/0919_002.html.

and to hold interviews with a wide variety of stakeholders including both consumers and companies involved in the distribution of such bags.²³⁷⁷

On 10 October 2019, Chair of the TCF Consortium and Professor at Hitotsubashi University Kunio Ito announced the Guidance for Utilizing Climate-related Information to promote Green Investment (Green Invest Guidance).²³⁷⁸ This effort aims to realize a “virtuous cycle of environment and growth.” The three basic approaches are to: (1) “promote constructive dialogue (engagement) with companies, leading to enhanced corporate value”; (2) “identify and assess the risks and opportunities posed by climate change”; (3) “promote innovation for decarbonization, and to create mechanisms for appropriate flow of funds.”²³⁷⁹

On 10 October 2019, JICA signed a grant agreement with the Government of Lao People’s Democratic Republic to provide aid of up to JPY1.9 billion for the Project for the Expansion of Water Supply System in Luang Prabang City.²³⁸⁰ The project will target the water purification plant and distribution facilities in Luang Prabang city and is expected to contribute to sustainable development through the establishment of a safe and stable water supply.²³⁸¹

On 31 October 2019, the Minister of Foreign Affairs for Japan Toshimitsu Motegi took part in the Joint Declaration on Cooperation in the Pacific Islands Region with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of New Zealand Winston Peters.²³⁸² The declaration outlined the implementation of actions such as the Annual Japan-New Zealand Pacific Policy Dialogue and various projects in support of ocean conservation, preventing climate change, and promoting regional connectivity through airports, ports, and information and communication technology.²³⁸³

On 4 November 2019, Prime Minister Abe attended the 14th East Asia Summit and took part in the East Asian Summit Leaders’ Statement on Partnership for Sustainability.²³⁸⁴ This declaration required all affiliated countries to take actions towards goals such as to “enhance efforts at reducing poverty, promoting food and water security, [and] ensuring access to safe water and sanitation” as well as “collaboration on energy efficiency and conservation [and] promotion of renewable energy and effective use of all energy sources” among others.²³⁸⁵ In regards to these goals, Minister Abe

²³⁷⁷ First Joint Meeting to be Held between: the Working Group for the Study for Introducing Fee-incurring Plastic Checkout Bags under the Waste and Recycling Subcommittee of the Committee on Industrial Science and Technology Policy and Environment of the Industrial Structure Council, METI; and the Subcommittee on the Study for Introducing Fee-incurring Plastic Checkout Bags of the Working Group for a Circular Economy of the Central Environment Council, MOE, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo), 19 September 2019. Access Date: December 11 2019. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2019/0919_002.html.

²³⁷⁸ The Inaugural TCFD Summit Held in Japan, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 10 October 2019. Access Date: 10 December 2019. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2019/1010_004.html.

²³⁷⁹ The Inaugural TCFD Summit Held in Japan, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 10 October 2019. Access Date: 10 December 2019. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2019/1010_004.html.

²³⁸⁰ Signing of Grant Agreement with Laos: Contributing to the improvement of the urban environment through a stable water supply by expansion of the water supply system, Japanese International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 11 October 2019. Access Date: 05 April 2020. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2019/20191010_10_en.html.

²³⁸¹ Signing of Grant Agreement with Laos: Contributing to the improvement of the urban environment through a stable water supply by expansion of the water supply system, Japanese International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 11 October 2019. Access Date: 05 April 2020. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2019/20191010_10_en.html.

²³⁸² Japan-New Zealand Foreign Ministers’ Meeting, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Japan (Tokyo) 31 October 2019. Access Date: 11 December 2019. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_002667.html.

²³⁸³ Japan-New Zealand Foreign Ministers’ Meeting, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Japan (Tokyo) 31 October 2019. Access Date: 11 December 2019. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_002667.html.

²³⁸⁴ East Asian Summit Leaders’ Statement on Partnership for Sustainability, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Japan (Tokyo) 4 November 2019. Access Date: 12 December 2019. https://www.mofa.go.jp/a_o/rp/page3e_001123.html.

²³⁸⁵ East Asian Summit Leaders’ Statement on Partnership for Sustainability, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Japan (Tokyo) 4 November 2019. Access Date: 12 December 2019. https://www.mofa.go.jp/a_o/rp/page3e_001123.html.

specifically stated that Japan will “promote improvements in energy access and resilience, diversification of energy resources, and cleaner energy technologies.”²³⁸⁶

On 4 November 2019, Japan launched an initiative aimed at mobilizing USD3 billion from public and private sectors from 2020 to 2022, USD1.2 billion of which were specifically dedicated as an overseas loan and investment for ASEAN by JICA.²³⁸⁷ These funds will be targeted towards “quality infrastructure development, improving financial access and supporting women, and green investment.”²³⁸⁸

From 23-24 November 2019, Minister of the Environment of Japan Shinjiro Koizumi partook in the 21st Tripartite Environment Ministers Meeting (TEMM) with Minister of the Environment of Korea Cho Myungrae and Minister of Ecology and Environment of the People’s Republic of China Li Ganjie.²³⁸⁹ At the meeting, Minister Koizumi adopted the new priorities for the period from 2020-2024, including air quality improvement, transition to Green Economy, and marine and water environment management and pledged to work with the other ministers to develop the Tripartite Joint Action Plan around the aforementioned pillars.²³⁹⁰

On 25 November 2019, the Government of Japan provided humanitarian aid by way of emergency relief goods through the Japan International Cooperation Agency as well as further emergency assistance to the government of Djibouti, which was done in response to recent heavy rain and flood.²³⁹¹

On 26 November 2019, the Government of Japan implemented the International Disaster Relief Operation by a part of Self-Defense-Forces unit in response in the Gulf of Aden off the coast of Somalia.²³⁹² This was done in coordination with the government of Djibouti in response to the damage caused by recent heavy flooding in order to provide humanitarian aid.²³⁹³

On 27 November 2019, Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Shuji Miyamoto met with Secretary of the Department of Energy, Philippines H.E. Alfonso G. Cusi in the First Government-Private Forum on Cleaner Energy Future Initiative for ASEAN (CEFIA) and

²³⁸⁶ The 14th East Asian Summit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Japan (Tokyo) 4 November 2019. Access Date: 12 December 2019. https://www.mofa.go.jp/a_o/rp/page3e_001123.html.

²³⁸⁷ Foreign Policy Speech by Foreign Minister MOTEGI Toshimitsu on the occasion of The 1st Tokyo Global Dialogue(provisional translation), Ministry of Foreign Affairs Japan (Tokyo) December 2 2019. Access Date: 11 December 2019. https://www.mofa.go.jp/fp/pp/page3e_001133.html.

²³⁸⁸ Foreign Policy Speech by Foreign Minister MOTEGI Toshimitsu on the occasion of The 1st Tokyo Global Dialogue(provisional translation), Ministry of Foreign Affairs Japan (Tokyo) December 2 2019. Access Date: 11 December 2019. https://www.mofa.go.jp/fp/pp/page3e_001133.html.

²³⁸⁹ Joint Communiqué The 21st Tripartite Environment Ministers’ Meeting among Japan, Korea and China 23-24 November 2019, Kitakyushu Japan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Japan (Tokyo) 24 November 2019. Access Date: 10 December 2019. <https://www.env.go.jp/press/files/jp/112838.pdf>.

²³⁹⁰ Joint Communiqué The 21st Tripartite Environment Ministers’ Meeting among Japan, Korea and China 23-24 November 2019, Kitakyushu Japan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Japan (Tokyo) 24 November 2019. Access Date: 10 December 2019. <https://www.env.go.jp/press/files/jp/112838.pdf>.

²³⁹¹ Emergency Assistance to Djibouti in Response to the Heavy Rain and Flood Disaster, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Japan (Tokyo) 26 November 2019. Access date: 10 December 2019. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_002708.html.

