

## 5. Food and Agriculture [69]

### Commitment:

*“Since the L’Aquila Summit, 22% of the AFSI pledges have been disbursed, and an additional 26% are formally in the process of being disbursed for specific purposes. We will disburse or allocate our commitments in full by the end of our respective pledging periods.”*

-G8 Declaration: Renewed Commitment for Freedom and Democracy

Country	Lack of Compliance	Work in Progress	Full Compliance
Canada			+1
France		0	
Germany		0	
Italy		0	
Japan		0	
Russia		0	
United Kingdom		0	
United States		0	
European Union		0	
Average Score	0.11		

### Background:

The G8 members first recognized food security as a significant issue during the 2003 Evian Summit.<sup>454</sup> At this time, member countries were primarily concerned with famine in Africa.<sup>455</sup> The G8 made a more concerted effort to address broader food security issues at the 2008 Hokkaido Summit. The resultant Hokkaido Statement on Food Security urged the international community to confront food security due to the recent global rise in food prices as well as a lack of sufficient food supplies in many developing nations.<sup>456</sup>

The Hokkaido Statement also set forth a variety of policies intended to improve food security, which included reforms to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the liberalization of food commodities.<sup>457</sup> G8 members also committed USD10 billion towards food security in January 2008.<sup>458</sup> During the 2009 L’Aquila Summit, G8 members announced the L’Aquila Food Security Initiative (AFSI), which committed USD20 billion over three years towards emergency food aid and initiatives that support sustainable agriculture.<sup>459</sup>

<sup>454</sup> G8 Conclusions on Food and Agriculture 1975-2009, 11 November 2009. Date of Access: 2nd November 2010. [www.g8.utoronto.ca/references/food-agriculture.pdf](http://www.g8.utoronto.ca/references/food-agriculture.pdf).

<sup>455</sup> Action Against Famine, Especially in Africa: A G8 Action Plan (Evian) 2003. Date of Access: 6 November 2010. [www.commit4africa.org/declarations/1077/-/%252FDevelopment%20partnerships](http://www.commit4africa.org/declarations/1077/-/%252FDevelopment%20partnerships).

<sup>456</sup> G8 Leaders Statement on Global Food Security, 8 July 2008. Date of Access 2 November 2010. [www.g8.utoronto.ca/summit/2008hokkaido/2008-food.html](http://www.g8.utoronto.ca/summit/2008hokkaido/2008-food.html).

<sup>457</sup> G8 Leaders Statement on Global Food Security, 8 July 2008. Date of Access 2 November 2010. [www.g8.utoronto.ca/summit/2008hokkaido/2008-food.html](http://www.g8.utoronto.ca/summit/2008hokkaido/2008-food.html).

<sup>458</sup> G8 Leaders Statement on Global Food Security, 8 July 2008. Date of Access 2 November 2010. [www.g8.utoronto.ca/summit/2008hokkaido/2008-food.html](http://www.g8.utoronto.ca/summit/2008hokkaido/2008-food.html).

<sup>459</sup> “L’Aquila” Joint Statement on Global Food Security, 10 July 2009. Date of Access 2 November 2010. [www.g8.utoronto.ca/summit/2009laquila/2009-food.pdf](http://www.g8.utoronto.ca/summit/2009laquila/2009-food.pdf).

**Commitment Features:**

At the 2011 G8 Deauville Summit member countries restated their commitments to the AFSI.<sup>460</sup> Each G8 country's commitments are listed in Table C.<sup>461</sup> G8 member states made new pledges at the Deauville Summit with the exception of Canada.

Given that no detailed schedules of disbursements have been published, the principle of even yearly payments was used to assess compliance with this commitment. Thus individual pledges during the 2011/12 compliance period were calculated by dividing total pledge by number of years of pledging period.

