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### 13. Development: COVID-19

“We remain determined to support all developing and least developed countries as they face the intertwined health, economic, and social effects of COVID-19, recognizing the specific challenges in Africa and small island developing states.”

*G20 Riyadh Leaders’ Declaration*

#### Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Argentina			+1
Australia			+1
Brazil		0	
Canada			+1
China			+1
France			+1
Germany			+1
India		0	
Indonesia	-1		
Italy			+1
Japan			+1
Korea			+1
Mexico		0	
Russia			+1
Saudi Arabia			+1
South Africa	-1		
Turkey			+1
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average		+0.65 (83%)	

#### Background

Health crises in developing and least developed countries and their social and economic effects became a concern for the G20 leaders in 2014 because of the Ebola outbreak. In Brisbane they issued a statement on Ebola.<sup>3663</sup> G20 members committed to do what is necessary to ensure the international effort can extinguish the outbreak and address its medium-term economic and humanitarian costs. They promised to work through bilateral, regional and multilateral channels, and in partnership with non-governmental stakeholders and share experiences of successfully fighting Ebola with partners, including to promote safe conditions and training for health care and relief workers. G20 leaders committed to work to expedite the effective and targeted disbursement of funds and other assistance, balancing between emergency and longer-term needs. They also committed to support others to implement the World Health Organization’s (WHO) International Health Regulations and to build capacity to prevent, detect, report early and rapidly respond to infectious diseases such as Ebola. We also commit to fight anti-microbial resistance.

In 2017 the first meeting of G20 health ministers took place. In the Berlin Declaration ministers acknowledged the need to strengthen health systems worldwide, and the role of the public and

<sup>3663</sup> G20 Leaders’ Brisbane Statement on Ebola, G20 Information Centre (Toronto), 15 November 2014. Access Date: 11 March 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2014/2014-1115-ebola.html>

private sectors and civil society, recognized the importance of sustainable financing for health systems and the need to build effective and efficient health financing models. The declaration emphasized that “enhanced support to developing countries in strengthening their own health systems would increase their capacity to provide health care, including vaccination, to all and without discrimination, to cope with public health crises and to reduce health inequities.”<sup>3664</sup> In 2017 in Hamburg G20 leaders paid special attention to health issues and especially safeguarding against health crises and strengthening health systems. Leaders underlined that the G20 has a crucial role in advancing preparedness and responsiveness against global health challenges. G20 leaders acknowledged that mass movement of people can pose significant health challenges and encourage countries and International Organisations to strengthen cooperation on the topic. They also advocated for “sufficient and sustainable funding to strengthen global health capacities, including for rapid financing mechanisms and the WHO’s Health Emergencies Programme” and emphasized the need to foster research and development preparedness through globally coordinated models.<sup>3665</sup>

In 2019 the Japanese presidency paid special attention to health issues. At their meeting in June 2019 G20 health ministers issued the “G20 Shared Understanding on the Importance of UHC [Universal Health Coverage] Financing in Developing Countries: Towards Sustainable and Inclusive Growth.”<sup>3666</sup> It presents a G20 shared understanding on the critical importance of strengthening health financing for moving towards UHC in developing countries. The health ministers’ Okayama declaration underlined the need for “more strategic use of external funding, aligned with countries’ priorities, which could support domestic resource mobilization in developing countries.”<sup>3667</sup>

In 2020 the finance and health ministers met and committed to the G20 Shared Understanding on the Importance of UHC Financing in Developing Countries to improve the resilience, prevention, detection, preparedness and response of health systems through protecting and investing in public health. They recalled their commitment to move towards achieving UHC and stressed the important role of countries’ following their own paths in line with national contexts and priorities to UHC.<sup>3668</sup> In Riyadh, G20 leaders committed to support all developing and least developed countries as they face the intertwined health, economic, and social effects of COVID-19, recognizing the specific challenges in Africa and small island developing states.<sup>3669</sup>

### **Commitment Features**

At Riyadh G20 leaders made a commitment to support all developing and least developed countries as they face the intertwined health, economic, and social effects of COVID-19, recognizing the specific challenges in Africa and small island developing states. This commitment requires assisting developing and least developed states in two spheres: health and socio-economic.

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<sup>3664</sup> Berlin Declaration of the G20 Health Ministers, RANEPa (Berlin) 20 May 2017. Access Date: 11 March 2021.

(Moscow). [https://www.ranepa.ru/images/media/g20/2017hamburg/G20\\_Health\\_Ministers\\_Declaration\\_engl.pdf](https://www.ranepa.ru/images/media/g20/2017hamburg/G20_Health_Ministers_Declaration_engl.pdf)

<sup>3665</sup> G20 Leaders’ Declaration, Hamburg 7-8 July 2017, RANEPa (Moscow) 8 July 2017. Access Date: 11 March 2021. [https://www.ranepa.ru/images/media/g20/2017hamburg/G20percent20Hamburgpercent20leaders\\_percent20communiqupercentC3percentA9.pdf](https://www.ranepa.ru/images/media/g20/2017hamburg/G20percent20Hamburgpercent20leaders_percent20communiqupercentC3percentA9.pdf)

<sup>3666</sup> G20 Shared Understanding on the Importance of UHC Financing in Developing Countries: Towards Sustainable and Inclusive Growth, G20 Information Centre (Toronto), 6 June 2019. Access date: 11 March 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2019/2019-g20-health-finance.html>

<sup>3667</sup> Okayama Declaration of the G20 Health Ministers, RANEPa (Moscow) 20 October 2019. Access Date: 11 March 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2019/2019-g20-health.html>

<sup>3668</sup> G20 Joint Finance & Health Ministers Meeting, RANEPa (Moscow) 17 September 2020. Access Date: 11 March 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2020/2020-g20-finance-health-0917.html>

<sup>3669</sup> Leaders’ Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto), 21 November 2020. Access Date: 11 March 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2020/2020-g20-leaders-declaration-1121.html>

## Health

All countries continue to fight the pandemic and take actions to save lives, provide vaccines to the population and improve health systems. Providing health-related assistance to developing countries is one of the key actions G20 members can do to help them during the pandemic. This assistance can be delivered in the form of direct supply of medical goods, equipment and medicines, personnel training or sending medical professionals to the country, vaccine support (either direct supply or joint research) and other actions.

Another important aspect is supporting UHC financing in developing countries. The 2019 G20 health ministers' G20 Shared Understanding on the Importance of UHC Financing in Developing Countries outlines several major challenges for developing states' health systems: rising cost pressures due to noncommunicable diseases, aging population, and technological progress; slow movement of workers from the informal to the formal economy; and health emergencies such as pandemics and Antimicrobial resistance.<sup>3670</sup> Helping developing countries to address these issues will be counted as compliance with this aspect of the commitment.

## Socio-economic

The pandemic has brought economic recession which hit developing countries hard. These states will face severe economic crisis and will need economic support to restore their economies. Providing official development assistance, conducting joint projects, investment in local projects, debt relief, cooperation in the field of energy and other actions can be counted and compliance.

## Scoring Guidelines

-1	G20 member did not provide any assistance to developing and least developed countries
0	G20 member provided only assistance only in socio-economic sphere OR provided only health-related support
+1	G20 member provided assistance in socio-economic sphere AND provided specific health-related support

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## Argentina: +1

Argentina has fully complied with a commitment to support all developing and least developed countries as they face the intertwined health, economic, and social effects of COVID-19, recognizing the specific challenges in Africa and small island developing states.

On 27 December 2020, Argentina pledged to help Uruguay and Bolivia get contacts to acquire vaccines against the coronavirus, two days after Argentina began its own campaign against COVID-19.<sup>3671</sup>

On 30 November 2020, the Embassy of Argentina in Panama, represented by Charge d'Affaires Vanesa Romani, delivered humanitarian aid to the Ministry of Social Development (MIDES) as part of the bilateral relations with Paraguay. The aid that was received by the Minister of MIDES María

<sup>3670</sup> G20 Shared Understanding on the Importance of UHC Financing in Developing Countries: Towards Sustainable and Inclusive Growth, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 6 June 2019. Access Date: 11 March 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2019/2019-g20-health-finance.html>

<sup>3671</sup> Argentina offers Uruguay and Bolivia neighbors help to get vaccines against COVID-19, SwissInfo (Buenos Aires) 27 December 2020. Access Date: 13 May 2021. <https://www.swissinfo.ch/spa/argentina-ofrece-a-vecinos-uruguay-y-bolivia-ayuda-para-conseguir-vacunas-contra-covid-19/46248404>

Inés Castillo de Sanmartín consisted of 180 kitchen kits and 500 thermal blankets, to be distributed nationally, for the benefit of the most vulnerable populations.<sup>3672</sup>

On 6 February 2021, Argentina donated oxygen to Bolivia which faced shortage and was struggling to support COVID-19 patients. A cistern with 8,000 cubic meters of medicinal oxygen from Argentina arrived in the capital of the department of Tarija, in southern Bolivia.<sup>3673</sup>

On 20 April 2021, Argentine Ambassador to Paraguay Domingo Peppo delivered an important batch of medicines, as donations, for the Encarnación Municipal Pediatric Hospital. The donation contained drugs, including antibiotics, anti-inflammatories and antiseptics.<sup>3674</sup>

Argentina has provided support to developing and least developed countries as they face the intertwined health, economic, and social effects of COVID-19, recognizing the specific challenges in Africa and small island developing states.

Thus, Argentina receives a score of +1.

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### **Australia: +1**

Australia has fully complied with the commitment to support all developing and least developed countries as they face the intertwined health, economic, and social effects of COVID-19, recognizing the specific challenges in Africa and small island developing states.