²³⁹² Dispatch of the Japan Disaster Relief (JDR) Team (Japan Self-Defense Force Units) in Response to the Heavy Rain and Flood Disaster in Djibouti, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Japan (Tokyo) 26 November 2019. Access Date: 10 December 2019. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_002709.html.

²³⁹³ Dispatch of the Japan Disaster Relief (JDR) Team (Japan Self-Defense Force Units) in Response to the Heavy Rain and Flood Disaster in Djibouti, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Japan (Tokyo) 26 November 2019. Access Date: 10 December 2019. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_002709.html.

confirmed future Japan-Philippines cooperation.²³⁹⁴ Specifically, this will be focused on certain subjects such as “improving electrification accessible by people on islands and low carbonization in the transport sector.”²³⁹⁵

On 10 December 2019, the Government of Japan extended Emergency Grant Aid of USD14 million to Syria in response to the humanitarian crisis in its north-eastern region.²³⁹⁶ The goal of the grant is to “provide humanitarian assistance in the areas of WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), health, provision of shelter, blankets and tents, and coordination through four international organizations.”²³⁹⁷

On 9 January 2020, the JICA signed a loan agreement with the Government of Indonesia for up to JPY27.97 billion for the Infrastructure Reconstruction Sector Loan.²³⁹⁸ The project is an extension of JICA’s ongoing work in Central Sulawesi after the 2018 earthquake and contributes to “rebuilding and constructing infrastructure based on the Build Back Better concept aiming at building disaster-resilient communities.”²³⁹⁹

On 21 January 2020, JICA signed loan agreements with with the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to support socioeconomic development through various infrastructure projects.²⁴⁰⁰

On 22 January 2020, with the support of JICA and the World Bank with funding from the Ministry of Finance of Japan, the Kenyan Ministry of Health launched the report of the Kenya Harmonised Health Facility Assessment, the Kenya Health Research Observatory, the Kenya Health Research Observatory, and Primary Healthcare Vital Statistics Profile.²⁴⁰¹ The new expansion of scope and real-time available health data is expected to facilitate the assessment and creation of feedback loops for programs put in place to support universal health coverage.²⁴⁰²

²³⁹⁴ METI Parliamentary Vice-Minister Miyamoto Attends the First CEFIA Government-Private Forum, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 28 November 2019. Access Date: 11 December 2019. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2019/1128_001.html.

²³⁹⁵ METI Parliamentary Vice-Minister Miyamoto Attends the First CEFIA Government-Private Forum, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 28 November 2019. Access Date: 11 December 2019. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2019/1128_001.html.

²³⁹⁶ Emergency Grant Aid in response to the humanitarian crisis in North-eastern Syria, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Japan (Tokyo) 10 December 2019. Access Date: 10 December 2019. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_002726.html.

²³⁹⁷ Emergency Grant Aid in response to the humanitarian crisis in North-eastern Syria, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Japan (Tokyo) 10 December 2019. Access Date: 10 December 2019. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_002726.html.

²³⁹⁸ Signing of Japanese ODA Loan Agreement with Indonesia: Building disaster-resilient communities in Central Sulawesi by supporting infrastructure reconstruction, Japanese International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 17 January 2020. Access Date: 05 April 2020. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2019/20200108_10_en.html.

²³⁹⁹ Signing of Japanese ODA Loan Agreement with Indonesia: Building disaster-resilient communities in Central Sulawesi by supporting infrastructure reconstruction, Japanese International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 17 January 2020. Access Date: 05 April 2020. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2019/20200108_10_en.html.

²⁴⁰⁰ Signing of Japanese ODA Loan Agreements with Myanmar: Comprehensive Support for Economic and Social Development, Japanese International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 21 January 2020. Access Date: 26 April 2020. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2019/20200121_10_en.html

²⁴⁰¹ Launch of the Report of the Kenya Harmonized Health Facility Assessment and the Kenya Health and Research Observatory, Japanese International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 22 January 2020. Access Date: 05 April 2020. <https://www.jica.go.jp/kenya/english/office/topics/200122.html>.

²⁴⁰² Launch of the Report of the Kenya Harmonized Health Facility Assessment and the Kenya Health and Research Observatory, Japanese International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 22 January 2020. Access Date: 05 April 2020. <https://www.jica.go.jp/kenya/english/office/topics/200122.html>.

On 10 February 2020, the JICA Digital Transformation Task Force co-hosted the Estonia-JICA Networking Seminar on Digital Ecosystem Building for International Development: Extending "Society 5.0 for SDGs" Beyond Borders with the Government of Estonia.²⁴⁰³ The objective of the event was to strengthen Estonian-Japanese stakeholder partnerships to “enhance digital transformation in developing countries through international cooperation.”²⁴⁰⁴

On 14 February 2020, JICA signed a loan agreement with the Republic of Ghana’s Cocoa Board for the provision of USD600 million in co-financing by development finance institutions and private financial institutions.²⁴⁰⁵ The JICA and Asian Development Bank, specifically, will jointly provide USD350 million from 2020-2022 in support of the development of Africa’s private sector.²⁴⁰⁶

On 19 February 2020, JICA signed a Limited Partnership Agreement to provide financing for “Women’s World Banking Capital Partners II,” a fund that will finance institutions who deliver financial services to women in developing countries.²⁴⁰⁷

On 21 February 2020, JICA signed a grant agreement with the Government of Vietnam for up to JPY1.882 billion for the Project for Trenchless Sewerage Pipe Rehabilitation.²⁴⁰⁸ The funds are expected to contribute to urgent development of urban environmental infrastructure.²⁴⁰⁹

On 24 February 2020, JICA signed a grant agreement with the Palestinian Authority to provide grant aid of up to JPY1.955 billion for the Project for the Improvement of Medical Equipment.²⁴¹⁰ The project aims to “strengthen the capacity for diagnosis and treatment of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) at core hospitals ... through the supply of medical equipment.”²⁴¹¹

On 27 February 2020, JICA signed a loan agreement with the Government of Kenya to provide a Japanese ODA loan of up to JPY37.09 billion for the Mombasa Economic Zone Development

²⁴⁰³ Estonia - JICA Networking Seminar on Digital Ecosystem Building for International Development: Extending "Society 5.0 for SDGs" Beyond Borders, Japanese International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 10 February 2020. Access Date: 06 April 2020. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/field/2019/20200210_01.html.

²⁴⁰⁴ Estonia - JICA Networking Seminar on Digital Ecosystem Building for International Development: Extending "Society 5.0 for SDGs" Beyond Borders, Japanese International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 10 February 2020. Access Date: 06 April 2020. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/field/2019/20200210_01.html.

²⁴⁰⁵ Signing of Loan Agreement for “Cocoa Value Chain Enhancement Project” in Ghana: Contributing to Enhancement of the Agricultural Value Chain and Related Industries, Japanese International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 21 February 2020. Access Date: 05 April 2020. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2019/20200221_10_en.html.

²⁴⁰⁶ Signing of Loan Agreement for “Cocoa Value Chain Enhancement Project” in Ghana: Contributing to Enhancement of the Agricultural Value Chain and Related Industries, Japanese International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 21 February 2020. Access Date: 05 April 2020. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2019/20200221_10_en.html.

²⁴⁰⁷ JICA Signs Limited Partnership Agreement to Support Women’s World Banking in Expanding Women’s Access to Financial Services and Contributing to Empowerment of Women in Developing Countries, Japanese International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 19 February 2020. Access Date: 26 April 2020. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2019/20200219_10_en.html.

²⁴⁰⁸ Signing of Grant Agreement with Viet Nam: Improvement of water environment by rehabilitating the old drainage and sewer pipes with the trenchless technology, Japanese International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 21 February 2020. Access Date: 06 April 2020. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2019/20200221_12_en.html.

²⁴⁰⁹ Signing of Grant Agreement with Viet Nam: Improvement of water environment by rehabilitating the old drainage and sewer pipes with the trenchless technology, Japanese International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 21 February 2020. Access Date: 06 April 2020. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2019/20200221_12_en.html.