**Table C: Pledges to Food Security Made by G8 Countries**

State	Period of Pledge	Total Pledge (2009-2012; in USD)	Pledge During 11/12 Compliance Period (in USD)
France	2009-2011	2.161 billion	720 million
Germany	2010-2012	3 billion	1 billion
Italy	2009-2012	0.428 billion	107 million
Japan	2010-2012	3 billion	1 billion
Russia	2009-2011	0.330 billion	110 million
UK	Fiscal 2009/10-2011/12	1.718 billion	572.67 million
US	Fiscal 10/2009-09/2012	3.5 billion	1.167 billion
EU	2010-2012	3.8 billion	1.266 billion

**Scoring Guidelines:**

-1	Member does not distribute any of the funding it pledged towards the AFSI.
0	Member distributes some of the funding it pledged towards the AFSI, but does not meet its targeted/full pledge.
+1	Member meets or surpasses the funding it pledged towards the AFSI.

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**Canada: +1**

As of March 2011, Canada has met its commitment to the AFSI. Canada did not make any new pledges at the Deauville Summit. Thus, Canada was awarded a score of +1.

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**France: 0**

France has partially complied with its commitment to provide USD420.193 million to the L'Aquila Food Security Initiative during the 2011/2012 compliance period.

On 7 July 2011, the French Development Agency approved grants for 17 projects to support development in developing countries. Funding provided to food and agriculture initiatives include: (1) USD6.395 million to the Republic of Chad for sustainable irrigation to an area of roughly 2000 ha; (2) USD3.837 million to the Republic of Guinea to support the development of rice-fish farming over five years; (3) USD11.511 million to the Republic of Madagascar to

<sup>460</sup> G8 Declaration: Renewed Commitment for Freedom and Democracy, 27 May 2011. Date of Access 17 December 2011. <http://www.g8.utoronto.ca/summit/2011deauville/2011-declaration-en.html>.

<sup>461</sup> Deauville Accountability Report, 18 May 2011. Date of Access 14 March 2012. <http://www.g8.utoronto.ca/summit/2011deauville/accountability.html>.

improve sanitation system in Greater Antananarivo; and, (4) USD5.372 million to the Republic of the Comoros to build sustainable water supply facilities for the community.<sup>462</sup>

On 15 December 2011, the French Development Agency signed a USD191,858 agreement with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) to support the development of agri-food sectors and food security in rural Africa.<sup>463</sup>

As of 2 January 2012, the World Food Programme (WFP) reported that France had contributed a total of USD39.128 million during 2011. Based on the 2010 G8 Research Group compliance report on France and the AFSI, it can be deduced that France contributed USD30.265 million to the WFP between May 2011 and 2 January 2012.<sup>464</sup>

France has been awarded a score of 0 for partially complying with its commitment to provide USD420.193 million to the L'Aquila Food Security Initiative during the 2011/2012 compliance period. France contributed approximately USD57.579 during the relevant compliance period.

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### **Germany: 0**

Germany has partially complied with its commitment to provide USD1 billion by May 2012 towards sustainable agricultural development and emergency food aid.

On 15 August 2011, the German Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development pledged to donate USD155.06 million towards East African drought relief efforts. The German government partnered with organizations such as Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, as well as non-governmental organizations such as the Welthungerhilfe and multilateral bodies such as the United Nations' World Food Programme (WFP) to provide relief in the form of emergency food aid.<sup>465</sup> The Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development has also pledged to donate USD25.9 million to set up a “regional fund for resilience against drought in the Horn of Africa.” The money from this fund will be used to implement measures that improve water supply, food production and livestock farming, in order to strengthen the resilience of Africans living in drought stricken areas.<sup>466</sup>

On 2 November 2011, the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development announced that Germany will collaborate with NGOs such as Welthungerhilfe and Malteser International to provide USD647, 400 to Cambodia and USD258,960 to Myanmar in order to

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<sup>462</sup> July 2011 Board of Directors Meeting: €350m pledged for developing countries (France) July 8, 2011. Date of Access: January 5, 2012. [http://www.afd.fr/cache/bypass/lang/en/home/presse-afd/communiqués/ctnscroll\\_ActualitesList/6\\_12](http://www.afd.fr/cache/bypass/lang/en/home/presse-afd/communiqués/ctnscroll_ActualitesList/6_12)

<sup>463</sup> AFD and United Nations Industrial Development Organization support African agribusiness and agro-industry development (Vienna) December 15, 2011. Date of Access: January 5, 2012. [http://www.afd.fr/cache/bypass/lang/en/home/presse-afd/communiqués/ctnscroll\\_ActualitesList/6\\_0](http://www.afd.fr/cache/bypass/lang/en/home/presse-afd/communiqués/ctnscroll_ActualitesList/6_0)