On 12 March 2021, it was announced that Australia has contributed USD80 million to the COVAX Facility that has started rolling out the first round of doses of COVID-19 vaccines to Australia's Pacific and Southeast Asian neighbors.<sup>3675</sup>

On 17 March 2021, Australia announced that it has agreed to partner with Papua New Guinea on a support package which will include the supply of 8,000 AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines. The Australian Government will also make a formal request to AstraZeneca and the European Authorities for one million doses of Australia's contracted supplies to gift to Papua New Guinea. Australia will also provide new targeted support.<sup>3676</sup>

On 10 April 2021, Australia announced that it will supply at least 10,000 AstraZeneca COVID-19 doses per week to the neighbouring countries. Australia will also continue to support the

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<sup>3672</sup> Embassy of Argentina delivers humanitarian aid to MIDES, Ministry of Social Development of Paraguay (Asuncion) 30 November 2021. Access Date: 12 May 2021. <https://www.mides.gob.pa/2020/11/30/embajada-de-argentina-entrega-ayuda-humanitaria-al-mides/>

<sup>3673</sup> Argentina donates oxygen to Bolivia to attend Covid-19 cases, Telesur TV (Caracas) 6 February 2021. Access Date: 13 May 2021. <https://www.telesurtv.net/news/bolivia-argentina-tanques-oxigeno-tarija-20210206-0012.html>

<sup>3674</sup> Argentina donates medicines to Encarnacion, La Nacion (Buenos Aires) 20 April 2021. Access Date: 13 May 2021. <https://www.lanacion.com.py/politica/2021/04/20/argentina-dona-medicamentos-a-encarnacion/>

<sup>3675</sup> Australia's partnership with COVAX delivers vaccines to our neighbours, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Minister for Women, Senator the Hon Marise Payne (Canberra) 12 March 2021. Access Date: 14 April 2021. <https://www.foreignminister.gov.au/minister/marise-payne/media-release/australias-partnership-covax-delivers-vaccines-our-neighbours>

<sup>3676</sup> Supporting Papua New Guinea's COVID-19 response, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Minister for Women, Senator the Hon Marise Payne (Canberra) 17 March 2021. Access Date: 14 April 2021. <https://www.foreignminister.gov.au/minister/marise-payne/media-release/supporting-papua-new-guineas-covid-19-response>

Government of Papua New Guinea in its immediate response to its outbreak, helping to vaccinate frontline healthcare and other essential workers.<sup>3677</sup>

On 14 April 2021, it was announced that an Australian Medical Assistance Team, comprising a senior epidemiologist and health support officer arrived in Timor-Leste. The team will assist public health needs assessments and provide technical advice to the Government of Timor-Leste.<sup>3678</sup>

Australia has provided support to developing and least developed countries as they face the intertwined health, economic, and social effects of COVID-19, recognizing the specific challenges in Africa and small island developing states.

Thus, Australia receives a score of +1.

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### **Brazil: 0**

Brazil has partially complied with the commitment to support all developing and least developed countries as they face the intertwined health, economic, and social effects of COVID-19, recognizing the specific challenges in Africa and small island developing states.

On 18 December 2020, Brazil made a donation, in the form of humanitarian assistance, to São Tomé and Príncipe for the purchase of medical and hospital supplies to reinforce the national contingency plan to fight against COVID-19.<sup>3679</sup>

On 4 February 2021, Brazil made a donation to the Republic of Congo for the purchase of medical and hospital supplies and materials that assisted country's efforts to confront COVID-19.<sup>3680</sup>

On 15-20 March 2021, a mission from Brazil made up of representatives of the Ministry of Health and the Embassy of Brazil in Port-au-Prince visited Haiti, to evaluate the actions carried out within the scope of the technical cooperation project "Strengthening Service Management and the Health System in Haiti," in particular the works of the administrative blocks of the hospitals Dr. Zilda Arns and Dr. Raul Pierre. The team also learned about other measures being implemented in the health sector in that country, through international cooperation coordinated by the Brazilian Cooperation Agency of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.<sup>3681</sup>

On 18 March 2021, Brazil donated reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction test kits and oxygen concentrators to Lebanon to assist country's efforts to confront COVID-19.<sup>3682</sup>

On 22 March 2021, Brazil donated personal protective equipment (protective masks, gloves, aprons and visors) that will assist to Haiti's efforts to confront COVID-19.<sup>3683</sup>

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<sup>3677</sup> Sharing COVID-19 vaccines with our neighbors, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Minister for Women, Senator the Hon Marise Payne (Canberra) 10 April 2021. Access Date: 14 April 2021.

<https://www.foreignminister.gov.au/minister/marise-payne/media-release/sharing-covid-19-vaccines-our-neighbours>

<sup>3678</sup> Emergency relief dispatched to Timor-Leste, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Minister for Women, Senator the Hon Marise Payne (Canberra) 14 April 2021. Access Date: 14 April 2021.

<https://www.foreignminister.gov.au/minister/marise-payne/media-release/emergency-relief-dispatched-timor-leste>

<sup>3679</sup> Brazil makes donation to São Tomé and Príncipe to fight COVID-19, Brazilian Cooperation Agency (Brasilia) 22 December 2020. Access Date: 11 May 2021. <http://www.abc.gov.br/imprensa/mostrarConteudo/1655>

<sup>3680</sup> Brazil makes donation to the Republic of Congo, Brazilian Cooperation Agency (Brasilia) 5 February 2021. Access Date: 11 May 2021. <http://www.abc.gov.br/imprensa/mostrarConteudo/1651>

<sup>3681</sup> Ministry of Health representatives visit hospital works in Haiti, Brazilian Cooperation Agency (Brasilia) 22 March 2021. Access Date: 11 May 2021. <http://www.abc.gov.br/imprensa/mostrarConteudo/1671>

<sup>3682</sup> Brazil donates medical equipment and supplies to Lebanon, Brazilian Cooperation Agency (Brasilia) 22 March 2021. Access Date: 11 May 2021. <http://www.abc.gov.br/imprensa/mostrarConteudo/1657>

On 25 March 2021, Brazil donated food and nutritional products to the Government of Equatorial Guinea.<sup>3684</sup>

On 25 March 2021, Brazil donated 60,000 latex gloves, 20,000 N95 masks, 900 individual protective clothing for health professionals, thermometers, goggles, among other items, to Mozambique in response to that country's demand from Brazil in the fight against COVID-19.<sup>3685</sup>

On 3 May 2021, in response to a request from the Paraguayan Government processed by the Brazilian Cooperation Agency of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and after consultation with the Ministry of Health, Anvisa's Collegiate Directorate unanimously decided to authorize the export of 320,000 m<sup>3</sup> of medicinal liquid oxygen for use by the Paraguayan Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare.<sup>3686</sup>

On 7 May 2021, the Ministry of Health donated vaccines to the Ecuadorian Ministry of Public Health to support the country's immunization program: 82,000 doses of the Pentavalente vaccine, administered, in three doses, at two, four and six months of age, against diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, Haemophilus influenzae B and hepatitis B; 56,000 doses of the Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, as reinforcement, at 15 months and four years of age, against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough; and 95,000 doses of the bivalent oral polio vaccine, administered, at 15 months and at four years of age, as protection against poliovirus type 1 and 3 of polio.<sup>3687</sup>

Brazil has provided support to developing and least developed countries as they face the intertwined health, economic, and social effects of COVID-19, recognizing the specific challenges in Africa and small island developing states in health issues. However, no actions in socio-economic sphere have been registered yet.

Thus, Brazil receives a score of 0.

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### **Canada: +1**

Canada has fully complied with the commitment to support all developing and least developed countries as they face the intertwined health, economic, and social effects of COVID-19, recognizing the specific challenges in Africa and small island developing states.

On 24 March 2021, Global Affairs Canada launched the multisectoral support for recovery after COVID-19 project in Senegal. The CAD19.982 million initiative is aimed at: 1) building staff capacity and strengthening health, education and child protection structures and facilities through training, the supply of equipment, and the procurement and distribution of essential nutritional inputs; 2) implementing special measures to respond to the specific challenges caused by the pandemic, such as financial support to address the risk of children dropping out of school, supporting children to return to school, and the civil registration of undeclared children; 3) strengthening the skills and resilience of women and girls to participate in and lead initiatives that

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<sup>3683</sup> COVID-19: Brazil donates to Haiti, Brazilian Cooperation Agency (Brasilia) 22 March 2021. Access Date: 11 May 2021. <http://www.abc.gov.br/imprensa/mostrarConteudo/1682>

<sup>3684</sup> Brazil makes humanitarian donation to Equatorial Guinea, Brazilian Cooperation Agency (Brasilia) 25 March 2021. Access Date: 11 May 2021. <http://www.abc.gov.br/imprensa/mostrarConteudo/1678>

<sup>3685</sup> COVID-19: Brazil donates to Mozambique, Brazilian Cooperation Agency (Brasilia) 25 March 2021. Access Date: 11 May 2021. <http://www.abc.gov.br/imprensa/mostrarConteudo/1668>

<sup>3686</sup> COVID-19: Brazil makes a donation to Paraguay, Brazilian Cooperation Agency (Brasilia) 3 May 2021. Access Date: 11 May 2021. <http://www.abc.gov.br/imprensa/mostrarConteudo/1683>

<sup>3687</sup> Brazil donates vaccines to Ecuador, Brazilian Cooperation Agency (Brasilia) 7 May 2021. Access Date: 11 May 2021. <http://www.abc.gov.br/imprensa/mostrarConteudo/1688>

focus on civic engagement, advocating for their rights, entrepreneurship and decision making within their communities; and 4) strengthening the intra- and inter-sectoral structures and mechanisms for evidence-based decision making at the central and decentralized levels, taking into account gender dimensions in order to better respond to the challenges that have been exacerbated by the health crisis.<sup>3688</sup>

On 29 March 2021, Global Affairs Canada launched the Empowerment through Skills Development project in Tanzania. The CAD25 million project is aimed at: 1) building the capacity of folk development colleges and community-based organizations to develop and deliver gender-responsive programs; 2) providing gender training to partner staff and volunteers and establishing a gender champions network; 3) revising program content and teaching methods to better integrate gender considerations and ensure appropriate support services and facilities for women and adolescent girl students, especially young mothers; and 4) engaging local communities in awareness-raising activities on the benefits of women's education and economic empowerment to encourage enrollment and create an enabling environment for women graduates.<sup>3689</sup>

On 31 March 2021, Global Affairs Canada launched a project on Strengthening Sexual and Reproductive Health in Benin, Burkina Faso and Mali. The CAD42.3 million project is scheduled to continue through 2027 and aims to: 1) support the financial autonomy of vulnerable and marginalized women and adolescent girls in order to reduce the economic and gender barriers to sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services; 2) provide training to health care providers and administrators of health-care facilities on the provision of gender-responsive and adolescent-friendly SRH services; 3) provide technical and material assistance to women's and adolescent girls' rights organizations and defenders; and 4) provide equipment (including water, sanitation, and hygiene infrastructure) to health-care facilities.<sup>3690</sup>