²⁴¹⁰ Signing of Grant Agreement with Palestine: Contributing to the improvement of medical care services and health finance through the provision of medical equipment, Japanese International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 26 February 2020. Access Date: 05 April 2020. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2019/20200226_41.html.

²⁴¹¹ Signing of Grant Agreement with Palestine: Contributing to the improvement of medical care services and health finance through the provision of medical equipment, Japanese International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 26 February 2020. Access Date: 05 April 2020. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2019/20200226_41.html.

Project.²⁴¹² The objective of the project is to improve the investment environment of the area through the enhancement of transportation capacity and the stabilization of the power supply to the area.²⁴¹³

On 3 March 2020, Ambassador of Japan to the Federal Republic of Nigeria Yutaka Kikuta signed the Exchange of Notes with Country Representative for Nigeria Comfort Lamptey for approximately USD3.3 million in assistance for the Lake Chad region.²⁴¹⁴ The multi-year grant is expected to promote “gender equality and women’s empowerment across disaster risk reduction, humanitarian and peace and security with focus on promoting women’s leadership, livelihoods and protection from violence in conflict contexts amplified by climate change.”²⁴¹⁵

On 04 March 2020, Ambassador Kikuta and Nigeria’s Minister of State for Budget and National Planning Clem Agba signed an agreement for USD18.2 million from the Japanese government to strengthen the capacity of network laboratories of Nigeria Centre of Disease Control (NCDC).²⁴¹⁶ The funds are part of the commitments made by Prime Minister Abe at the TICAD 7 conference and are expected to “strengthen [NCDC’s] surveillance system of infectious diseases and improve capacities for early response to public concerns in the country” through the construction of new laboratories and procurement of new equipment.²⁴¹⁷

On 10 March 2020, the Government of Japan extended a total of USD23.7 million through the United Nations High Commission for Refugees to the Republic of Chad, Burkina Faso, the Republic of Niger, and the Republic of Mali as host communities in the Sahel region of refugees and internally displaced persons.²⁴¹⁸ The funds are expected to provide humanitarian assistance and the opportunity of education for displaced children.²⁴¹⁹

On 12 March 2020, Japanese Ambassador to Ghana Himeno Tsutomu and UNICEF representative in Ghana Anne-Claire Dufay signed a memorandum of understanding for the Project for Improving Nurturing Care through the use of Maternal and Child Health Record Book with Ghana’s Health Minister Kwaku Agyeman-Manu as witness.²⁴²⁰ The project will contribute to “the realisation of

²⁴¹² Signing of Japanese ODA Loan Agreement with the Republic of Kenya: Contributing to the establishment of a Special Economic Zone at Mombasa, a gateway to East Africa, Japanese International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 28 February 2020. Access Date: 05 April 2020. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2019/20200228_41.html.

²⁴¹³ Signing of Japanese ODA Loan Agreement with the Republic of Kenya: Contributing to the establishment of a Special Economic Zone at Mombasa, a gateway to East Africa, Japanese International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 28 February 2020. Access Date: 05 April 2020. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2019/20200228_41.html.

²⁴¹⁴ JAPAN EXTENDS GRANT AID OF USD 2.3 MILLION FOR SUPPORTING WOMEN AND GIRLS TO WITHSTAND CRISES, RECOVERY FROM THE IMPACT OF CRISES AND INCREASE THEIR RESILIENCE IN NIGERIA AND CAMEROON, Embassy of Japan in Nigeria (Abuja) 03 March 2020. Access Date: 06 April 2020. <https://www.ng.emb-japan.go.jp/files/100018832.pdf>.

²⁴¹⁵ Project: Strengthening Resilience Of Women And Girls Affected By Conflicts, Violent Extremism And Climate Change In The Lake Chad Region, United Nations Cameroon (Yaoundé) 05 March 2020. Access Date: 06 April 2020. <https://cameroon.un.org/en/36948-project-strengthening-resilience-women-and-girls-affected-conflicts-violent-extremism-and>.

²⁴¹⁶ FG, Japan sign \$18.2m agreement to strengthen NCDC labs, Pulse (Lekki) 04 March 2020. Access Date: 06 April 2020. <https://www.pulse.ng/news/local/fg-japan-sign-dollar182m-agreement-to-strengthen-ncdc-labs/3yvkd6b>.

²⁴¹⁷ FG, Japan sign \$18.2m agreement to strengthen NCDC labs, Pulse (Lekki) 04 March 2020. Access Date: 06 April 2020. <https://www.pulse.ng/news/local/fg-japan-sign-dollar182m-agreement-to-strengthen-ncdc-labs/3yvkd6b>.

²⁴¹⁸ Emergency Grant Aid in response to the humanitarian crisis in the Sahel region, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 10 March 2020. Access Date: 06 April 2020. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_002744.html.

²⁴¹⁹ Emergency Grant Aid in response to the humanitarian crisis in the Sahel region, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 10 March 2020. Access Date: 06 April 2020. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_002744.html.

²⁴²⁰ UNICEF, Japan Embassy sign MoU to improve maternal and child healthcare, Business Financial Times (Accra) 17 March 2020. Access Date: 05 April 2020. <https://thebftonline.com/2020/business/companies/unicef-japan-embassy-sign-mou-to-improve-maternal-and-child-healthcare/>.

Ghana's Universal Coverage roadmap and in addressing the remaining health and nutrition challenges facing young children and mothers."²⁴²¹

On 24 March 2020, JICA established the Facility for Accelerating Financial Inclusion in Asia, a credit line of up to USD500 million in order to "improve formal financial access mainly in the ASEAN regions, and of empowering women, low-income earners and micro, small and medium enterprises."²⁴²² The objective of the funding is to empower low-income earners by ensuring secure access to financing during the development of their businesses.²⁴²³

On 26 March 2020, the Government of Japan provided a total of USD3.2 million in donations to the World Food Programme (WFP) to support families in Syria against hunger and increase their food security through irrigation rehabilitation and emergency food assistance.²⁴²⁴

On 23 June 2020, the Government of Japan announced that it would extend Emergency Grant Aid of USD4.5 million in response to damages caused by locusts in South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda.²⁴²⁵ The grant was to provide humanitarian assistance in the area through the WFP in hopes of alleviating food crises caused by the damages.²⁴²⁶

On 30 June 2020, Japan released a statement expressing its disapproval of the enactment of the national security law in Hong Kong.²⁴²⁷ The government stated that it would continue to observe developments surrounding the law and try to ensure the continued activity and rights of Japanese people and companies in Hong Kong.²⁴²⁸

On 7 August 2020, the Government of Japan announced that it would provide emergency relief goods to Lebanon in response to the explosion in Beirut.²⁴²⁹ The relief was to be provided through the Japan International Cooperation Agency and would consist of tents, sleeping pads, blankets and other items.²⁴³⁰

²⁴²¹ UNICEF, Japan Embassy sign MoU to improve maternal and child healthcare, Business Financial Times (Accra) 17 March 2020. Access Date: 05 April 2020. <https://thebftonline.com/2020/business/companies/unicef-japan-embassy-sign-mou-to-improve-maternal-and-child-healthcare/>.

²⁴²² The establishment of "Facility for Accelerating Financial Inclusion in Asia (FAIA)" (Private Sector Investment and Finance): Improving financial access for developing Asian countries and promoting empowerment of women, low-income earners and micro, small and medium enterprises, Japanese International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 27 March 2020. Access Date: 06 April 2020. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2019/20200327_10_en.html.

²⁴²³ Japan contributions support WFP food assistance in Syria, World Food Programme (Rome) 26 March 2020. Access Date: 05 April 2020. <https://www.wfp.org/news/japan-contributions-support-wfp-food-assistance-syria>.