<sup>464</sup> Contributions to WFP 2011. World Food Programme (Rome) January 2, 2012. Date of Access: 5 January 2012. <http://www.wfp.org/about/donors/year/2011>

<sup>465</sup> Dirk Niebel Meets Kenya's President-And Pledges New Funds for Drought-Hit Region, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development 15 August 2011. Date of Access: 14 January 2012. [http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2011/August/20110815\\_pm\\_138\\_kenia/index.html](http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2011/August/20110815_pm_138_kenia/index.html)

<sup>466</sup> Dirk Niebel Meets Kenya's President-And Pledges New Funds for Drought-Hit Region, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development 15 August 2011. Date of Access: 14 January 2012. [http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2011/August/20110815\\_pm\\_138\\_kenia/index.html](http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2011/August/20110815_pm_138_kenia/index.html)

help address food shortages in the region, which are a result of the Southeast Asian tropical storms that took place from June 2011 to October 2011.<sup>467</sup>

On 3 November 2011, the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development announced that it would provide USD1.29 million in aid through the WFP to help people whose harvests had been lost and who faced food insecurity as a result of flooding in regions of Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua.<sup>468</sup>

As of 15 November 2011, the German government also donated USD647, 400 to the WFP in Nepal to help improve the lives of families in the Bajhang and Baitadi districts that had been facing food shortages. The WFP issued a statement saying that the funds would be used to distribute food and/ or cash to 46, 500 people for a period of three and a half months through WFP's ongoing food aid project.<sup>469</sup>

On 18 January 2012, the German government contributed USD31.4 million to the WFP for its emergency relief efforts in Yemen in light of the humanitarian crisis created by civil unrest and rising food and fuel prices. Through its recent donation, Germany will support the WFP in distributing over 20, 000 metric tons of food commodities such as oil, wheat flour and specialized nutritional products for extremely malnourished children. The donation will further assist the WFP in carrying out its Food for Girls' Education programme which provides take-home food rations as an incentive for families to send their girls to school.<sup>470</sup>

On 8 February 2012, members of the German Federal Foreign Office and the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development announced that they will provide an additional USD15.76 million in emergency food aid and agricultural sustenance to people affected by the drought in the Sahel region of Africa. A large part of the aid will be provided through the WFP, while the remainder will be distributed through the International Committee of the Red Cross and German non-governmental organizations operating in the region.<sup>471</sup>

On 5 March 2012, the German government announced a donation of USD656, 549 to the WFP to purchase maize, beans and blended food for Congolese refugees residing in the Rwandan camps

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<sup>467</sup> In Response to Severe Flooding in Southeast Asia, BMZ Increases Emergency Aid for Myanmar and Cambodia by 700, 000 Euros, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights 03 November 2011. Date of Access: 05 January 2012. <http://www.reliefweb.int/node/457095>

<sup>468</sup> BMZ Provides Emergency Assistance in Response to Severe Flooding in Central America, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development 11 March 2011. Date of Access: 05 January 2012. [http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2011/November/20111103\\_pm\\_197\\_flutnothilfe\\_zentralamerika/index.html](http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2011/November/20111103_pm_197_flutnothilfe_zentralamerika/index.html)

<sup>469</sup> Germany Provides Assistance of Rs 54 m to WFP, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights 15 November 2011. Date of Access: 05 January 2012. <http://www.reliefweb.int/node/459376>

<sup>470</sup> WFP Receives USD31 Million Contribution from Germany to Fight Hunger in Yemen, World Food Programme 18 January 2012. Date of Access: 30 April 2012. <http://www.wfp.org/news/news-release/wfp-receives-us31-million-contribution-germany-fight-hunger-yemen>

<sup>471</sup> German Government Steps Up Humanitarian Assistance for Sahel Zone, The Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations 8 February 2012. Date of Access: 30 April 2012. [http://www.new-york-un.diplo.de/Vertretung/newyorkvn/en/\\_pr/press-releases/2012/120208-German-government-steps-up-humanitarian-assistance.html](http://www.new-york-un.diplo.de/Vertretung/newyorkvn/en/_pr/press-releases/2012/120208-German-government-steps-up-humanitarian-assistance.html)

of Gihembe, Kiziba and Nyabiheke. The food aid will particularly aim to provide nutrition to malnourished children, pregnant women, nursing mothers and people living with HIV/AIDS.<sup>472</sup>