On 16 April 2021, Global Affairs Canada in cooperation with the Alliance for International Medical Action launched the Emergency Assistance to the Democratic Republic of Congo. Global Affairs Canada provides CAD2.6 million in financing over 2021-2023. The project's goals include: 1) providing at least 29,354 children with malnutrition consultations; 2) providing training to 130 community volunteers in severe acute malnutrition screening and referrals; 3) providing water, sanitation and hygiene kits to 2,393 households; 4) providing at least 62,978 beneficiaries with water, sanitation and hygiene awareness-raising sessions; and 5) providing 8,697 prenatal and postnatal consultations.<sup>3691</sup>

On 21 April 2021, Global Affairs Canada launched the Integrated Humanitarian Response in Lac Province in Chad. The CAD1.3 million project aims to: 1) build 4 sources of water and 100 family latrines, which will benefit 36,000 people; 2) build 4 additional care rooms, including 2 that are geared toward consultations for women; 3) distributing 800 sanitary and female dignity kits; 4) distributing 1,000 child care and hygiene kits to malnourished mother and child pairs; 5) implementing a referral system that will reach 65 percent of male and female survivors of gender-based violence in order to

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<sup>3688</sup> Project profile — Multisectoral support for recovery after COVID-19 in Senegal, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 24 March 2021. Access Date: 14 May 2021. <https://w05.international.gc.ca/projectbrowser-banqueprojets/project-projet/details/P009464001>.

<sup>3689</sup> Project profile — Empowerment through Skills Development, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 29 March 2021. Access Date: 14 May 2021. <https://w05.international.gc.ca/projectbrowser-banqueprojets/project-projet/details/P006840001>.

<sup>3690</sup> Project profile — Strengthening Sexual and Reproductive Health in Benin, Burkina Faso and Mali (PLURIELLES), Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 31 March 2021. Access Date: 14 May 2021. <https://w05.international.gc.ca/projectbrowser-banqueprojets/project-projet/details/P008380001>.

<sup>3691</sup> Project profile — DRC – Emergency Assistance – The Alliance for International Medical Action 2021-2022, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 21 April 2021. Access Date: 14 May 2021. <https://w05.international.gc.ca/projectbrowser-banqueprojets/project-projet/details/P010283001>.

guide them to appropriate services; and 6) organizing 10 education sessions on health rights, particularly relating to sexual and reproductive health.<sup>3692</sup>

On 22 April 2021, Global Affairs Canada launched the Multisectoral Humanitarian Assistance project in Cameroon. The CAD1.2 million project is aimed at: 1) building 15 sources of water benefitting 16,605 people; 2) providing free quality health services targeting 10,000 people; 3) treating severe acute malnutrition in 5,000 children under five; 4) delivering a cycle of cash-for-work activities during the annual lean season; 5) training 100 women leaders on the topic of women's rights, who will share this knowledge with 10,000 vulnerable women and girls with the support of local leaders and the project team; and 6) facilitating community workshops on identifying protection risks and implementing community strategies to protect vulnerable people.<sup>3693</sup>

Canada has provided support to developing and least developed countries as they face the intertwined health, economic, and social effects of COVID-19, recognizing the specific challenges in Africa and small island developing states.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

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### **China: +1**

China has fully complied with the commitment to support all developing and least developed countries as they face the intertwined health, economic, and social effects of COVID-19, recognizing the specific challenges in Africa and small island developing states.

On 23 December 2020, China proclaimed that in 2021 it will continue to implement preferential tax rates for the 43 least developed countries that have established diplomatic relations with China. The scope of the preferential tax rates and the tax rates will remain unchanged.<sup>3694</sup>

On 2 March 2021, the Chinese government assisted the Iraqi government with the delivery of the new COVID-19 vaccine to Baghdad. China has provided 50,000 doses of vaccine to Iraq. That was the first batch of the new COVID-19 vaccines received in Iraq after the outbreak.<sup>3695</sup>

On 11 April 2021, the Chinese government delivered the second batch of the COVID-19 vaccines to Iraq. Iraq noted that it is willing to keep deepening the cooperation between the two countries in the field of national defense and health and work together with China to win the battle against the epidemic as soon as possible.<sup>3696</sup>

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<sup>3692</sup> Project profile — Chad – Integrated Humanitarian Response in Lac Province – Oxfam-Québec 2021, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 21 April 2021. Access Date: 14 May 2021. <https://w05.international.gc.ca/projectbrowser-banqueprojets/project-projet/details/P010278001>.

<sup>3693</sup> Project profile — Cameroon – Multisectoral Humanitarian Assistance – L'Œuvre-Léger 2021, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 22 April 2021. Access Date: 14 May 2021. <https://w05.international.gc.ca/projectbrowser-banqueprojets/project-projet/details/P010276001>.

<sup>3694</sup> In order to support the establishment of a new development paradigm, China will adjust import tariffs on some commodities from January 1, 2021, Ministry of Finance (Beijing) 23 December 2020. Access Date: 31 January 2021. [http://www.gov.cn/zhengce/2020-12/23/content\\_5572513.htm](http://www.gov.cn/zhengce/2020-12/23/content_5572513.htm)

<sup>3695</sup> Ambassador Zhang Tao attended the handover ceremony of the new COVID-19 vaccine to Iraq, Embassy of People's Republic of China in the Republic of Iraq (Baghdad) 2 March 2021. Access Date: 3 March 2021. <http://iq.chineseembassy.org/chn/sghd/t1857880.htm>

<sup>3696</sup> Ambassador Zhang Tao attends the handover ceremony of the second batch of COVID-19 vaccines supplied by the Chinese government, Embassy of People's Republic of China in the Republic of Iraq (Baghdad) 11 April 2021. Access Date: 17 April 2021. <http://iq.chineseembassy.org/chn/sghd/t1868175.htm>

China has provided support to developing and least developed countries as they face the intertwined health, economic, and social effects of COVID-19, recognizing the specific challenges in Africa and small island developing states only in socio-economic sphere.

Thus, China receives a score of +1.

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**France: +1**

France has fully complied with the commitment to support all developing and least developed countries as they face the intertwined health, economic, and social effects of COVID-19, recognizing the specific challenges in Africa and small island developing states.

On 3 December 2020, it was reported Agence Française de Développement (AFD) would mobilize additional EUR1 billion under the French President's Choose Africa initiative, with the objective to help African micro, small, and medium enterprises, which have been weakened by the huge fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic; this decision added on to the initial emergency measures (such as deferred repayments and technical assistance), while the amount of money allocated for Choose Africa totaled EUR3.5 billion instead of EUR2.5 billion initially planned for 2018-2022.<sup>3697</sup>

On 15 December 2020, it was reported AFD provided additional financing (EUR2 million) for Pacific Public Health Surveillance Network to help 12 Pacific island countries and territories monitor and respond to the Covid-19 pandemic; the project will involve setting up robust public health surveillance mechanisms and a coherent range of services, accessible to all, to monitor emerging diseases.<sup>3698</sup>

On 19 December 2020, AFD announced call for innovative proposals by researchers specializing in data analysis to address the challenges associated with COVID-19 in Africa; the objective is to develop innovative projects to facilitate the production of data that can be used collaboratively, with the objective to better understand and respond to the vast range of issues resulting from the Covid crisis in Africa.<sup>3699</sup>

On 28 December 2020, it was reported that France committed to increase the share of its gross domestic product devoted to overseas aid from 0.44 percent to 0.55 percent starting in 2022, and to consolidate a fund dedicated to project innovation; the aid will be focused on the most vulnerable countries and on priority sectors: health, environment and climate, gender equality, education, food security, water management, addressing crises and improving respect for human rights.<sup>3700</sup>

On 5 March 2021, it was reported that Niger's authorities with support from international partners including AFD had launched a plan to support and restore the education system hit by the COVID-19 pandemic; the short-term goal of the plan worth more than USD140 million is minimize

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<sup>3697</sup> Covid-19: EUR1 billion more for small African businesses, AFD (Paris) 3 December 2020. Access Date: 30 April 2021. <https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/covid-19-eu1-billion-more-small-african-businesses>

<sup>3698</sup> Emergency support to Pacific island countries to contain COVID-19 and emerging diseases, AFD (Paris) 15 December 2020. Access Date: 30 April 2021. <https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/emergency-support-pacific-island-countries-contain-covid-19-and-emerging-diseases>

<sup>3699</sup> #DATA4COVID19: The Challenge for Africa, AFD (Paris) 19 December 2020. Access Date: 30 April 2021. <https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/data4covid19-challenge-africa>

<sup>3700</sup> France commits to a major boost in overseas aid, AFD (Paris) 28 December 2020. Access Date: 30 April 2021. <https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/france-commits-major-boost-overseas-aid?origin=/en/actualites>

permanent school dropouts of vulnerable students, while the ultimate goal is to ensure education continuity.<sup>3701</sup>

On 1 April 2021, it was reported France intended to donate approximately EUR6 million to finance World Trade Organization technical assistance programs for developing countries and least-developed countries from 2021 to 2023 aimed at improving participants' understanding of global trade rules and standards, as part of efforts to support a post-COVID-19 economic recovery.<sup>3702</sup>

France has provided support to developing and least developed countries as they face the intertwined health, economic, and social effects of COVID-19, recognizing the specific challenges in Africa and small island developing states.

Thus, France receives a score of +1.

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### **Germany: +1**

Germany has fully complied with the commitment to support all developing and least developed countries as they face the intertwined health, economic, and social effects of COVID-19, recognizing the specific challenges in Africa and small island developing states.