²⁴²⁴ Japan contributions support WFP food assistance in Syria, World Food Programme (Rome) 26 March 2020. Access Date: 05 April 2020. <https://www.wfp.org/news/japan-contributions-support-wfp-food-assistance-syria>.

²⁴²⁵ Emergency Grant Aid in response to the damage caused by desert locusts in South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 23 June 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_002847.html

²⁴²⁶ Emergency Grant Aid in response to the damage caused by desert locusts in South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 23 June 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_002847.html

²⁴²⁷ The Situation surrounding Hong Kong, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 30 June 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/danwa/press6e_000230.html

²⁴²⁸ The Situation surrounding Hong Kong, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 30 June 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/danwa/press6e_000230.html

²⁴²⁹ Emergency Assistance to Lebanon in Response to the explosion in Beirut, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 7 August 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_002876.html

²⁴³⁰ Emergency Assistance to Lebanon in Response to the explosion in Beirut, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 7 August 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_002876.html

On 7 August 2020, the Government of Japan extended USD4.8 million in Emergency Grant Aid to help individuals who became refugees due to deteriorated security conditions and the host communities of these people in Burkina Faso, Chad and Niger.²⁴³¹ The grant is to provide humanitarian assistance through various aid organizations and to help alleviate the impact of COVID-19 in this situation through supporting the health sector.²⁴³²

On 11 August 2020, Japan released a statement expressing concern over clashes in Minsk following the Belarusian presidential election. The government urged the authorities of Belarus to “ensure principles of democracy and refrain from acts of violence.”

On 19 August 2020, Japan condemned the arrest of the Malian president and the coup led by soldiers in Mali.²⁴³³ Japan called on parties involved in the unrest in Mali to restore constitutional order, halt violence and work on a peaceful solution to the current unrest.²⁴³⁴

Japan has taken action to support both the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals through their aid and contributions to green initiatives and development projects. These actions contribute to the African Union Agenda 2063, as they are in partnerships with members of the African Union. Specifically, Japan has made multiple official development assistance grants to African countries and has consistently shared new Japanese technology in order to further accelerate and facilitate the achievement of the seven key aspirations of the 2030 Agenda.

Thus, Japan is awarded a score of +1.

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United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitments to multiple sustainable development actions that achieve the goals outlined in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and takes actions that support the African Union Agenda 2063.

On 30 August 2019, Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced GBP14 billion funding package for primary and secondary education between from 2019 to 2023, beginning with GBP2.6 billion for the 2020/21 year in order to guarantee quality education as a right to the youth.²⁴³⁵ This funding package ensures that every secondary school will receive a minimum of GBP5,000 per pupil starting 2019/20 year. In addition, the package includes GBP700 million extra for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities in 2020/21.²⁴³⁶

On 10 September 2019, the Head of Office for the UK’s Department of International Development (DFID) signed an agreement with the government of Somaliland and Denmark to support the

²⁴³¹ Emergency Grant Aid in response to the humanitarian crisis in Burkina Faso, Chad and Niger, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 7 August 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020.

https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_002875.html

²⁴³² Emergency Grant Aid in response to the humanitarian crisis in Burkina Faso, Chad and Niger, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 7 August 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020.

https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_002875.html

²⁴³³ The Situation in the Republic of Mali, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 19 August 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_002882.html

²⁴³⁴ The Situation in the Republic of Mali, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 19 August 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_002882.html

²⁴³⁵ Prime Minister boosts schools with £14 billion package, Government of UK (London) 30 August 2019. Access Date: 1 Dec 2019. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-boosts-schools-with-14-billion-package>

²⁴³⁶ Prime Minister boosts schools with £14 billion package, Government of UK (London) 30 August 2019. Access Date: 1 Dec 2019. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-boosts-schools-with-14-billion-package>

implementation of Phase II of the Somaliland Development Fund programme, which aims to improve lives of local people through the delivery of essential public services, through building of critical infrastructure, such as roads, water systems and agricultural facilities, and capacity-building within Somaliland's institutions.²⁴³⁷ The UK and Somaliland also signed a renewed Memorandum of Understanding to support the implementation of the Energy Security and Resource Efficiency in Somaliland Programme that aims to provide a clean, affordable renewable energy in Somaliland.²⁴³⁸

On 17 September 2019, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State and International Development Minister Baroness Sugg announced a new UK aid of GBP220 million at the Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD) NGO [Non-governmental Organization] Network Conference.²⁴³⁹ The aid aims to tackle five NTDs, lymphatic filariasis (also known as elephantiasis); onchocerciasis; schistosomiasis; visceral leishmaniasis and trachoma, which can cause disability, death and disfigurement and trap victims in a cycle of poverty, across Southern and Eastern Africa, and South Asia.²⁴⁴⁰

On 23 September 2019, Prime Minister Johnson announced the United Nations General Assembly to double the UK's international climate finance (ICF) funds.²⁴⁴¹ The ICF refers to UK aid to poorer countries to address the causes of climate change, such as preventing deforestation and reducing carbon emissions, and to deliberate its repercussions, such as developing climate-resilient crops or implementing early-warning systems in areas vulnerable to flooding.²⁴⁴² Prime Minister Johnson launched the Ayrton Fund as part of the ICF, which offers GBP1 billion of aid to British scientists to develop technologies that can help the poorer countries to reduce emissions and meet global climate change targets.²⁴⁴³

On 23 September 2019, Prime Minister Johnson announced GBP100 million investment in the new Bio-diverse Landscapes Fund to slow, stop, and reverse biodiversity loss in some of the world's most valuable habitats such as forests and mangroves.²⁴⁴⁴

On 24 September 2019, Prime Minister Johnson announced GBP515 million to fund quality education for 12 million children – half of them girls – to improve women's rights in some of the poorest countries in the world.²⁴⁴⁵

²⁴³⁷ British government signs agreements worth £31 million to support development in Somaliland, Government of UK (London) 11 September. Access Date: 1 Dec 2019. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/british-government-signs-agreements-worth-31m-to-support-development-in-somaliland>

²⁴³⁸ British government signs agreements worth £31 million to support development in Somaliland, Government of UK (London) 11 September. Access Date: 1 Dec 2019. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/british-government-signs-agreements-worth-31m-to-support-development-in-somaliland>

²⁴³⁹ New UK aid support to protect 200 million people from debilitating diseases, Government of UK (London) 17 September 2019. Access Date: 1 Dec 2019. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-uk-aid-support-to-protect-200-million-people-from-debilitating-diseases>

²⁴⁴⁰ New UK aid support to protect 200 million people from debilitating diseases, Government of UK (London) 17 September 2019. Access Date: 1 Dec 2019. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-uk-aid-support-to-protect-200-million-people-from-debilitating-diseases>

²⁴⁴¹ UK aid to double efforts to tackle climate change, Government of UK (London) 23 September 2019. Access Date: 1 Dec 2019. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-aid-to-double-efforts-to-tackle-climate-change>

²⁴⁴² UK aid to double efforts to tackle climate change, Government of UK (London) 23 September 2019. Access Date: 1 Dec 2019. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-aid-to-double-efforts-to-tackle-climate-change>

²⁴⁴³ UK aid to double efforts to tackle climate change, Government of UK (London) 23 September 2019. Access Date: 1 Dec 2019. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-aid-to-double-efforts-to-tackle-climate-change>

²⁴⁴⁴ Prime Minister announces ambitious package of support to protect and restore the world's forests, Government of UK (London) 23 September 2019. Access Date: 7 December 2019. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-announces-ambitious-package-of-support-to-protect-and-restore-the-worlds-forests>

On 27 September 2019, International Development Secretary Alok Sharma announced a UK aid package will help mobilise GBP500 million in private sector investment and create 50,000 jobs across sub-Saharan Africa to give 12.5 million people across Africa better access to financial services, with a specific focus on providing benefits to women.²⁴⁴⁶

On 15 October 2019, the UK government introduced a new environment bill to create a framework for legally binding targets, to move towards a circular resource and waste economy, and to improve air quality, water service, green space, and waste management.²⁴⁴⁷