As of 2 April 2012, the German Federal Foreign Office and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development have donated a total of USD7.49 million in humanitarian and emergency food aid to the people in Syria and Syrian refugees in neighbouring countries, as a result of the recent humanitarian crisis in Syria. The aid will be delivered to Syrian refugees in Jordan through the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and Caritas and Syrian refugees in Lebanon will receive aid through World Vision.<sup>473</sup>

Germany has donated at least USD239.11 million towards increasing sustainable agricultural development and emergency food aid, and is therefore awarded a score of 0 for partially complying with its commitment to donate USD1 billion by May 2012.

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### **Italy: 0**

Italy has partially complied with its commitment to provide USD107 million by May 2012 towards sustainable agriculture development and emergency food aid.

On 21 September 2011, the Italian Government donated the “Iveco Icarus” to Kenya Red Cross in response to the famine that continues in Kenya. Iveco Icarus is a truck that is suited to the desert terrain typical of the area at the Sudan border. It will be used to transport food, medicines, and other supplies to the vulnerable people at the border.<sup>474</sup>

On 4 October 2011, the Italian Development Cooperation’s Emergency Office donated USD824,000 to the UN Food and Agricultural Organization. The funds were used in Libya to distribute seeds and agricultural equipment to farmers, improve irrigation systems, and provide technical assistance. Specifically, the contributions aided with the resumption of agricultural activity and prevent food insecurity.<sup>475</sup>

As of 2 January 2012, Italy has donated USD27.7 million to the UN’s World Food Programme.<sup>476</sup> Of this amount, USD800,000 will be used to buy 480 tons of food supplements, which will be distributed to 16,000 children in Southern Sudan. The WFP announced that the goal of this

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<sup>472</sup> German Donation Provides Hope for 54, 000 Congolese Refugees, World Food Programme 05 March 2012. Date of Access: 01 May 2012. <http://www.wfp.org/stories/german-donation-provides-hope-54000-congolese-refugees>

<sup>473</sup> German Government Increases Humanitarian Aid for Syrians, The Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations 02 April 2012. Date of Access: 01 May 2012. [http://www.new-york-un.diplo.de/Vertretung/newyorkvn/en/\\_pr/press-releases/2012/20120402-increase-of-humanitarian-aid-for-syria.html](http://www.new-york-un.diplo.de/Vertretung/newyorkvn/en/_pr/press-releases/2012/20120402-increase-of-humanitarian-aid-for-syria.html)

<sup>474</sup> Cooperation: famine in Kenya, vehicle donated to transport food aid, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Rome) 21 September 2011. Date of Access: 28 December 2011. [http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Sala Stampa/ArchivioNotizie/Approfondimenti/2011/09/20110921\\_Cooperazione\\_Kenya.htm?LANG=EN](http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Sala Stampa/ArchivioNotizie/Approfondimenti/2011/09/20110921_Cooperazione_Kenya.htm?LANG=EN)

<sup>475</sup> Cooperation: Humanitarian assistance initiatives, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Rome) 28 October 2011. Date of Access: 26 December 2011. [http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Sala Stampa/ArchivioNotizie/Approfondimenti/2011/10/20111028\\_InterventiAssUmanitaria.htm?LANG=EN](http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Sala Stampa/ArchivioNotizie/Approfondimenti/2011/10/20111028_InterventiAssUmanitaria.htm?LANG=EN)

<sup>476</sup> Contributions to World Food Programme 2010-2011, World Food Programme (Rome) 2 January 2012. Date of access: 4 January 2012. <http://www.wfp.org/about/donors/year/2011>.

project is to prevent food insecurity and malnutrition in nine states before the start of the rainy season.<sup>477</sup>

Thus, Italy has been awarded a score of 0 for partially complying with its commitment by donating at least USD27.93 million towards increasing sustainable agricultural development and emergency food aid.

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### **Japan: 0**

Japan has partially complied with its commitment to provide USD1 billion by May 2012 towards sustainable agriculture development and emergency food aid.