On 10 December 2020, the EU and Germany announced their plans to provide a EUR113 million joint grant to safeguard the livelihoods of vulnerable workers in the garment and leather export-oriented industries of Bangladesh. Due to the socio-economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, these workers are at heightened risk of being pushed into poverty.<sup>3703</sup>

As of 10 May 2021, the Corporation for International Cooperation GmbH (GIZ) implemented 37 regional projects in the areas of general health, basic health and non-communicable diseases, worth more than EUR386 million, including projects in Africa and small island developing states (SIDS).<sup>3704</sup>

As of 10 May 2021, GIZ implemented 49 projects in the area of social infrastructure and services, worth about EUR647 million, including projects in Africa and SIDS.<sup>3705</sup>

Germany has provided support to developing and least developed countries as they face the intertwined health, economic, and social effects of COVID-19, recognizing the specific challenges in Africa and small island developing states.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

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<sup>3701</sup> Niger: restoring an education system hit hard by COVID, AFD (Paris) 5 March 2021. Access Date: 30 April 2021. <https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/niger-restoring-education-system-hit-hard-covid>

<sup>3702</sup> France contributes approximately EUR6 million to help developing countries deepen trade expertise, WTO (Washington, DC) 1 April 2021. Access Date: 30 April 2021. [https://www.wto.org/english/news\\_e/pres21\\_e/pr877\\_e.htm](https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/pres21_e/pr877_e.htm)

<sup>3703</sup> Team Europe: EU and Germany join forces with the Government of Bangladesh to safeguard the livelihoods of workers in export-oriented industries, European Commission (Brussels) 10 December 2020. Access Date: 5 May 2021. [https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/news/team-europe-eu-and-germany-join-forces-government-bangladesh-safeguard-livelihoods-workers\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/news/team-europe-eu-and-germany-join-forces-government-bangladesh-safeguard-livelihoods-workers_en)

<sup>3704</sup> Project data, GIZ (Berlin) 5 May 2021. Access Date: 10 May 2021. [https://www.giz.de/projektseiten/index.action?request\\_locale=en\\_GB](https://www.giz.de/projektseiten/index.action?request_locale=en_GB)

<sup>3705</sup> Project data, GIZ (Berlin) 5 May 2021. Access Date: 10 May 2021. [https://www.giz.de/projektseiten/index.action?request\\_locale=en\\_GB](https://www.giz.de/projektseiten/index.action?request_locale=en_GB)

**India: 0**

India has partially complied with the commitment to support all developing and least developed countries as they face the intertwined health, economic, and social effects of COVID-19, recognizing the specific challenges in Africa and small island developing states.

On 21 January 2021, India sent 1.5 million doses of free COVISHIELD vaccines to Myanmar. The gift was made in line with the Indian “Neighbourhood First” policy. To India, Myanmar is considered to be one of the closest and most important neighbours.<sup>3706</sup>

On 7 February 2021, India gifted 500,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to Afghanistan. The goodwill gesture described by Afghanistan as “a strong sign of generosity and sincere cooperation.”<sup>3707</sup>

On 19 February 2021, India gifted 100,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to Maldives. The gift was made during Indian External Affairs Minister’s two-day tour of Maldives.<sup>3708</sup>

On 21 February 2021, India granted 150,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to Mongolia. India was the first country to provide the vaccine to its “spiritual neighbour” and partner Mongolia.<sup>3709</sup>

On 26 February 2021, India gifted 200,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to Guatemala. India was called “the pharmacy of the world” by Guatemala.<sup>3710</sup>

On 27 March 2021, India gifted Bangladesh 1.2 million doses of AstraZeneca vaccine. The offering was made by the Prime Minister Modi to celebrate its 50th independence anniversary.<sup>3711</sup>

On 29 March 2021, it was announced that India gifted 100,000 doses of the vaccine to the Nepal Army. The offering was made as a mark of friendship and strong ties between the two countries.<sup>3712</sup>

On 30 March 2021, India gifted Fiji 100,000 doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine. The gift was made by the Indian government under its Vaccine Friendship initiative.<sup>3713</sup>

India has provided support to developing and least developed countries as they face the intertwined health, economic, and social effects of COVID-19, recognizing the specific challenges in Africa and

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<sup>3706</sup> India's gift of 1.5 million vaccine doses to reach Myanmar on Friday, The Economic Times (Delhi) 21 January 2021. Access Date: 14 May 2021. <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/indias-gift-of-1-5-million-vaccine-doses-to-reach-myanmar-on-friday/articleshow/80390609.cms>

<sup>3707</sup> First batch of Covid-19 vaccine from India arrives in Afghanistan, Livemint (New Delhi) 8 February 2021. Access Date: 14 May 2021. <https://www.livemint.com/news/india/first-batch-of-covid-19-vaccine-from-india-arrives-in-afghanistan-11612755483065.html>

<sup>3708</sup> India gifts 1 lakh doses of Covid-19 vaccine to Maldives, The Daily Star (Dhaka) 20 February 2021. Access Date: 14 May 2021. <https://www.thedailystar.net/coronavirus-deadly-new-threat/news/india-gifts-1-lakh-doses-covid-19-vaccine-maldives-2048221>

<sup>3709</sup> Mongolia receives first COVID vaccine from India, Montsam (Ulaanbaatar) 22 February 2021. Access Date: 14 May 2021. <https://www.montsame.mn/en/read/254452>

<sup>3710</sup> Pharmacy of the World! India gifts to a Central American Nation Guatemala, Canada receives vaccines too, Financial Express (Uttar Pradesh) 27 February 2021. Access Date: 14 May 2021. <https://www.financialexpress.com/lifestyle/health/pharmacy-of-the-world-india-gifts-to-a-central-american-nation-guatemala-canada-receives-vaccines-too/2203257/>

<sup>3711</sup> India's Modi gifts Bangladesh 1.2 million doses of AstraZeneca vaccine, Reuters (Bangladesh) 27 March 2021. Access Date: 14.05.2021. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-india-bangladesh-idUSKBN2BJ0KC>

<sup>3712</sup> India gifts Nepal Army one lakh doses of Covid-19 vaccine, Livemint (New Delhi) 29 March 2021. Access Date: 14 May 2021. <https://www.livemint.com/news/india/india-gifts-nepal-army-one-lakh-doses-of-covid-19-vaccine-11616982078572.html>

<sup>3713</sup> India gifts Fiji 100,000 COVID-19 vaccines, ABC (New York) 30 March 2021. Access Date: 14 May 2021. <https://www.abc.net.au/radio-australia/programs/pacificbeat/india-gifts-fiji-covid-19-vaccines/13281612>

small island developing states only in health sphere. However, no actions in socio-economic sphere have been recorded yet.

Thus, India receives a score of 0.

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**Indonesia: -1**

Indonesia has not complied with the commitment to support all developing and least developed countries as they face the intertwined health, economic, and social effects of COVID-19, recognizing the specific challenges in Africa and small island developing states.

Within the monitoring period, no actions taken by Indonesia to support all developing and least developed countries as they face the intertwined health, economic, and social effects of COVID-19 have been detected.

This might be explained through the fact Indonesia itself became one of the major COVID-19 related international recipient of aid to cover the needs of its big population.

Thus, Indonesia receives a score of -1.<sup>3714</sup>

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**Italy: +1**

Italy has fully complied with the commitment to support all developing and least developed countries as they face the intertwined health, economic, and social effects of COVID-19, recognizing the specific challenges in Africa and small island developing states.

On 21 January 2021, Italy announced its intention to provide Ethiopia with EUR500 thousand to increase food security, health care and protection with a focus on the Tigray region suffering from a humanitarian crisis.<sup>3715</sup>

On 21 May 2021, on the margins of the Global Health Summit Italy has pledged EUR300 million to provide equitable access to vaccines in developing countries via COVAX AMC initiative.<sup>3716</sup>

Italy has provided support to developing and least developed countries as they face the intertwined health, economic, and social effects of COVID-19, recognizing the specific challenges in Africa and small island developing states.

Thus, Italy receives a score of +1.

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<sup>3714</sup> This score of non-compliance was determined after searching the following websites: Portal Informasi Indonesia, <https://indonesia.go.id/>; Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, <https://kemlu.go.id/portal/en>; Ministry of Health of the Republic of Indonesia, <https://www.kemkes.go.id/index.php?lg=LN02>; Ministry of Trade of the Republic of Indonesia, <https://www.kemendag.go.id/en>.

<sup>3715</sup> Etiopia. Contributo della Cooperazione italiana in risposta alla crisi umanitaria nel paese, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 22 January 2021. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 July 2021. [https://www.esteri.it/mae/it/sala\\_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2021/01/etiopia-contributo-della-cooperazione-italiana-in-risposta-alla-crisi-umanitaria-nel-paese.html](https://www.esteri.it/mae/it/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2021/01/etiopia-contributo-della-cooperazione-italiana-in-risposta-alla-crisi-umanitaria-nel-paese.html)

<sup>3716</sup> L'intervento di apertura del Presidente Draghi al Global Health Summit, Governo Italiano Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri (Rome) 21 May 2021. Access Date: 15 July 2021. <https://www.governo.it/node/16920>

**Japan: +1**

Japan has fully complied with the commitment to support all developing and least developed countries as they face the intertwined health, economic, and social effects of COVID-19, recognizing the specific challenges in Africa and small island developing states.

On 2 December 2020, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) signed a loan agreement with the Government of Morocco to provide a Japanese official development assistance loan of up to USD200 million for the COVID-19 response plan, including to promote strengthening of the health care system, expansion of the social security system, and financial support for micro, small, and medium sized enterprises.<sup>3717</sup>

On 8 January 2021, JICA signed a loan agreement with the Government of India to provide a Japanese official development assistance loan of up to JPY30 billion for the COVID-19 response plan to extend budget support for the poor and vulnerable communities and development of policy reforms for social protection.<sup>3718</sup>

On 16 February 2021, JICA signed a loan agreement with the African Development Fund to provide a Japanese official development assistance loan of up to JPY73,601 billion for the purposes of Fund replenishment to support growth and contribute to poverty alleviation.<sup>3719</sup>

On 24 February 2021, JICA signed a loan agreement with the Government of Mauritius to provide a Japanese official development assistance loan of up to JPY30 billion for the COVID-19 response plan to strengthen the health care system and social security, and provide financial support for economic activities in Mauritius, in order to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.<sup>3720</sup>

On 2 March 2021, JICA signed a loan agreement with the Government of Fiji to provide a Japanese official development assistance loan of up to JPY10 billion for the COVID-19 response plan to contribute to social and economic stability in Fiji that COVID-19 has negatively affected, by providing financial support to implement economic and fiscal countermeasures.<sup>3721</sup>

On 3 March 2021, JICA signed a loan agreement with the Government of Solomon Islands to provide a Japanese official development assistance loan of up to JPY2.5 billion for the COVID-19 response plan to help carry out infection control, protection and relief of vulnerable groups, and economic stimulus measures, through concessional financing to the government of the Solomon Islands by co-financing with the Asian Development Bank.<sup>3722</sup>

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<sup>3717</sup> Signing of Dollar-Denominated Japanese ODA Loan Agreement with Morocco: Contributing to COVID-19 crisis response in Morocco through providing budget support, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 03 December 2020. Access Date: 30 April 2021. [https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2020/20201204\\_41\\_en.html](https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2020/20201204_41_en.html).