On 1 November 2019, Chancellor of the Exchequer Sajid Javid announced GBP250 million in funding for the Housing Infrastructure Fund to ensure over 20 000 new homes nationwide have access to the vital infrastructure they need.²⁴⁴⁸

On 5 November 2019, Secretary Sharma pledged UK aid support to help vaccinate more than 400 million children a year against polio, with up to GBP400 million funded through the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.²⁴⁴⁹

On 16 January 2020, Secretary Sharma committed GBP 3.5 million in aid for women's economic empower to extend the SheTrades Commonwealth Programme from the Department for International Development.²⁴⁵⁰ As an initiative of the international Trade Center (ITC), a joint agency of the United Nations and World Trade Organization, the SheTrades Programme supports African women entrepreneurs to expand businesses into global markets, creates up to 3,000 jobs in female-run businesses, and empowers women in Ghana, Nigeria, and Kenya.²⁴⁵¹

On 20 January 2020, Secretary Sharma announced that the UK is partnering with five African countries to mobilize private sector investment in quality, environmentally-friendly infrastructure projects with low carbon emissions and projects that will be resilient to a changing climate.²⁴⁵²

On 22 January 2020, DFID provided GBP3 million to the United Nations World Food Programme to help improve food security of Burundian refugees in Mahama Camp in Eastern Rwanda.²⁴⁵³

²⁴⁴⁵ PM steps up UK effort to get every girl in the world into school, Government of UK (London) 24 September 2019. Access Date: 1 Dec 2019. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-steps-up-uk-effort-to-get-every-girl-in-the-world-into-school>

²⁴⁴⁶ UK aid to boost access to finance for sub-Saharan Africa, Government of UK (London) 27 September 2019. Access Date: 1 Dec 2019. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-aid-to-boost-access-to-finance-for-sub-saharan-africa>

²⁴⁴⁷ Environment Bill 2019, Government of UK (London) 15 October 2019. Access Date: 7 Dec 2019. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environment-bill-2019>

²⁴⁴⁸ Infrastructure revolution to unlock thousands of new homes, Government of UK (London) 1 November 2019. Access Date: 14 December 2019. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/infrastructure-revolution-to-unlock-thousands-of-new-homes>

²⁴⁴⁹ UK Aid to help vaccinate more than 400 million children a year against polio, Government of UK (London) 5 November 2019. Access Date: 14 Dec 2019. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-aid-to-help-vaccinate-more-than-400-million-children-a-year-against-polio>

²⁴⁵⁰ UK Aid Boosts Support for African Women Entrepreneurs to Expand Businesses into Global Markets, Government of UK (London) 16 January 2020. Access Date: 4 April 2020. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-aid-boosts-support-for-african-women-entrepreneurs-to-expand-businesses-into-global-markets>

²⁴⁵¹ UK Aid Boosts Support for African Women Entrepreneurs to Expand Businesses into Global Markets, Government of UK (London) 16 January 2020. Access Date: 4 April 2020. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-aid-boosts-support-for-african-women-entrepreneurs-to-expand-businesses-into-global-markets>

²⁴⁵² International Development Secretary launches new venture to create rich pipeline of infrastructure projects across Africa, Government of UK (London) 20 January 2020. Access Date: 26 April 2020. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/international-development-secretary-launches-new-venture-to-create-rich-pipeline-of-infrastructure-projects-across-africa>

On 3 March 2020, International Development Secretary Anne-Marie Trevelyan announced a new GBP89 million UK aid package to help protect people at increasing risk of violence as the conflict in Syria escalates.²⁴⁵⁴ This package will provide basic necessities, facilities to protect women and girls from sexual attacks, emergency access to education facilities, emergency obstetric care, and access to contraception and ‘dignity kits’ for girls, pregnant women, and new mothers.²⁴⁵⁵

On 11 March 2020, the UK government pledged up to GBP150 million of UK aid towards the International Monetary Fund’s Catastrophe Containment and Relief Trust (CCRT) to help developing countries mitigate economic challenges caused by coronavirus.²⁴⁵⁶ Eligible countries will receive support if they experience severe decline in national income or government revenues as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.²⁴⁵⁷

On 15 May 2020, the United Kingdom announced new COVID-19 response services for developing countries to help mitigate the impact of the virus on international trade.²⁴⁵⁸ The first service is through the Trade and Investment Advocacy Fund to help eligible countries better understand the trade impacts of coronavirus and engage with World Trade Organization measures and meetings.²⁴⁵⁹ Additionally, the UK will help countries tackle this crisis by facilitating trade through the World Bank Trade Facilitation Support Programme.²⁴⁶⁰

On 25 June 2020, the government of the United Kingdom announced that it would help Sudan rebuild its economy and “take the next steps towards establishing peace and democracy.”²⁴⁶¹ The Minister for Africa also announced an investment of GBP150 million to help with economic reform, stabilizing inflation and relieving poverty.²⁴⁶²

²⁴⁵³ UK Aid Contributes GBP3 Million to Help Feed Burundian Refugees in Rwanda, Government of UK (London) 22 January 2020. Access Date: 11 April 2020. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-aid-contributes-3-million-to-help-feed-burundian-refugees-in-rwanda>

²⁴⁵⁴ UK Aid Protects Victims of Violence as Syrian Regime increases Attacks in Idlib, Government of UK (London) 4 March 2020. Access Date 8 April 2020. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-aid-protects-victims-of-violence-as-syrian-regime-increases-attacks-in-idlib>

²⁴⁵⁵ UK Aid Protects Victims of Violence as Syrian Regime increases Attacks in Idlib, Government of UK (London) 4 March 2020. Access Date 8 April 2020. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-aid-protects-victims-of-violence-as-syrian-regime-increases-attacks-in-idlib>

²⁴⁵⁶ UK Helps World’s Poorest Countries Withstand the Economic Disruption of Coronavirus, Government of UK (London) 11 March 2020. Access Date: 11 April 2020. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-helps-worlds-poorest-countries-withstand-the-economic-shock-of-coronavirus>

²⁴⁵⁷ UK Helps World’s Poorest Countries Withstand the Economic Disruption of Coronavirus, Government of UK (London) 11 March 2020. Access Date: 11 April 2020. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-helps-worlds-poorest-countries-withstand-the-economic-shock-of-coronavirus>

²⁴⁵⁸ The United Kingdom announces two COVID-19 response services for eligible developing countries to help combat the impact of the virus on international trade, UK Mission to the WTO (London) 15 May 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-united-kingdom-announces-two-covid-19-response-services-for-eligible-developing-countries-to-help-combat-the-impact-of-the-virus-on-international>

²⁴⁵⁹ The United Kingdom announces two COVID-19 response services for eligible developing countries to help combat the impact of the virus on international trade, UK Mission to the WTO (London) 15 May 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-united-kingdom-announces-two-covid-19-response-services-for-eligible-developing-countries-to-help-combat-the-impact-of-the-virus-on-international>

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²⁴⁶¹ The UK commits to support Sudan’s future, Department for International Development (London) 25 June 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-commits-to-support-sudans-future>

²⁴⁶² The UK commits to support Sudan’s future, Department for International Development (London) 25 June 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-commits-to-support-sudans-future>

On 30 June 2020, the United Kingdom pledged at least GBP300 million to “support vulnerable Syrians with education, healthcare, food and economic recovery.”²⁴⁶³ The funding is also intended to help stop the spread of the coronavirus by supporting the health system and working through training, medical supplies and sanitation.²⁴⁶⁴

On 4 August 2020, the United Kingdom announced an aid package to help control locust swarms in East Africa, Yemen and South West Asia.²⁴⁶⁵ In response to the growing locust swarms, Secretary Trevelyan announced KES2.5 billion in aid, which will be used on spraying for locusts, controlling the increase of locusts and improving early warning and forecasting systems for locusts.²⁴⁶⁶

On 9 August 2020, the United Kingdom announced an aid package of GBP20 million to help provide food to people in Lebanon affected by the Beirut explosion.²⁴⁶⁷ This aid was in addition to GBP5 million that was put towards the response by the UK for the emergency relief effort.²⁴⁶⁸

On 19 August 2020, the United Kingdom sent a team of experts to Mauritius to help the country’s response to an oil spill.²⁴⁶⁹ The team was sent to assess the scale of the damage and help Mauritius to identify the best ways to restore and protect its coastline.²⁴⁷⁰

The United Kingdom has complied with its commitments to multiple sustainable development actions that achieve the goals outlined in the 2030 agenda and takes actions that support the African Union Agenda 2063, in the economic, social, and environmental aspects of the goals.