On 15 July 2011, the Government of Japan extended emergency grant aid of USD5 million to the Horn of Africa in response to the famine in the East African regions through World Food Programme.<sup>478</sup> On 5 August 2011, Japan also donated emergency relief goods equivalent to USD600 thousand to refugee camps in the Republic of Kenya.<sup>479</sup>

On 6 September 2011, Japan donated USD10 million in food assistance to Bangladesh. The funds will be used to provide communities vulnerable to natural disasters with 11,353 metric tons of wheat, 2,400 tons of wheat soya blends, and 160 metric tons of canned fish.<sup>480</sup>

On 7 November 2011, Japan contributed emergency relief goods equivalent to USD500,000 to the refugee camps in the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia in response to the droughts in the Horn of Africa.<sup>481</sup>

On 18 April 2012, the Japanese government granted USD10 million to the Project for Food Aid for Poverty Areas through the WFP. The aid will provide 12,160 tons of food for 345,000 people who are suffering malnutrition due to natural disasters, poverty and conflict.<sup>482</sup>

Thus, Japan has been awarded a score of 0 for partially complying with its commitment by donating at least USD16.1 million towards increasing sustainable agricultural development and emergency food aid.

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<sup>477</sup> Cooperation: South Sudan, support for the World Food Programme, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Rome) 05 December 2011. Date of Access: 28 December 2011.

[http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Sala\\_Stampa/ArchivioNotizie/Approfondimenti/2011/12/20111205\\_Cooperazione\\_SudSudan.htm?LANG=EN](http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Sala_Stampa/ArchivioNotizie/Approfondimenti/2011/12/20111205_Cooperazione_SudSudan.htm?LANG=EN)

<sup>478</sup> Emergency Grant Aid in Response to Famine in the "Horn of Africa" 15 July 2011. Date of Access: 04 January 2012. [http://www.mofa.go.jp/announce/announce/2011/7/0715\\_02.html](http://www.mofa.go.jp/announce/announce/2011/7/0715_02.html)

<sup>479</sup> Assistance in response to droughts in the "Horn of Africa" (Emergency relief goods provided to refugee camps in the Republic of Kenya) 5 August 2011. Date of Access: 04 January 2012 [http://www.mofa.go.jp/announce/announce/2011/8/0805\\_03.html](http://www.mofa.go.jp/announce/announce/2011/8/0805_03.html)

<sup>480</sup> Japan Donates US\$10 Million To Help WFP Feed Vulnerable People. World Food Programme. Dhaka. 06 September 2011. Date of Access: 06 February 2012. <http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2012/feb/06/right-stupidity-spreads-enabled-polite-left>

<sup>481</sup> Assistance in response to droughts in the "Horn of Africa" (Emergency relief goods provided to refugee camps in the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia) 7 September 2011. Date of Access: 04 January 2012 [http://www.mofa.go.jp/announce/announce/2011/9/0907\\_02.html](http://www.mofa.go.jp/announce/announce/2011/9/0907_02.html)

<sup>482</sup> Exchange of Notes for Grant Aid through the World Food Programme (WFP) for the Project of Food Aid for Poverty Areas including Ethnic Minorities in Myanmar 18 April 2012. Date of Access: 24 April 2012. [http://www.mofa.go.jp/announce/announce/2012/4/0418\\_03.html](http://www.mofa.go.jp/announce/announce/2012/4/0418_03.html)

**Russia: 0**

Russia has partially complied with its AFSI commitment.

Russia has disbursed almost 86% of the funding it pledged for the AFSI implementation in 2009-2011.

According to the Russian Government decision of 8 December 2010 on Russia's participation in the AFSI in 2010-2014 US\$64.2 million is to be allocated in 2011-2012.<sup>483</sup>

On 14 November 2011, the Russian Government approved the action plan on the realization of the Complex Program of Russia's Participation in International Cooperation on Agriculture, Fishery and Food Security. According to the action plan relevant authorities will participate in the AFSI working group meetings and prepare statistical information about Russia's contribution to the AFSI.<sup>484</sup>

According to the information presented by the Russian authorities in the Russia's National Report on ODA on 16 May 2012, Russia already disbursed US\$285.4 million for the implementation of the AFSI.<sup>485</sup>

Russia distributed some of the funding it pledged towards the AFSI, but has not met its full pledge. Thus, Russia has been awarded a score of 0.