<sup>3718</sup> Signing of Japanese ODA Loan Agreement with India: Budgetary support to contribute to COVID-19 Crisis Response in India by supporting the livelihood of poor and vulnerable communities, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 12 January 2021. Access Date: 30 April 2021. [https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2020/20210112\\_30.html](https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2020/20210112_30.html)

<sup>3719</sup> Signing of Japanese ODA Loan Agreements with the African Development Fund: Contributing to economic growth and poverty alleviation in the least developed countries in Africa, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 18 February 2021. Access Date: 17 May 2021. [https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2020/20210218\\_42\\_en.html](https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2020/20210218_42_en.html)

<sup>3720</sup> Signing of Japanese ODA Loan Agreement with Mauritius: Supporting COVID-19 crisis response through budget support, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 25 February 2021. Access Date: 30 April 2021. [https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2020/20210225\\_41\\_en.html](https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2020/20210225_41_en.html)

<sup>3721</sup> Signing of Japanese ODA Loan Agreement with Fiji: Contributing to the COVID-19 crisis response in Fiji through provision of budget support, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 3 March 2021. Access Date: 30 April 2021. [https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2020/20210303\\_11\\_en.html](https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2020/20210303_11_en.html)

<sup>3722</sup> Signing of Japanese ODA Loan Agreement with Solomon Islands: Contributing to the COVID-19 crisis response in Solomon Islands through provision of budget support, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 3 March 2021. Access Date: 30 April 2021. [https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2020/20210303\\_10\\_en.html](https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2020/20210303_10_en.html)

On 4 March 2021, JICA signed a loan agreement with the Government of Papua New Guinea to provide a Japanese official development assistance loan of up to JPY30 billion for the COVID-19 response plan to enhance public financial management, improve subnational health system management, and support the government's COVID-19 emergency response.<sup>3723</sup>

On 22 February 2021, it was reported by the World Trade Organization that Japan contributed USD81,000 to the Enhanced Integrated Framework in 2021 to help least-developed countries use trade to combat the economic downturn caused by the COVID-19 pandemic through taking advantage of the digitalization of the economy, further integrating into global value chains and developing strategies for economic diversification.<sup>3724</sup>

On 10 March 2021, it was reported that Japan would provide USD41 million worth aid to 25 Asian and Pacific Islands nations to help them build a cold-chain distributions network for COVID-19 vaccines.<sup>3725</sup> Further, on 13 March 2021, it was reported that Japan (along with the United States, Australia and India) pledged to provide up to 1 billion vaccine doses to developing countries by the end of 2022 through financing vehicles that allow a substantial increase in production capacity in India.<sup>3726</sup>

During the compliance monitoring period, there have been numerous indications of Japan's taking active role in supporting developing countries (including least developed countries, African and small island developing states) in overcoming intertwined health, economic, and social effects of COVID-19.

Thus, Japan receives a score of +1.

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#### **Korea: +1**

Korea has fully complied with the commitment to support all developing and least developed countries as they face the intertwined health, economic, and social effects of COVID-19, recognizing the specific challenges in Africa and small island developing states.

On 30 November 2020, Korea made a decision to provide USD700,000 in humanitarian assistance to Latin American countries affected by Hurricane Iota. Humanitarian assistance is said to be delivered to Colombia, Honduras and Nicaragua.<sup>3727</sup>

On 18 December 2020, Korea announced its intention to contribute extra funding to the United Nations Multi-Partner Trust Fund to help promote human security of residents in the Aral Sea region, Uzbekistan. Korea would contribute USD1 million to protect residents from negative

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<sup>3723</sup> Signing of Japanese ODA Loan Agreement with Papua New Guinea: Contributing to the COVID-19 crisis response in Papua New Guinea through provision of budget support, JICA (Tokyo) 4 March 2021. Access Date: 30 April 2021. [https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2020/20210304\\_10\\_en.html](https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2020/20210304_10_en.html)

<sup>3724</sup> Japan supports EIF to help poorest countries recover from COVID 19, expand trade capacity, WTO (Washington, DC) 22 February 2021. Access Date: 30 April 2021. [https://www.wto.org/english/news\\_e/pres21\\_e/pr872\\_e.htm](https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/pres21_e/pr872_e.htm)

<sup>3725</sup> Japan to give \$41 million aid to Asian nations over vaccine supply, The Jakarta Post (Jakarta) 10 March 2021. Access Date: 30 April 2021. <https://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2021/03/09/japan-to-give-41-million-aid-to-asian-nations-over-vaccine-supply.html>

<sup>3726</sup> Leaders of "Quad" agree to aid vaccine delivery to developing nations, Kyodo (Tokyo) 13 March 2021. Access Date: 30 April 2021. <https://english.kyodonews.net/news/2021/03/01a7efa9f9ac-1st-quad-summit-to-focus-on-covid-19-vaccines-with-eye-on-china.html>

<sup>3727</sup> ROK Government to Extend US\$700,000 in Humanitarian Assistance to Three Latin American Countries Affected by Highest-Category Hurricane Iota, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Seoul) 30 November 2020. Access Date: 12 May 2021. [https://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m\\_5676/view.do?seq=321399](https://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m_5676/view.do?seq=321399)

environmental consequences such as desertification and shortage of drinking water caused by climate change.<sup>3728</sup>

On 20 January 2021, Korea presented its new official development assistance (ODA) strategy. The strategy was presented on the margins of the 36<sup>th</sup> International Development Cooperation Committee meeting. The country pledged to double the size of ODA by 2030. Next, Korea would more actively utilize its competitive advantages such as ICTs and best practices in public administration and share them with recipient countries. Also, the strategy implies facilitation of public trust by revitalizing participation of private companies in development financing and supporting participation of young people in development programs.<sup>3729</sup>

On 25 January 2021, Korea and Uzbekistan held an official meeting to discuss measures to strengthen bilateral ties. The parties highlighted need to further deepen investment and export cooperation, including modernization of Bukhara Oil Refinery and Mubarek Power Plant. Also, the parties discussed expansion of cooperation in healthcare and health infrastructure.<sup>3730</sup>

On 25 January 2021, Korea's and Afghanistan's Foreign Ministers held a telephone conversation on key issues of bilateral affairs. The parties agreed that the two countries should work closely together in all areas, including political affairs, economy, development and culture. Korea's representative also expressed hope that the intra-Afghan peace negotiations would result in establishment of permanent peace in the country.<sup>3731</sup>

On 15 March 2021, Korea's International Cooperation Agency and the United Nations Development Programme signed a grant cost-sharing agreement in mine-action field. Korea committed USD10 million to Cambodia's Mine Action sector in 2021 – 2025. Funds would be used to reduce dangers associated with remaining explosives in Cambodia that affects people's lives and health.<sup>3732</sup>

On 4 February 2021, Korea and Georgia signed a cooperation agreement. The two parties agreed on deepening cooperation in air services. The agreement is said to lay institutional foundation for operating flights between the two countries<sup>3733</sup>.

On 30 March 2021, Korea took part on the Fifth Brussels Conference on humanitarian crisis in Syria. The participating countries noted negative impact of COVID-19 pandemic and highlighted the need for the international community's assistance in all spheres. Korea announced its intention to offer USD18 million in humanitarian assistance to Syria.<sup>3734</sup>

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<sup>3728</sup> Korea to Contribute 1 Million U.S. Dollars to UN Multi-Partner Human Security Trust Fund for the Aral Sea for 2 years, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Seoul) 18 December 2020. Access Date: 12 May 2021.

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<sup>3729</sup> 36<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the International Development Cooperation Committee, Office for Government Policy Coordination (Seoul). Access Date: 11 May 2021. <https://www.opm.go.kr/opm/news/press-release.do?mode=view&articleNo=132653>

<sup>3730</sup> Korea and Uzbekistan Discusses Ways to Strengthen Sustainable Economic cooperation, Ministry of Economy and Finance (Seoul). Access Date: 11 May 2021. <https://english.moef.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=5057>

<sup>3731</sup> Outcome of Telephone Conversation between Korean and Afghan Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Seoul), 27 January 2021. Access Date: 11 May 2021.

[https://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m\\_5674/view.do?seq=320554](https://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m_5674/view.do?seq=320554)

<sup>3732</sup> Korea Commits \$10M to Increase Cambodia's Mine Clearance and Victim Assistance Efforts in 2021 and Beyond. UNDP (Phnom Penh) 15 March 2021. Access Date: 11 May 2021. <https://www.kh.undp.org/content/cambodia/en/home/presscenter/pressreleases/2021/korea-commit--10m-to-increase-cambodias-mine-clearance-and-victi.html>

<sup>3733</sup> Korea and Georgia Sign Air Services Agreement, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Seoul) 5 February 2021. Access Date: 11 May 2021. [https://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m\\_5674/view.do?seq=320576](https://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m_5674/view.do?seq=320576)

<sup>3734</sup> ROK Government Announces Plan to Contribute US\$18 Million in Support of Syrian Refugees, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Seoul) 1 April 2021. Access Date: 11 May 2021. [https://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m\\_5676/view.do?seq=321614](https://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m_5676/view.do?seq=321614)

On 13 April 2021, Korea announced its intention to allocate extra funds to support Timor-Leste. The country was affected by severe floods; Korea would provide USD100,000 to help the recipient in overcoming the disaster's immediate outcomes.<sup>3735</sup>

On 14 April 2021, Korea pledged to provide humanitarian assistance to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. The country announced its intention to allocate USD100,000 to assist the recipient party in overcoming the outcomes of La Soufriere Volcano eruption.<sup>3736</sup>

Korea has provided support to developing and least developed countries as they face the intertwined health, economic, and social effects of COVID-19, recognizing the specific challenges in Africa and small island developing states.