Thus, the United Kingdom has received a score of +1.

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United States: 0

The United States has partially complied with its commitment to uphold the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals while supporting the African Union’s Agenda 2063.

²⁴⁶³ UK pledges support for Syrians facing twin threat of conflict and coronavirus, Department for International Development (London) 30 June 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-pledges-support-for-syrians-facing-twin-threat-of-conflict-and-coronavirus>

²⁴⁶⁴ UK pledges support for Syrians facing twin threat of conflict and coronavirus, Department for International Development (London) 30 June 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-pledges-support-for-syrians-facing-twin-threat-of-conflict-and-coronavirus>

²⁴⁶⁵ New UK support to tackle devastating locust swarms in East Africa, British High Commission Nairobi (Nairobi) 4 August 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-uk-support-to-tackle-devastating-locust-swarms-in-east-africa>

²⁴⁶⁶ New UK support to tackle devastating locust swarms in East Africa, British High Commission Nairobi (Nairobi) 4 August 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-uk-support-to-tackle-devastating-locust-swarms-in-east-africa>

²⁴⁶⁷ UK pledges more aid for Beirut crisis at global summit, Department for International Development (London) 9 August 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-pledges-more-aid-for-beirut-crisis-at-global-summit>

²⁴⁶⁸ UK pledges more aid for Beirut crisis at global summit, Department for International Development (London) 9 August 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-pledges-more-aid-for-beirut-crisis-at-global-summit>

²⁴⁶⁹ British experts help Mauritius protect coral reefs from oil spill, Department for International Development (London) 20 August 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/british-experts-help-mauritius-protect-coral-reefs-from-oil-spill>

²⁴⁷⁰ British experts help Mauritius protect coral reefs from oil spill, Department for International Development (London) 20 August 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/british-experts-help-mauritius-protect-coral-reefs-from-oil-spill>

On 5 September 2019, Deputy Secretary of State John Sullivan met with the Argentine Foreign Minister Jorge Faurie to discuss their shared interest in women's empowerment and small business promotion.²⁴⁷¹ Minister Faurie welcomed the Overseas Private Investment Corporation approval of USD400 million in financing to restore and expand the Corredor C Toll Road, an "essential trade route for Argentina's economy."²⁴⁷²

On 25 September 2019, the United States and the LEGO Foundation announced joint contributions of USD24.5 million to the global fund Education Cannot Wait (ECW). ECW aims to provide "safe, free and quality education to crisis-affected youth."²⁴⁷³ Through the partnership with the LEGO Foundation, the United States committed USD12 million and the LEGO Foundation provided a private-sector match of USD12.5 million.²⁴⁷⁴

On 3 November 2019, the State Department announced the formation of the Indo-Pacific Transparency Fund as a part of the Indo-Pacific Transparency Initiative that had been created in November 2018.²⁴⁷⁵ The Transparency Fund will support "projects that promote the rule of law, civic space, and transparent and accountable governance in the advancement of a shared vision of an Indo-Pacific that is secure, open, inclusive, and rules-based."²⁴⁷⁶

On 20 February 2020, the White House, State Department and US African Development Foundation announced funding for the Academy for Women entrepreneurs.²⁴⁷⁷ In 2020, the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs plans on doubling the size of the program, which is aimed at economically empowering women in the developing world. The additional USD10 million in funding will "provide select AWE graduates in Africa with seed funding to start and scale their enterprises."²⁴⁷⁸

On 4 June 2020, the United States announced USD194 million in new assistance to aid in the global pandemic response.²⁴⁷⁹ This funding included USD180 million to support the purchase of ventilators

²⁴⁷¹ Deputy Secretary Sullivan's Meeting with Argentine Foreign Minister Faurie, U.S. Department of State (Washington, D.C.) 6 September 2019. Access Date: 3 January 2020. <https://www.state.gov/deputy-secretary-sullivans-meeting-with-argentine-foreign-minister-faurie-2/>

²⁴⁷² Deputy Secretary Sullivan's Meeting with Argentine Foreign Minister Faurie, U.S. Department of State (Washington, D.C.) 6 September 2019. Access Date: 3 January 2020. <https://www.state.gov/deputy-secretary-sullivans-meeting-with-argentine-foreign-minister-faurie-2/>

²⁴⁷³ The U.S. Government and The LEGO Foundation Join Hands to Support Education Cannot Wait, USAID (Washington, D.C.) 25 September 2019. Access Date: 3 January 2020. <https://www.edu-links.org/announcements/us-government-and-lego-foundation-support-education-cannot-wait>

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²⁴⁷⁵ Indo-Pacific Transparency Initiative, U.S. Department of State (Washington, D.C.) 3 November 2019. Access Date: 3 January 2020. <https://www.state.gov/indo-pacific-transparency-initiative/>

²⁴⁷⁶ Indo-Pacific Transparency Initiative, U.S. Department of State (Washington, D.C.) 3 November 2019. Access Date: 3 January 2020. <https://www.state.gov/indo-pacific-transparency-initiative/>

²⁴⁷⁷ White House, State Department, and U.S. African Development Foundation Announce Funding for the Academy for Women Entrepreneurs, U.S. Department of State (Washington, D.C.) 20 February 2020. Access Date: 21 April 2020. <https://www.state.gov/white-house-state-department-and-u-s-african-development-foundation-announce-funding-for-the-academy-for-women-entrepreneurs/>

²⁴⁷⁸ White House, State Department, and U.S. African Development Foundation Announce Funding for the Academy for Women Entrepreneurs, U.S. Department of State (Washington, D.C.) 20 February 2020. Access Date: 21 April 2020. <https://www.state.gov/white-house-state-department-and-u-s-african-development-foundation-announce-funding-for-the-academy-for-women-entrepreneurs/>

²⁴⁷⁹ Fulfilling the President's Generous Commitment to Provide Critical Medical Supplies Across the Globe, U.S. Department of State (Washington, D.C.) 4 June 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. <https://www.state.gov/fulfilling-the-presidents-generous-commitment-to-provide-critical-medical-supplies-across-the-globe/>

and another USD14 million in humanitarian assistance to support refugees, vulnerable migrants and host communities affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.²⁴⁸⁰

On 24 June 2020, the United States announced its intent to provide USD252 million in foreign assistance to El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras.²⁴⁸¹ This aid is intended to help make the countries “more secure and prosperous by enabling private sector-led economic opportunity and provide critical, lifesaving assistance.”²⁴⁸²

On 30 June 2020, at the Brussels Conference on “Supporting the Future of Syria and the Region,” Ambassador James Jeffery announced USD696 million in humanitarian assistance to Syria.²⁴⁸³ This funding is to aid in providing “food, nutrition, education, medical care, livelihoods, safe drinking water” and other essential services to Syrians in need.²⁴⁸⁴

On 5 August 2020, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced USD53 million in humanitarian and economic assistance to help countries fight COVID-19 around the world.²⁴⁸⁵ This assistance is both to help enhance the ability of countries to provide basic necessities to their citizens and to help address the second order effects of the pandemic in sectors such as democracy, human rights, trade and agriculture.²⁴⁸⁶