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**United Kingdom: 0**

The United Kingdom has partially complied with its commitment to provide USD572.67 million to the L'Aquila Food Security Initiative between May 2011 and May 2012.

On 16 July 2011, Andrew Mitchell, the British international development secretary, publicized that the United Kingdom would provide USD79.98 million to East African drought relief efforts. The funds will assist malnourished individuals in Somalia, Kenya, and Ethiopia.<sup>486</sup>

Thus, the United Kingdom has been awarded a score of 0 for distributing approximately USD79.98 million of the USD572.67 million it has committed to the L'Aquila Food Security Initiative for the period between May 2011 and May 2012.

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**United States: 0**

The United States has partially complied with its commitment to contribute USD1.167 billion towards the L'Aquila Food Security Initiative.

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<sup>483</sup> Executive Order No. 2226, Government of Russia (Moscow) 8 December 2010. Date of Access: 15 February 2012. <http://government.ru/gov/results/13560/>

<sup>484</sup> Executive Order No. 2028, Government of Russia (Moscow). 14 November 2011. Date of Access: 15 February 2012. <http://government.ru/gov/results/17146/>

<sup>485</sup> The Russian Federation ODA. National Report, Russian Ministry of Finance 16 May 2012. Date of Access: 16 May 2012. <http://www1.minfin.ru/ru/>

<sup>486</sup> Mitchell To Announce Help For 1 Million Drought Victims On Camp Visit With Charity Heads, DFID (London) 16 July 2011. Date of Access: 15 January 2012. <http://www.dfid.gov.uk/News/Press-releases/2011/Mitchell-to-announce-help-for-1-million-drought/>

On 13 June 2011, the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) announced that they would fund a new research facility focused on studying a disease that threatens the world's wheat and barley supplies. Together, the agencies will contribute USD4.5 million to the creation of the new facility.<sup>487</sup>

On 7 July 2011, USAID reported that it had contributed USD366 million to drought relief efforts in the Horn of Africa.<sup>488</sup> USAID established a Disaster Assistance Response Team in Nairobi in order to distribute emergency assistance.<sup>489</sup>

On 11 July 2011, USAID announced that it had donated an additional USD21 million to drought-affected populations in Somalia.<sup>490</sup> The funds will be used to provide 19,000 metric tons of food to the World Food Programme (WFP), which will distribute the food within Somalia.<sup>491</sup>

On 1 September 2011, the head of USAID, Dr. Rajiv Shah, publicized that an additional USD23 million would be contributed to drought relief efforts in the Horn of Africa.<sup>492</sup> Approximately USD10 million will be distributed to Somalia specifically.<sup>493</sup>

On 20 September 2011, the USDA, USAID, and the American Peanut Council made public that they would jointly contribute USD4.4 million to three American companies that will be expected to prepare Ready-To-Use-Therapeutic Foods (RUTFs) for over 70,000 malnourished children in the Horn of Africa.<sup>494</sup>

On 27 September 2011, USAID announced the African Agricultural Capital Fund (AACF), which will invest in Africa's agriculture sector in order to improve efficiency and profitability.<sup>495</sup> Specifically, USAID and six private-sector partners will provide USD25 million to small and medium businesses engaged in the agricultural sector.<sup>496</sup>

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<sup>487</sup> New Research Facility Will Help Safeguard the Supply of Global What Crops, USAID (Washington) 13 June 2011. Date of Access: 15 January 2011. [http://www.usaid.gov/press/releases/2011/pr110613\\_1.html](http://www.usaid.gov/press/releases/2011/pr110613_1.html)

<sup>488</sup> USAID Responding to Crisis in Horn of Africa, USAID (Washington) 7 July 2011. Date of Access: 15 January 2011. [http://www.usaid.gov/press/releases/2011/pr110707\\_1.html](http://www.usaid.gov/press/releases/2011/pr110707_1.html)

<sup>489</sup> USAID Responding to Crisis in Horn of Africa, USAID (Washington) 7 July 2011. Date of Access: 15 January 2011. [http://www.usaid.gov/press/releases/2011/pr110707\\_1.html](http://www.usaid.gov/press/releases/2011/pr110707_1.html)