Thus, Korea receives a score of +1.

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### **Mexico: 0**

Mexico has partially complied with the commitment to support all developing and least developed countries as they face the intertwined health, economic, and social effects of COVID-19, recognizing the specific challenges in Africa and small island developing states.

On 12 December 2020, Mexican Army and Air Force transfer more than 15 tons of humanitarian aid to Honduras.<sup>3737</sup>

On 22 December 2020, at the request of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, the Government of Mexico delivered humanitarian aid to Chiapas, Tabasco, Guatemala and Honduras. Humanitarian aid was divided as follows: 150 tons for Chiapas and Tabasco; 21 tons for Guatemala; and 26.5 tons for Honduras.<sup>3738</sup>

On 11 January 2021, the governments of Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras presented a Joint Declaration on the integral management of migratory processes in the region. Declaration reaffirms the commitment of the four countries to jointly address the migratory phenomenon in all its dimensions, especially the challenges related to irregular and massive migration, security, the comprehensive fight against the smuggling of migrants and human trafficking, guaranteeing unrestricted respect for the human rights of migrants in all phases of the migration cycle. Likewise, it expresses the concern of governments about the exposure of irregular migrants to situations of high risk to their health and life, particularly during the health crisis derived from the COVID-19 pandemic.<sup>3739</sup>

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<sup>3735</sup> Korea to Provide US\$100,000 in Humanitarian Assistance to Timor-Leste Affected by Record Floods, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Seoul) 13 April 2021. Access Date: 11 May 2021. [https://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m\\_5676/view.do?seq=321627](https://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m_5676/view.do?seq=321627)

<sup>3736</sup> Korea to Provide US\$100,000 in Humanitarian Assistance to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Affected by Eruption of La Soufriere Volcano, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Seoul) 14 April 2021. Access Date: 11 May 2021. [https://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m\\_5676/view.do?seq=321632](https://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m_5676/view.do?seq=321632)

<sup>3737</sup> El Ejército y Fuerza Aérea Mexicanos trasladan más de 15 toneladas de ayuda humanitaria a la República de Honduras, Mexican Government 20 December 2020. Access Date: 12 May 2021. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/el-ejercito-y-fuerza-aerea-mexicanos-trasladan-mas-de-15-toneladas-de-ayuda-humanitaria-a-la-republica-de-honduras>

<sup>3738</sup> Por llamado de la Celac, el Gobierno de México gestiona ayuda humanitaria a Chiapas, Tabasco, Guatemala y Honduras, Mexican Government 22 December 2020. Access Date: 12 May 2021. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/por-llamado-de-la-celac-el-gobierno-de-mexico-gestiona-ayuda-humanitaria-a-chiapas-tabasco-guatemala-y-honduras>

<sup>3739</sup> México, El Salvador, Guatemala Y Honduras presentan declaración conjunta sobre la gestión integral de los procesos migratorios en la región, Mexican Government 11 January 2021. Access Date: 12 May 2021. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/mexico-el-salvador-guatemala-y-honduras-presentan-declaracion-conjunta-sobre-la-gestion-integral-de-los-procesos-migratorios-en-la-region?state=published>

On 4 May 2021, the President of the Republic of Guatemala, Alejandro Giammattei Falla, made an official visit to Mexico. The heads of State and their delegates held a meeting in which they addressed the main topics of interest on the agenda and confirmed the solid level of understanding and fraternity between both countries. They agreed to promote greater commercial exchange, through the modernization of the customs infrastructure and the reduction of tariff and non-tariff barriers, as well as promoting the attraction of investment and the promotion of tourism between both countries.<sup>3740</sup>

Mexico has provided support to developing and least developed countries as they face the intertwined health, economic, and social effects of COVID-19, recognizing the specific challenges in Africa and small island developing states only in socio-economic sphere. However, no actions in health sphere have been registered yet.

Thus, Mexico receives a score of 0.

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### **Russia: +1**

Russia has fully complied with the commitment to support all developing and least developed countries as they face the intertwined health, economic, and social effects of COVID-19, recognizing the specific challenges in Africa and small island developing states.

From 14 to 25 December 2020, Rosatom, a state-owned energy corporation, conducted an intensive workshop for specialists in nuclear energy from Egypt. The course was dedicated to nuances of practical exploitation of water-waer energetic reactor-type nuclear reactors that are Russia's know-how. Egypt remains the only country in the region that possess at least one Generation III reactor. Egypt's El Dabaa Nuclear Power Plant is said to be completed by 2026 with Russia's Rosatom as the reactor supplier.<sup>3741</sup>

On 15 December 2020, Russia's Bank for Development and Foreign Economic Affairs, joint-stock company "Gazprombank" and JSC "Uzbekneftegaz" concluded several cooperation agreements. Trilateral agreements cover development of oil and gas industry in Uzbekistan.<sup>3742</sup>

On 17 December 2020, the Government of Russia approved the decision to allow a credit of USD1 billion to Belarus. The debtor would receive the sum divided into two tranches – USD500 million in 2020 and USD500 million in 2021. The purpose of the credit is said to pay off previously granted loans of Belarus to Russia and the Eurasian Fund for Stabilization and Development.<sup>3743</sup>

On 22 January 2021, Gazprom, a state-owned mining company, established a sub-company in Mongolia. "Gazoprovod Soyuz Vostok" will conduct front end engineering design works and

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<sup>3740</sup> Comunicado conjunto México-Guatemala, Mexican Government (Mexico City) 4 May 2021. Access Date: 12 May 2021. <https://www.gob.mx/presidencia/prensa/comunicado-conjunto-mexico-guatemala-271457>

<sup>3741</sup> Rosatom to Organize a Workshop on VVER-type Technologies for Egyptian Counterparts, Rosatom (Moscow) 25 December 2020. Access Date: 7 May 2021. <https://rosatom.ru/journalist/news/rosatom-provel-obuchenie-po-tehnologii-vver-dlya-predstaviteley-obrazovatelnykh-organizatsiy-i-regu/>

<sup>3742</sup> VEB to support Russian export to facilitate development of oil and gas industry in Uzbekistan, AK&M Information Agency (Moscow) 15 December 2020. Access Date: 7 May 2021. [https://www.akm.ru/press/gruppa\\_veb\\_rf\\_podderzhit\\_eksport\\_rossiyskikh\\_kompaniy\\_dlya\\_proektov\\_neftegazovogo\\_sektora\\_respubliki/](https://www.akm.ru/press/gruppa_veb_rf_podderzhit_eksport_rossiyskikh_kompaniy_dlya_proektov_neftegazovogo_sektora_respubliki/)

<sup>3743</sup> Government Executive Order №3379-p 17 December 2020 'Agreement between the Government of Russian Federation and the Government of the Republic of Belarus on allowing the state financial loan, Official Web-Portal of Laws of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 17 December 2020. Access Date: 7 May 2021.

<http://publication.pravo.gov.ru/Document/View/0001202012210072>

feasibility study for “Soyuz Vostok” natural gas pipeline project that would connect Russia’s natural gas deposits with end consumers in China.<sup>3744</sup>

On 28 April 2021, Russia has announced its intention to send a large shipment of medical aid to India to support the local authorities amid growing number of COVID-19 – infected patients. The shipment includes oxygen concentrators and anti-COVID medicines. The shipment was said to be delivered with a charter flight under the EMERCOM supervision.<sup>3745</sup>

Russia has provided support to developing and least developed countries as they face the intertwined health, economic, and social effects of COVID-19, recognizing the specific challenges in Africa and small island developing states.

Thus, Russia receives a score of +1.

*Analyst: Alexander Ignatov*

### **Saudi Arabia: +1**

Saudi Arabia has fully complied with the commitment to support all developing and least developed countries as they face the intertwined health, economic, and social effects of COVID-19, recognizing the specific challenges in Africa and small island developing states.

On 4 December 2020, it was reported that King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center (KSrelief) signed a memorandum of cooperation with the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunizations, according to which some of the winners of the Gamers Without Borders tournament, organized by the Saudi Arabian Federation for Electronic and Intellectual Sports (SAFEIS), will donate a sum amounting to USD1,339,500 to help children worldwide face the coronavirus pandemic through preventive and awareness-raising programs; it was further reported that KSrelief had already signed an agreement with SAFEIS to allocate the donation funds resulting from the organization of the Gamers Without Borders tournament, which amounted to USD10 million, to international organizations and bodies concerned with combating COVID-19 worldwide.<sup>3746</sup>

On 7 February 2021, it was reported that KSrelief jointly with the WHO had launched a joint aid program for Yemen worth USD20.5 million, which would support the delivery of essential health service, as well as projects on COVID-19 preparedness and response, nutrition, water and environmental sanitation services in addition to operational budgets and training of personnel to provide medical services.<sup>3747</sup>

On 16 February 2021, it was reported that KSrelief had delivered a sixth batch of medical aid to the Palestinian health ministry, which included medicines, equipment and other medical supplies to help limit the spread of COVID-19.<sup>3748</sup>

On 20 February 2021, it was reported that KSrelief had begun distributing food aid to families badly hit by the coronavirus pandemic in South Africa.<sup>3749</sup>

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<sup>3744</sup> “Gazoprovod Soyuz Vostok” Company was established in Mongolia, Gazprom (Russia) 22 January 2021. Access Date: 7 May 2021. <https://www.gazprom.ru/press/news/2021/january/article522596/>

<sup>3745</sup> Concerning Emergency Medical Aid Shipment for the Republic of India, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 28 April 2021. Access Date: 7 May 2021. [https://www.mid.ru/ru/foreign\\_policy/news/-/asset\\_publisher/cKNonkJE02Bw/content/id/4715108](https://www.mid.ru/ru/foreign_policy/news/-/asset_publisher/cKNonkJE02Bw/content/id/4715108)

<sup>3746</sup> Saudi Arabia's KSrelief, GAVI to raise COVID-19 awareness among children, Arab News (Riyadh) 4 December 2020. Access Date: 30 April 2021. <https://www.arabnews.com/node/1772216/saudi-arabia>