On 7 August 2020, the Department of State released a statement outlining their humanitarian response to the explosion in Beirut.²⁴⁸⁷ The United States pledged over USD17 million in disaster aid for Lebanon, which was in addition to USD41.6 million previously given for COVID response.²⁴⁸⁸

On 9 August 2020, in a joint statement with other world leaders, the United States expressed concern over Hong Kong’s unjust disqualification of candidates and postponement of Legislative Council

²⁴⁸⁰ Fulfilling the President’s Generous Commitment to Provide Critical Medical Supplies Across the Globe, U.S. Department of State (Washington, D.C.) 4 June 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. <https://www.state.gov/fulfilling-the-presidents-generous-commitment-to-provide-critical-medical-supplies-across-the-globe/>

²⁴⁸¹ United States Provides Additional U.S. Foreign Assistance for El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras, U.S. Department of State (Washington, D.C.) 24 June 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. <https://www.state.gov/united-states-provides-additional-u-s-foreign-assistance-for-el-salvador-guatemala-and-honduras/>

²⁴⁸² United States Provides Additional U.S. Foreign Assistance for El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras, U.S. Department of State (Washington, D.C.) 24 June 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. <https://www.state.gov/united-states-provides-additional-u-s-foreign-assistance-for-el-salvador-guatemala-and-honduras/>

²⁴⁸³ The United States Announces Additional Humanitarian Assistance for the Syrian People, U.S. Department of State (Washington, D.C.) 30 June 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. <https://www.state.gov/the-united-states-announces-additional-humanitarian-assistance-for-the-syrian-people/>

²⁴⁸⁴ The United States Announces Additional Humanitarian Assistance for the Syrian People, U.S. Department of State (Washington, D.C.) 30 June 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. <https://www.state.gov/the-united-states-announces-additional-humanitarian-assistance-for-the-syrian-people/>

²⁴⁸⁵ U.S. Economic and Humanitarian Assistance Boost U.S. Leadership in Continued Global COVID-19 Response Efforts, U.S. Department of State (Washington, D.C.) 5 August 2020. <https://www.state.gov/u-s-economic-and-humanitarian-assistance-boost-u-s-leadership-in-continued-global-covid-19-response-efforts/>

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²⁴⁸⁷ U.S. Government Response to the Explosion in Beirut, U.S. Department of State (Washington, D.C.) 7 August 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. <https://www.state.gov/u-s-government-response-to-the-explosion-in-beirut/>

²⁴⁸⁸ U.S. Government Response to the Explosion in Beirut, U.S. Department of State (Washington, D.C.) 7 August 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. <https://www.state.gov/u-s-government-response-to-the-explosion-in-beirut/>

elections.²⁴⁸⁹ The countries also expressed concern over the new National Security Law and its impact on Hong Kong people's fundamental rights.²⁴⁹⁰

On 10 August 2020, the Department of State released a statement expressing concern over the presidential elections in Belarus.²⁴⁹¹ The department condemned the lack of free elections and the violence against protesters, and called on the Belarusian government to respect the rights of its people and their protests.²⁴⁹²

On August 19 2020, the Department of State released a statement condemning the military coup in Mali.²⁴⁹³ They joined other international partners in calling for political and military actors to work towards a restoration of constitutional government.²⁴⁹⁴

The United States taken some action to implement the 2030 Agenda and support the Africa 2063 Agenda through its support of women's economic empowerment in Africa, but has failed to adequately fulfill all dimensions of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Thus, the United State has received a score of 0.

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European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to address global challenges, in line with Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda and taking into account the African Union Agenda 2063.

On 25 September 2019, European Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development Neven Mimica committed EUR60 million to assist the Central African Republic implement its peace plan and re-establish basic services for its population.²⁴⁹⁵

On 3 October 2019, the European Commission committed EUR27.5 million to assist Senegal with renewable energy projects and sustainable economic development.²⁴⁹⁶ The programmes aims to support development of renewable energies; and support technical cooperation to improve the implementation fo EU cooperation programmes.²⁴⁹⁷

²⁴⁸⁹ Joint Statement on the Erosion of Rights in Hong Kong, U.S. Department of State (Washington, D.C.) 9 August 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. <https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-on-the-erosion-of-rights-in-hong-kong/>

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²⁴⁹¹ Presidential Elections in Belarus, U.S. Department of State (Washington, D.C.) 10 August 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. <https://www.state.gov/presidential-elections-in-belarus/>

²⁴⁹² Presidential Elections in Belarus, U.S. Department of State (Washington, D.C.) 10 August 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. <https://www.state.gov/presidential-elections-in-belarus/>

²⁴⁹³ Mutiny in Mali, U.S. Department of State (Washington, D.C.) 19 August 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. <https://www.state.gov/mutiny-in-mali/>

²⁴⁹⁴ Mutiny in Mali, U.S. Department of State (Washington, D.C.) 19 August 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. <https://www.state.gov/mutiny-in-mali/>

²⁴⁹⁵ Central African Republic: EU mobilises additional 60 million euros, European Commission (Brussels) 25 September 2019. Access Date: 18 December 2019. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_19_5813

²⁴⁹⁶ The European Union is strengthening its partnership with Senegal with €27.5 million, European Commission (Brussels) 3 October 2019. Access Date: 18 December 2019. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_19_5980

²⁴⁹⁷ The European Union is strengthening its partnership with Senegal with €27.5 million, European Commission (Brussels) 3 October 2019. Access Date: 18 December 2019. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_19_5980

On 27 October 2019, Commissioner Mimica committed EUR53 million to support health care services in Zimbabwe and to promote equal access to health services, especially from a gender perspective.²⁴⁹⁸ Additionally, the new package will also support households and communities that are facing recurrent environmental and economic stresses by building their capacities to respond to food and nutrition security shocks.²⁴⁹⁹

On 6 November 2019, the European Commission adopted an EUR79 million aid package to support development in Yemen.²⁵⁰⁰ The package will help Yemeni communities such as local councils to improve health services, access to drinking water and food, primary and hospital care sanitation and invest in education.²⁵⁰¹ It will also stimulate the private sector, especially small-scale economic actors, for example in the sector of agri-businesses.²⁵⁰²

On 1 December 2019, European Commissioner for International Partnerships Jutta Urpilainen committed EUR50 million to assist the Democratic Republic of Congo fight Ebola and malnutrition.²⁵⁰³ The bulk of the funding will provide access to free and quality health care, including for malnutrition, for those living in Ebola affected areas. The remaining amount will help tackle the food security crisis in the Democratic Republic of Congo.²⁵⁰⁴

On 6 December 2019, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen committed EUR170 million to assist Ethiopia improve healthcare and create sustainable investment and jobs.²⁵⁰⁵ This funding will aim to support key economic reforms in the transport and logistic sectors, support the Government of Ethiopia's Health Transformation Plan for three additional years, support accountability and transparency during the 2020 elections in Ethiopia, and improve the business climate in the country.²⁵⁰⁶

²⁴⁹⁸ EU to step up its support to Zimbabwe with a new package of €53 million, European Commission (Brussels) 27 October 2019. Access Date: 18 December 2019. https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/news-and-events/eu-step-its-support-zimbabwe-new-package-eu53-million_en

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²⁵⁰⁰ EU supports Yemen with €79 million to sustain public services and generate job opportunities, European Commission (Brussels) 6 November 2019. Access Date: 18 December 2019. https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/news-and-events/eu-supports-yemen-eu79-million-sustain-public-services-and-generate-job_en

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²⁵⁰² EU supports Yemen with €79 million to sustain public services and generate job opportunities, European Commission (Brussels) 6 November 2019. Access Date: 18 December 2019. https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/news-and-events/eu-supports-yemen-eu79-million-sustain-public-services-and-generate-job_en

²⁵⁰³ EU allocates €50 million to fight Ebola and malnutrition in the Democratic Republic of Congo, European Commission (Brussels) 1 December 2019. Access Date: 18 December 2019. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_19_6653