<sup>490</sup> USAID Provides Food to Somalis Hit by Drought, USAID (Washington) 11 June 2011. Date of Access: 15 January 2011. <http://www.usaid.gov/press/releases/2011/pr110711.html>

<sup>491</sup> USAID Provides Food to Somalis Hit by Drought, USAID (Washington) 11 June 2011. Date of Access: 15 January 2011. <http://www.usaid.gov/press/releases/2011/pr110711.html>

<sup>492</sup> US Government Increases Assistance to Horn of Africa, USAID (Washington) 1 September 2011. Date of Access: 15 January 2011. <http://www.usaid.gov/press/releases/2011/pr110901.html>

<sup>493</sup> US Government Increases Assistance to Horn of Africa, USAID (Washington) 1 September 2011. Date of Access: 15 January 2011. <http://www.usaid.gov/press/releases/2011/pr110901.html>

<sup>494</sup> Peanut Based Ready-To-Use Therapeutic Foods Will Help Children in the Horn of Africa, USAID (Washington) 20 September 2011. Date of Access: 15 January 2011. <http://www.usaid.gov/press/releases/2011/pr110920.html>

<sup>495</sup> USAID Collaboration Results in African Agricultural Fund, USAID (Washington) 27 September 2011. Date of Access: 15 January 2011. <http://www.usaid.gov/press/releases/2011/pr110927.html>

<sup>496</sup> USAID Collaboration Results in African Agricultural Fund, USAID (Washington) 27 September 2011. Date of Access: 15 January 2011. <http://www.usaid.gov/press/releases/2011/pr110927.html>



On 13 October 2011, Kevin J. Mullally, USAID's mission director for South Sudan, reported that the United States would contribute USD54 million to the Jonglei Food Security Program.<sup>497</sup> The program aims to combat food insecurity in South Sudan by assisting families in Jonglei state.<sup>498</sup>

On 12 November 2011, USAID publicized that it would contribute USD250,000 to the Global Food Safety Partnership.<sup>499</sup> The program, which is directed by the World Bank, encourages country-led efforts to improve food security and food safety.<sup>500</sup>

On 22 November 2011, USAID's Development Credit Authority (DCA) ratified an agreement with the Bank of Abyssinia and Zemen Bank to extend loans to small farmers and farming cooperatives in Ethiopia. The agreement provides USD7.3 million towards potential loans, which can be utilized to pay for agricultural equipment. The loans are meant to increase productivity within Ethiopia's agricultural sector while generating employment and income for Ethiopians.<sup>501</sup>

On 15 February 2012, USAID reported that it would provide USD33 million in funds towards emergency food aid in the Sahel region of Africa. The donation is meant to guarantee that basic nutritional needs are met throughout the dry period, which extends from May to August.<sup>502</sup>

Thus, the United States has received a score of 0 because it allocated USD538.45 million of the USD1.167 billion it committed as part of the l'Aquila Food Security Initiative for the May 2011 – May 2012 period.

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### **European Union: 0**

The European Union (EU) has partially complied with its commitment to provide USD1.266 billion by May 2012 towards sustainable agricultural development and emergency food aid.

On 4 July 2011, the EU pledged to donate USD12.87 million in emergency food aid to 650,000 people in North Korea.<sup>503</sup> Officials from the EU stated that the aid would be directed towards the northern and eastern provinces of North Korea that were hit the hardest by low food production.<sup>504</sup> This aid was specifically intended for children under the age of five who had been hospitalized with severe acute malnutrition, pregnant and breastfeeding women, hospital patients,

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<sup>497</sup> USAID Funds Program to Reduce Food Insecurity in South Sudan, USAID (Washington) 13 October 2011. Date of Access: 15 January 2012. <http://www.usaid.gov/press/releases/2011/pr111013.html>

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<sup>499</sup> USAID Supports New Fund to Advance Food Safety, USAID (Washington) 12 November 2011. Date of Access: 15 January 2012. <http://www.usaid.gov/press/releases/2011/pr111112.html>

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<sup>501</sup> US Government Partners with Private Ethiopian Banks to Increase Access to Credit in Agriculture and Health Sectors, USAID (Washington) 22 November 2011. Date of Access: 29 April 2012. <http://www.usaid.gov/press/releases/2011/pr111122.html>