<sup>3747</sup> Saudi aid agency, WHO join hands to improve Yemen’s public health system, Arab News (Riyadh) 7 February 2021. Access Date: 30 April 2021. <https://www.arabnews.com/node/1805056/saudi-arabia>

<sup>3748</sup> KSrelief sends 6th batch of Saudi medical aid to help Palestinians battle COVID pandemic, Arab News (Riyadh) 16 February 2021. Access Date: 30 April 2021. <https://www.arabnews.com/node/1810016/saudi-arabia>

On 29 March 2021, it was reported that Saudi Arabia's King Salman had directed KSrelief to aid Jordan with liquid oxygen supplies, oxygen cylinders and regulators, as well as digital intravenous pumps and other related devices and supplies to help combat the COVID-19 pandemic.<sup>3750</sup>

On 6 April 2021, it was reported that KSrelief had organized a training course for health practitioners at COVID-19 isolation units in Aden, Yemen, in cooperation with the Yemeni Ministry of Public Health and Population and the WHO, to highlight the skills and knowledge in dealing with the COVID-19 cases.<sup>3751</sup>

On 20 April 2021, it was reported that Yemen started the first round of its COVID-19 inoculation campaign with support from KSrelief, the World Health Organization and the United Nations Children's Emergency Fund.<sup>3752</sup>

On 21 April 2021, it was reported that KSrelief had delivered a special medical aid package worth USD1,5 million to help combat the COVID-19 in Pakistan.<sup>3753</sup>

During the compliance monitoring period, there have been numerous indications of Saudi Arabia's taking active role in supporting developing countries in overcoming intertwined health, economic, and social effects of COVID-19.

Thus, Saudi Arabia receives a score of +1.

*Analyst: Pavel Doronin*

### **South Africa: –1**

South Africa has not complied with the commitment to support all developing and least developed countries as they face the intertwined health, economic, and social effects of COVID-19, recognizing the specific challenges in Africa and small island developing states.

From 25 to 26 November 2020, the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition hosted a virtual meeting with counterparts from Ethiopia. The objective of the meeting was to bolster bilateral economic cooperation including trade and investments.<sup>3754</sup>

On 25 November 2020, Department of Trade, Industry and Competition held a meeting with Chile's Chamber of Industry, Commerce and Tourism on trade opportunities. The meeting was said to set a basis for potential partnerships between the two countries' businesses.<sup>3755</sup>

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<sup>3749</sup> Saudi aid agency helps affected families in South Africa, Arab News (Riyadh) 16 February 2021. Access Date: 30 April 2021. <https://www.arabnews.com/node/1812361/saudi-arabia>

<sup>3750</sup> Saudi Arabia's King Salman directs KSrelief to aid Jordan with oxygen supplies, Arab News (Riyadh) 29 March 2021. Access Date: 30 April 2021. <https://www.arabnews.com/node/1833946/saudi-arabia>

<sup>3751</sup> KSrelief holds training course for health practitioners in COVID-19 in Aden, Saudi Gazette (Riyadh) 6 April 2021. Access Date: 30 April 2021. <https://saudigazette.com.sa/article/605249/SAUDI-ARABIA/KSrelief-holds-training-course-for-health-practitioners-in-COVID-19-in-Aden>

<sup>3752</sup> Yemen launches first round of COVID-19 vaccination campaign, Arab News (Riyadh) 20 April 2021. Access Date: 30 April 2021. <https://www.arabnews.com/node/1846141/middle-east>

<sup>3753</sup> Saudi aid agency delivers \$1.5 million medical aid package to Pakistan, Arab News (Riyadh) 21 April 2021. Access Date: 30 April 2021. <https://www.arabnews.com/node/1846726/saudi-arabia>

<sup>3754</sup> South Africa and Ethiopia to Host Virtual Trade Investment Seminar, Department of Trade, Industry and Competition Republic of South Africa (Pretoria) 24 November 2020. Access Date: 12 May 2021.

<http://www.thedtic.gov.za/south-africa-and-ethiopia-to-host-virtual-trade-investment-seminar/>

<sup>3755</sup> South Africa and Chile to Host Trade Opportunities Webinar, Department of Trade, Industry and Competition Republic of South Africa (Pretoria) 24 November 2020. Access Date: 12 May 2021. <http://www.thedtic.gov.za/south-africa-and-chile-to-host-trade-opportunities-webinar/>

On 4 December 2020, South Africa donated electoral material to the Central African Republic (CAR). The donation is aimed at assisting the National Elections Authority of the CAR with the Presidential and Legislative elections later in December 2020.<sup>3756</sup>

On 5 December 2020, the leaders of African Union countries held the 13<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary session on trade matters. The meeting was chaired by President Cyril Ramaphosa. The session was dedicated to the kickstart of the African Continental Free Trade Area signed in 2018. The agreement was agreed to come into force on 1 January 2021. The summit itself concentrated on the legal instruments that would facilitate the area's operation.<sup>3757</sup>

On 12 January 2021, South Africa and Algeria held a bilateral ministerial working meeting. The parties discussed issues of international cooperation including fostering enabling environment for the private sector to do business and economic ties in general.<sup>3758</sup>

South Africa has demonstrated its willingness to deepen cooperation with developing and least developed countries, but no actions besides demonstration of intention were found within the monitoring period.

Thus, South Africa receives a score of -1.

*Analyst: Alexander Ignatov*

### **Turkey: +1**

Turkey has fully complied with the commitment to support all developing and least developed countries as they face the intertwined health, economic, and social effects of COVID-19, recognizing the specific challenges in Africa and small island developing states.

On 13 January 2021, the Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) delivered medical devices to support the Muslim Free Hospital in Myanmar's capital Naypyidaw.<sup>3759</sup>

On 19 January 2021, it was reported that TIKA delivered medical devices to support the University Hospital in Tunisia's city of Medenine.<sup>3760</sup>

On 22 March 2021, it was reported that TIKA had implemented several projects in order to combat COVID-19 in the region of Northern Syria; the projects included setting up four cleaning supplies production workshop and a mask production workshop in order to contribute to the fight against the pandemic.<sup>3761</sup>

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<sup>3756</sup> South Africa donates electoral material to the Central African Republic, Department of International Relations and Cooperation Republic of South Africa (Pretoria) 4 December 2020. Access Date: 12 May 2021.

<http://www.dirco.gov.za/docs/2020/car1204.htm>

<sup>3757</sup> Thirteen Extra Ordinary Session on the AfCFTA: The Assembly of the Union Adopts Decision on the Start of Trading, African Union (Addis Ababa) 5 December 2020. Access Date: 12 May 2021.

[https://au.int/sites/default/files/pressreleases/39731-pr-pr\\_156\\_-\\_13th\\_extraordinary\\_session\\_on\\_afcfta.pdf](https://au.int/sites/default/files/pressreleases/39731-pr-pr_156_-_13th_extraordinary_session_on_afcfta.pdf)

<sup>3758</sup> Joint Communique of the Occasion of the Working Visit by H.E. Mr Sabri Boukadoum, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Algeria, 12 January 2021, Department of International Relations and Cooperation Republic of South Africa (Pretoria) 12 January 2021. Access Date: 12 May 2021. <http://www.dirco.gov.za/docs/2021/alge0112.pdf>

<sup>3759</sup> TIKA Supports a Hospital in Myanmar, TIKa (Ankara) 13 January 2021. Access Date: 30 April 2021.

[http://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/tika\\_supports\\_a\\_hospital\\_in\\_myanmar-60758](http://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/tika_supports_a_hospital_in_myanmar-60758)

<sup>3760</sup> TIKA Supports the University Hospital in Tunisia, TIKa (Ankara) 19 January 2021. Access Date: 30 April 2021.

[http://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/tika\\_supports\\_the\\_university\\_hospital\\_in\\_tunisia-60898](http://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/tika_supports_the_university_hospital_in_tunisia-60898)

<sup>3761</sup> TIKA Supports the Fight against COVID19 Pandemic in Northern Syria, TIKa (Ankara) 22 March 2021. Access Date: 30 April 2021. [http://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/tika\\_supports\\_the\\_fight\\_against\\_covid19\\_pandemic\\_in\\_northern\\_syria-61441](http://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/tika_supports_the_fight_against_covid19_pandemic_in_northern_syria-61441)

On 19 April 2021, it was reported that TIKA donated a drug delivery vehicle to a First Aid Center in Libya's town of Ghadames as part of the scheme to support healthcare development in the country.<sup>3762</sup>

Turkey has provided support to developing and least developed countries as they face the intertwined health, economic, and social effects of COVID-19, recognizing the specific challenges in Africa and small island developing states.

Thus, Turkey receives a score of +1.

*Analyst: Pavel Doronin*

**United Kingdom: +1**

The UK has fully complied with the commitment to support all developing and least developed countries as they face the intertwined health, economic, and social effects of COVID-19, recognizing the specific challenges in Africa and small island developing states.