²⁵⁰⁴ EU allocates €50 million to fight Ebola and malnutrition in the Democratic Republic of Congo, European Commission (Brussels) 1 December 2019. Access Date: 18 December 2019. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_19_6653

²⁵⁰⁵ EU strengthens cooperation with Ethiopia, European Commission (Brussels) 6 December 2019. Access Date: 18 December 2019. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_19_6679

²⁵⁰⁶ EU strengthens cooperation with Ethiopia, European Commission (Brussels) 6 December 2019. Access Date: 18 December 2019. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_19_6679

On 8 December 2019, Commissioner Urpilainen committed EUR31 million to assist Kenya create jobs, promote economic stability, and tackle poverty.²⁵⁰⁷ The funding will be directed at reforms of Kenya's public finances to promote economic stability, improve service delivery and tackle poverty, and will target economic cooperation and national policy reforms.²⁵⁰⁸

On 18 December 2020, the European Commission committed EUR30 million for the “AfricaConnect” project, which seeks to provide affordable high-speed internet across Africa for education and research.²⁵⁰⁹

On 22 January 2020, Commissioner Urpilainen committed EUR216 million to support renewable energy, urban infrastructure, and start-up firm in Africa, in partnership with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and the European Investment Bank.²⁵¹⁰

On 4 February 2020, European Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries Virginijus Sinkevičius committed EUR75 million to the “BlueInvest Fund,” which provides financing to businesses involved in maritime renewable energy and sustainable seafood.²⁵¹¹

On 17 February 2020, Executive Vice-President of the European Commission Frans Timmermans committed EUR101.2 million for environmental and climate projects in Cyprus, Estonia, France, Greece, Ireland, Latvia, Slovakia, Czechia, and Spain.²⁵¹²

On 17 March 2020, European Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms committed EUR1.4 billion for infrastructure projects in Croatia, Czechia, Hungary, Poland, Portugal, Romania, and Spain.²⁵¹³ These infrastructure projects collectively demonstrate commitments preserving the environment, combating climate change, and creating employment and economic growth.²⁵¹⁴

On 29 May 2020, the European Union announced a grant of EUR50.8 million to help Mongolia's efforts to boost employment and improve transparency in public finances.²⁵¹⁵ An upfront

²⁵⁰⁷ EU steps up economic partnership with Kenya to boost job creation, European Commission (Brussels) 8 December 2019. Access Date: 18 December 2019. https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/news-and-events/eu-steps-economic-partnership-kenya-boost-job-creation_en

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²⁵⁰⁹ Africa-Europe Alliance: EU boosts pan-African Internet connectivity with €30 million, European Commission (Brussels) 18 December 2020. Access Date: 9 April 2020. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_19_6789

²⁵¹⁰ Africa-Europe Alliance: Four new financial guarantees worth €216 million signed under the EU External Investment Plan, European Commission (Brussels) 22 January 2020. Access Date: 9 April 2020. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_20_96

²⁵¹¹ European Commission and European Investment Fund launch €75 million BlueInvest Fund, European Commission (Brussels) 4 February 2020. Access Date: 9 April 2020. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_20_167

²⁵¹² EU invests more than €100 million in new LIFE Programme projects to promote a green and climate-neutral Europe, European Commission (Brussels) 17 February 2020. Access Date: 9 April 2020. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_20_251

²⁵¹³ EU Cohesion Policy invests over €1.4 billion in green projects in 7 Member States, European Commission (Brussels) 17 March 2020. Access Date: 9 April 2020. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_20_462

²⁵¹⁴ EU Cohesion Policy invests over €1.4 billion in green projects in 7 Member States, European Commission (Brussels) 17 March 2020. Access Date: 9 April 2020. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_20_462

²⁵¹⁵ EU supports Mongolia in boosting employment and transparency amid COVID-19 pandemic, European Commission (Ulaanbaatar) 29 May 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/news/eu-supports-mongolia-boosting-employment-and-transparency-amid-covid-19-pandemic_en

disbursement of EUR16 million will be given to support the efforts of the Mongolian government in addressing the socio-economic impacts of the coronavirus pandemic.²⁵¹⁶

On 4 June 2020, the European Commission announced a pledge of EUR300 million to Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance.²⁵¹⁷ This money will be used from 2021 to 2025 to help immunise 300 million children around the world and finance vaccine stockpiles to shield against outbreaks of infectious diseases.²⁵¹⁸

On 17 June 2020, the European Union announced a EUR60 million to help address the health and socio-economic impact of COVID-19 and coordinate a national response in the Horn of Africa.²⁵¹⁹ The funding will focus on helping vulnerable groups and delivering medical supplies. The program will also help ensure that borders and supply chains are safe for trade.²⁵²⁰

On 18 June 2020, the European Commission decided to grant EUR54 million to the Central African Republic to aid in public expenditure affected by the fight against COVID-19.²⁵²¹ The aid will be used in two budget programmes that will help consolidate the State and reform the security and governance sector.²⁵²²

On 8 July 2020, the European Union mobilized EUR15 million to address the impacts of the locust outbreaks in East Africa.²⁵²³ The funding will go towards the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization's response plan and support broader development and humanitarian assistance in the region.²⁵²⁴

On 17 July 2020, the European Union announced a EU10.4 million program “to promote digital solutions to fight the coronavirus pandemic and to improve the resilience of health and education

²⁵¹⁶ EU supports Mongolia in boosting employment and transparency amid COVID-19 pandemic, European Commission (Ulaanbaatar) 29 May 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/news/eu-supports-mongolia-boosting-employment-and-transparency-amid-covid-19-pandemic_en

²⁵¹⁷ Coronavirus Global Response: European Commission pledges 300 million to Gavi, European Commission (Brussels) 4 June 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/news/coronavirus-global-response-european-commission-pledges-eu300-million-gavi_en

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²⁵¹⁹ Coronavirus: EU supports with 60 million a regional response to the pandemic in the Horn of Africa, European Commission (Brussels) 17 June 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/news/coronavirus-eu-supports-eu60-million-regional-response-pandemic-horn-africa_en

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²⁵²³ European Union increases its support to fight the severe desert locust outbreak in East Africa, European Commission (Brussels) 8 July 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/news/european-union-increases-its-support-fight-severe-desert-locust-outbreak-east-africa_en

²⁵²⁴ European Union increases its support to fight the severe desert locust outbreak in East Africa, European Commission (Brussels) 8 July 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/news/european-union-increases-its-support-fight-severe-desert-locust-outbreak-east-africa_en

systems.”²⁵²⁵ The program will operate in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda and Burundi and will be extended across Africa and the Indian Ocean at a later date.²⁵²⁶

On 22 July 2020, the European Commission announced EUR112.2 million to “strengthen health and services in Tajikistan and support the country in its coronavirus response.”²⁵²⁷ The funding will be dispersed among three interlinked programs to directly support the emergency response to the pandemic and to improve the accessibility and quality of integrated healthcare in Tajikistan.

The European Union has committed funds to a variety of sustainable development projects worldwide, especially projects in line with the African Union Agenda 2063.

Thus, the European Union has received a score of +1.

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²⁵²⁵ Covid-19: EU programme promotes digital solutions to the crisis in Africa, European Commission (Brussels) 17 July 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/news/covid-19-eu-programme-promotes-digital-solutions-crisis-africa_en

²⁵²⁶ Covid-19: EU programme promotes digital solutions to the crisis in Africa, European Commission (Brussels) 17 July 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/news/covid-19-eu-programme-promotes-digital-solutions-crisis-africa_en

²⁵²⁷ Coronavirus: European Commission strengthens health and other key services in Tajikistan with 112 million, European Commission (Brussels) 22 July 2020. Access Date: 3 September 2020. https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/news/coronavirus-european-commission-strengthens-health-and-other-key-services-tajikistan-eu112_en