<sup>502</sup> USAID Responds to Drought in the Sahel, USAID (Washington) 15 February 2012. Date of Access: 29 April 2012. <http://www.usaid.gov/press/releases/2012/pr120215.html>

<sup>503</sup> EU to Provide Emergency Food Aid to North Korea, EUBusiness Ltd (Brussels) 04 July 2011. Date of Access: 05 January 2012. <http://www.eubusiness.com/news-eu/nkorea-diplomacy.b3r/>

<sup>504</sup> EU to Provide Emergency Food Aid to North Korea, EUBusiness Ltd (Brussels) 04 July 2011. Date of Access: 05 January 2012. <http://www.eubusiness.com/news-eu/nkorea-diplomacy.b3r/>

and the elderly. The European Commission reported that the aid would be delivered through the WFP in order to ensure that the food reach its intended recipients.<sup>505</sup>

As of 27 July 2011, the EU Aid Commissioner, Kristalina Georgieva, announced that the EU would contribute USD35.76 million to feed the victims of the East African drought. Commissioner Georgieva announced that the money was to be directed towards delivering emergency food aid inside strife-torn Somalia, along with providing help to refugees in camps across the Horn of Africa and investing in drought preparedness measures to prevent future food insecurities.<sup>506</sup>

On 19 October 2011, ECHO, the humanitarian aid department of the European Union, announced to contribute USD1.97 million to enable WFP to increase its food distribution to flood victims in the Satkhira and Jessore districts of Bangladesh. The donation has allowed WFP to distribute 2,400 tons metric tons of rice and 180 tons of pulses, enough to feed about 30, 000 flood victims for two months. The donation will further enable WFP to provide nutritious wheat-soya blend to improve the lives of children under the age of two and their mothers, for four months.<sup>507</sup>

As of 18 November 2011, the EU announced that it would increase food aid for Africa's Sahel region by USD12.87 million in order to prevent a food shortage. Heavy rain across the Sahel, combined with increased rice prices on global markets, have left seven million people at "high risk" of food insecurity in the states of Niger, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Nigeria, and Burkina Faso.<sup>508</sup>

On 18 January 2012, the Crisis Response Commissioner for the EU, Kristalina Georgieva, announced that the EU made an additional donation of USD121 million to alleviate the starvation still faced by two million people in Africa's Sahel region. The aid will primarily target the countries of Niger, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Nigeria and Burkina Faso, with a third of the money being directed towards Niger. The food aid particularly aims to assist approximately 300, 000 children under the age of two and pregnant and breastfeeding women.<sup>509</sup>

Therefore, the EU has been awarded a score of 0 for partially complying with its commitment by donating at least USD184.47 million towards increasing sustainable agricultural development and emergency food aid.

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<sup>505</sup> EU to Provide Emergency Food Aid to North Korea, EUBusiness Ltd (Brussels) 04 July 2011. Date of Access: 05 January 2012. <http://www.eubusiness.com/news-eu/nkorea-diplomacy.b3r/>

<sup>506</sup> EU Vows to Double Aid to East Africa Drought, EUBusiness Ltd (Brussels) 27 July 2011. Date of Access: 05 January 2012. <http://www.eubusiness.com/news-eu/eafrica-drought-aid.bke/>

<sup>507</sup> Bangladesh: European Union Donates 1.5 Million Euros For Flood Victims in Satkhira and Jessore, World Food Programme 19 October 2011. Date of Access: 01 May 2012. <http://www.wfp.org/news-news-release/european-union-donates-%E2%82%AC15-million-flood-victims-satkhira-and-jessore>

<sup>508</sup> EU Ups Urgent Sahel Food Aid by 10 Million Euros, EUBusiness Ltd (Brussels) 18 November 2011. Date of Access: 05 January 2012. <http://www.eubusiness.com/news-eu/sahel-food-aid.dl3/>

<sup>509</sup> EU Doubles Sahel Humanitarian Aid to 95 million Euros, EUBusiness Ltd (Brussels) 18 January 2012. Date of Access: 30 April 2012. <http://www.eubusiness.com/news-eu/sahel-aid-food.emk/?searchterm=food%20aid>