On 30 November 2020, the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office launched the project called Supporting COVID Response in the Greater Mekong Sub-region through Health Systems Strengthening. The project worth GBP4.8 million will provide support on strengthening health systems in Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam to prevent, detect and control the threat of COVID-19, and will also involve Thailand in regional initiatives.<sup>3763</sup>

On 1 February 2021, the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office launched a one-year programme funding the World Bank to analyze, document and disseminate Brazil's successful experience with the emergency benefit to protect vulnerable populations from the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Brazil's emergency cash transfer programme had been one of the largest and most rapidly deployed social protection programs in the world, helping 67 million informal workers. Sharing these learnings through this project meets a demand from poorer countries seeking advice on how to improve their social protection policies at speed and during a crisis.<sup>3764</sup>

On 8 March 2021, the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office launched the project on New technologies for global health delivered by Product Development Partnerships. The project budget is GBP51 million. It is focused on neglected tropical diseases, diseases of emerging resistance and diseases of epidemic potential, and will support the development of new products such as drugs, diagnostics and insecticides for targeted diseases.<sup>3765</sup>

On 19 March 2021, the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office launched its Core Funding to the World Health Organization (WHO) 2020-2024 project. The UK will provide GBP340 million of core funding to the WHO for its 13<sup>th</sup> General Programme of Work which aims

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<sup>3762</sup> Turkey Provides Healthcare Support for Libya, TIKA (Ankara) 19 April 2021. Access Date: 30 April 2021. [http://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/turkey\\_provides\\_healthcare\\_support\\_for\\_libya-61868](http://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/turkey_provides_healthcare_support_for_libya-61868)

<sup>3763</sup> Supporting COVID Response in the Greater Mekong Sub-region through Health Systems Strengthening, UK Development Tracker (London) 30 November 2020. Access Date: 5 May 2021. <https://devtracker.fcdo.gov.uk/projects/GB-GOV-1-301205>

<sup>3764</sup> Sharing lessons learned from Brazil's Social Protection response to COVID-19, UK Development Tracker 16 March 2021. Access Date: 5 May 2021. <https://devtracker.fcdo.gov.uk/projects/GB-GOV-1-301301>

<sup>3765</sup> New technologies for global health delivered by Product Development Partnerships, UK Development Tracker (London) 12 April 2021. Access Date: 5 May 2021. <https://devtracker.fcdo.gov.uk/projects/GB-GOV-1-301067>

to provide Universal Health Coverage to 1 billion more people, protect them from health emergencies and enable to live healthier lives.<sup>3766</sup>

The United Kingdom has provided support to developing and least developed countries as they face the intertwined health, economic, and social effects of COVID-19, recognizing the specific challenges in Africa and small island developing states.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of +1.

*Analyst: Andrey Shelepov*

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

The United States has fully complied with the commitment to support all developing and least developed countries as they face the intertwined health, economic, and social effects of COVID-19, recognizing the specific challenges in Africa and small island developing states.

On 19 March 2021, the USAID announced the award of USD9.2 million to the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI). The CDRI, launched by India in 2019 is a global climate initiative involving the private sector, governments, and multilateral agencies aimed at fostering disaster and climate resilient infrastructure.<sup>3767</sup>

On 12 April 2021, the USAID launched the Transformational Strategies for Farm Output Risk Mitigation (TRANSFORM) project. This five-year, USD33 million project, is aiming to mobilize private sector innovation to address emerging infectious diseases and antimicrobial resistance in animal production value chains in Asia and Africa. TRANSFORM is designed to engage global market actors “to develop, test, and scale innovative solutions that sustainably improve animal health, strengthen production systems in animal agriculture value chains, and enhance global health security.”<sup>3768</sup>

On 26 April 2021, the USAID launched two new projects aimed at assisting Vietnam in tackling the climate crisis. The USD36 million Sustainable Forest Management project is to focus on forest conservation, while the USD38 million Biodiversity Conservation project is aims to “protect critical ecosystems to build resilience against the impacts of climate change, maintain and increase forest quality, and protect and stabilize wildlife populations.”<sup>3769</sup>

On 27 April 2021, Vice President Kamala Harris announced the distribution of USD310 million including USD255 million in assistance to El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras, including the refugees and vulnerable migrants in the region. The assistance includes approximately USD104 million from the Department of State, USD125 million from the USAID, and USD26 million from

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<sup>3766</sup> Core Funding to the World Health Organisation WHO 2020-2024, UK Development Tracker (London) 29 March 2021. Access Date: 5 May 2021. <https://devtracker.fcdo.gov.uk/projects/GB-GOV-1-300935>

<sup>3767</sup> United States Promotes Climate Resilient Infrastructure with \$9.2 Million Commitment, USAID (Washington DC) 12 April 2021. Access Date: 14 May 2021. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/mar-19-2021-united-states-promotes-climate-resilient-infrastructure-92-million>

<sup>3768</sup> USAID Engages Private Sector in Global Health Security Efforts, USAID (Washington DC) 12 April 2021. Access Date: 14 May 2021. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/apr-1-2021-usaid-engages-private-sector-global-health-security-efforts>

<sup>3769</sup> USAID Launches Two Projects Worth \$74 Million to Help Vietnam Address the Climate Crisis, USAID (Washington DC) 26 April 2021. Access Date: 14 May 2021. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/apr-26-2021-usaid-launches-two-projects-worth-74-million-help-vietnam-address-climate-crisis>

the Department of Defense. The aid is targeting food security, healthcare, childcare, sanitation, and economic recovery from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic in the region.<sup>3770</sup>

On 28 April 2021, the US deployed emergency COVID-19 relief shipments to India. The shipment, delivered by air, included 440 oxygen cylinders and regulators, 960,000 Rapid Diagnostic Tests, and 100,000 masks to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.<sup>3771</sup>

On 5 May 2021, the USAID Administrator Samantha Power announced the transfer of USD300 million to UNICEF aimed at improving the quality of life of women and children across such areas as healthcare, education, water and sanitation, hygiene, youth engagement, as well as child protection. This grant supplements the United States USD134 million annual contribution to UNICEF, as well as USAID's USD61 million investment in 2020 in urgent work to prevent, respond to, and mitigate the secondary impacts of COVID-19.<sup>3772</sup>

The United States has provided support to developing and least developed countries as they face the intertwined health, economic, and social effects of COVID-19, recognizing the specific challenges in Africa and small island developing states.

Thus, the United States receives a score of +1.

*Analyst: Andrei Sakebarov*

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

The European Union has fully complied with the commitment to support all developing and least developed countries as they face the intertwined health, economic, and social effects of COVID-19, recognizing the specific challenges in Africa and small island developing states.

On 1 December 2020, the EU announced a new EUR20 million program to support health preparedness and response capacities in Association of Southeast Asian Nations countries.<sup>3773</sup>

On 7 December 2020, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) and the Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) launched a new partnership initiative to strengthen the capacity of Africa CDC to prepare for and respond to public health threats in Africa. The four-year project "EU for health security in Africa: ECDC for Africa CDC," funded by the EU is aimed at facilitating harmonized surveillance and disease intelligence and supporting the implementation of the public health workforce strategy of Africa CDC.<sup>3774</sup>

On 10 December 2020, the EU and Germany announced their plans to provide a EUR113 million joint grant to safeguard the livelihoods of vulnerable workers in the garment and leather export-

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<sup>3770</sup> United States Announces Increased Assistance for the People of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras, USAID (Washington DC) 27 April 2021. Access Date: 14 May 2021. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/apr-27-2021-united-states-announces-increased-assistance-people-of-el-salvador-guatemala-honduras>

<sup>3771</sup> United States Airlifts Emergency Supplies to help India Address Deadly Second Wave of COVID-19 Pandemic, USAID (Washington DC) 28 April 2021. Access Date: 14 May 2021. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/apr-28-2021-united-states-airlifts-emergency-supplies-to-help-india-address-deadly-second-wave-of-covid-19-pandemic>

<sup>3772</sup> USAID Awards up to \$300 Million to UNICEF to Improve the Lives of Mothers and Children Globally, USAID (Washington DC) 5 May 2021. Access Date: 14 May 2021. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/may-5-2021-usaid-awards-300-million-unicef-improve-lives-mothers-and-children>

<sup>3773</sup> Team Europe COVID-19 response: EU announces €20 million to support health systems in ASEAN, European Commission (Brussels) 1 December 2020. Access Date: 5 May 2021. [https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/news/team-europe-covid-19-response-eu-announces-eu20-million-support-health-systems-asean\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/news/team-europe-covid-19-response-eu-announces-eu20-million-support-health-systems-asean_en)

<sup>3774</sup> European Union and African Union sign partnership to scale up preparedness for health emergencies, European Commission (Brussels) 7 December 2020. Access Date: 5 May 2021. [https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/news/european-union-and-african-union-sign-partnership-scale-preparedness-health-emergencies\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/news/european-union-and-african-union-sign-partnership-scale-preparedness-health-emergencies_en)

oriented industries of Bangladesh. Due to the socio-economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, these workers are at heightened risk of being pushed into poverty.<sup>3775</sup>

On 15 December 2020, the European Investment Bank agreed EUR400 million of financing to support the participation of low- and middle-income economies in COVID-19 Global Vaccines Alliance (COVAX) Advance Market Commitment.<sup>3776</sup>

On 18 December 2020, the European Commission announced the mobilization of EUR84.26 million in support of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic in Benin, Central African Republic, Liberia, and Sierra Leone.<sup>3777</sup>

On 23 December 2020, the EU's Caribbean Investment Facility and the Inter-American Development Bank signed two agreements for a total EU contribution of EUR23 million to support investments in primary health care services in Jamaica and in sustainable energy in Barbados.<sup>3778</sup>

On 26 January 2021, the EU announced its decision to contribute EUR25 million to enhance the economic, social and environmental sustainability of cocoa production in Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana and Cameroon who are, respectively, the first, second and fifth biggest cocoa producers, generating almost 70 per cent of the world production.<sup>3779</sup>

On 19 February 2021, President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen announced EUR100 million in humanitarian assistance to support the rollout of vaccination campaigns in Africa, which are spearheaded by the Africa CDC. The funding will, among others, contribute to ensuring the cold chains, roll-out registration programs, training of medical and support staff as well as logistics.<sup>3780</sup>

On 19 February 2021, the EU announced an additional EUR500 million for the COVAX Facility, thus doubling its contribution to this global initiative.<sup>3781</sup>

On 3 March 2021, the EU and the European Investment Bank announced EUR120 million of new support for Equity Bank to enhance financing to Kenyan companies most impacted by the COVID-

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19 crisis. The package will support access to finance at appropriate conditions for Kenyan small and medium sized enterprises, including in the agriculture sector, through EUR100 million loans from the European Investment Bank and EUR20 million of EU grant support.<sup>3782</sup>

On 5 April 2021, the International Monetary Fund received the EU's contribution of SDR141 million to the Catastrophe Containment and Relief Trust, which provides grants for debt service relief to countries hit by catastrophic events, including public health disasters such as COVID-19.<sup>3783</sup>

On 12 April 2021, the EU announced an additional EUR6.5 million for Education Cannot Wait (ECW), a global fund for the education of children in emergencies and protracted crises launched in 2016. The total EU contribution to the ECW thus reached EUR27.5 million.<sup>3784</sup>

The European Union has provided support to developing and least developed countries as they face the intertwined health, economic, and social effects of COVID-19, recognizing the specific challenges in Africa and small island developing states.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of +1.

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