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## 9. Food and Agriculture: Healthy and Safe Diets

[We commit to improving access to affordable healthy diets and safe and nutritious foods through] ... increasing the availability, affordability and quality of malnutrition treatment and prevention products and services.

*Hiroshima G7 Summit Communiqué*

### Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Canada			+1
France			+1
Germany			+1
Italy			+1
Japan			+1
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average	+1.00 (100%)		

### Background

As part of the United Nations 2015 Millennium Project with its eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), signed in 2002 (Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger, Reduce Child Mortality, Improve Maternal Health) and the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with its 17 Sustainable Development Goals, signed in 2015 (Zero Hunger, Good Health and Well-Being) malnutrition and food security have been recurring commitments at the G7 summit. Food security first appeared on the G7's agenda at the 1979 Tokyo Summit.<sup>1963</sup> Since then, the issue has evolved from a primary focus on regions of conflict and drought also suffering from malnutrition, such as Sub-Saharan Africa, to maternal and child health to using biotechnology to develop agricultural productivity and improve food safety, and more Equitable access to safe and healthy food remains a challenge. Economic crises, such as the sharp rise in food prices in 2008, have historically led to vulnerable populations remaining behind in terms of nutrition. Malnutrition extends to obesity, which appeared on the G7's agenda at the 2016 Ise-Shima Summit. Thus, nutrition is a wide-ranging issue on the G7's expanding agenda.

At the 1979 Tokyo Summit, G7 leaders emphasized the need for “cooperation with developing countries to overcome hunger and malnutrition.”<sup>1964</sup> They also recognized the need to urge multilateral organizations to develop effective agricultural strategies and build up storage capacity to strengthen national food reserves. They also gave consideration to developing human resources and agricultural research adapted to local conditions.

At the 1980 Venice Summit, G7 leaders reiterated concerns regarding extreme poverty and chronic malnutrition afflicting hundreds of millions of people in developing countries.<sup>1965</sup> They recognized the need to reduce developing countries' reliance on food imports and increase their ability to feed themselves, and confirmed their readiness to join with developing countries and international agencies to improve national and international research services as well as supplement World Bank and Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO) initiatives to improve grain storage and food handling facilities.

<sup>1963</sup> Background, United Nations (New York) n.d. Access Date: 30 September 2023.

<https://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/bkgd.shtml>

<sup>1964</sup> Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 29 June 1979. Access Date: 30 September 2023.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1979tokyo/communique.html>

<sup>1965</sup> Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 23 June 1980. Access Date: 30 September 2023.

<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1980venice/communique/index.html>

At the 1985 Bonn Summit, G7 leaders acknowledged the “plight of African peoples who are suffering from famine and drought.”<sup>1966</sup> They emphasized that political obstacles in the region should not impede food delivery to the hungry and reiterated the need for promoting increases in food production and intensifying cooperation for long-term food strategy based on local agricultural programs.

At the 1986 Tokyo Summit, G7 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to fight against hunger, disease and poverty<sup>1967</sup> and reiterated their readiness to assist the food situation in Africa through emergency aid.

At the 1999 Köln Summit, G8 leaders recognized the importance of food safety and invited the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Working Group on Harmonization of Regulatory Oversight of Biotechnology and the OECD Task Force for the Safety of Novel Foods and Feeds to study the implications of biotechnology and other aspects of food safety.<sup>1968</sup>

At the 2000 Okinawa Summit, G8 leaders reiterated the need for strengthened partnership with governments, the World Health Organization (WHO) and other international organizations, industry, academic institutions, non-governmental organizations and other relevant actors to cover development of expanded nutrition and micro-nutrients.<sup>1969</sup> They also reiterated the importance of food safety and working with the FAO and WHO to organize meetings of food safety regulators. Members also confirmed their continued interest in developing systems that address “global food security, health, nutritional and environmental challenges and are adapted to specific conditions in [developing] countries,” with consideration given to the accelerated pace of biotechnology development and the increased cross-border movement of food.

At the 2001 Genoa Summit, G8 members reiterated the need for strong national health systems that promote prevention, treatment and care and improve access to essential healthcare services.<sup>1970</sup> Members also confirmed their support for “a transparent, scientific and rules-based approach” to food safety to promote public understanding of food safety benefits and risks.

At the 2003 Evian Summit, G8 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening health systems as a framework for “increasing access of the neediest populations of developing countries to health care, drugs and treatments.”<sup>1971</sup> They also reaffirmed the importance of increasing and retaining healthcare personnel, advancing the rational use of medicine and strengthening drug distribution systems. The leaders expressed their continued intent to promote agricultural research and biotechnology development.

At the 2004 Sea Island Summit, G8 leaders emphasized the need to develop agricultural science and technology to meet international food safety standards, promoting “hardier crops for healthier people” by improving agricultural productivity and thus reducing the threat of malnutrition.<sup>1972</sup> They reiterated the need for meeting emergency food aid needs, especially in ending the famine in the Horn of Africa, as well as collecting data on national nutrition and mortality levels and adding value to farmers’ production to reduce reliance on food aid.

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<sup>1966</sup> The Bonn Economic Declaration: Towards Sustained Growth and Higher Employment, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 4 May 1985. Access Date: 30 September 2023. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1985bonn/communique.html>.

<sup>1967</sup> Tokyo Declaration: Looking Forward to a Better Future, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 5 May 1986. Access Date: 30 September 2023. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1986tokyo/future.html>

<sup>1968</sup> G8 Communiqué Köln 1999 Final, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 20 June 1999. Access Date: 30 September 2023. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1999koln/finalcom.html>

<sup>1969</sup> G8 Communiqué Okinawa 2000, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 23 July 2000. Access Date: 30 September 2023. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2000okinawa/finalcom.html>

<sup>1970</sup> Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 22 July 2001. Access Date: 30 September 2023. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2001genoa/finalcommuniqué.html>

<sup>1971</sup> Health: A G8 Action Plan, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 2 June 2003. Access Date: 30 September 2023. [http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2003evian/health\\_en.html](http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2003evian/health_en.html)

<sup>1972</sup> Ending the Cycle of Famine in the Horn of Africa, Raising Agricultural Productivity and Promoting Rural Development in Food Insecure Countries, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 10 June 2004. Access Date: 30 September 2023. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2004seaisland/famine.html>

At the 2008 Hokkaido Toyako Summit, G8 leaders reiterated the need for improving access to health services and essential medicines by strengthening health systems and building a reliable health workforce, in addition to recognising the need for nutrition that included a greater focus on maternal, newborn and child health in line with the health-focused MDGs.<sup>1973</sup>

At the 2009 L'Aquila Summit, G8 leaders committed to investing in sustainably increasing global food production and promote transparent food markets to combat price surges and speculation in food prices. The leaders also called for increased participation in and implementation of the Global Partnership for Agriculture and Food Security to promote a global response to food insecurity.<sup>1974</sup>

At the 2010 Muskoka Summit, G8 leaders reiterated the commitments to improving health systems and nutrition that were made at the 2009 L'Aquila Summit and proposed new accountability measures for measuring member spending on Maternal, Newborn and Child Health through the Muskoka Maternal, Newborn and Child Health initiative, including spending on maternal and child nutrition.<sup>1975</sup>

At the 2011 Deauville Summit, G8 leaders endorsed the Deauville Accountability Report: “G8 Commitments on Health and Food Security: State of Delivery and Results” which “documents G8 action on health and food security, and mobilization of financial resources including 85% of all commitments to the L'Aquila Food Security Initiative.”<sup>1976</sup> They also expressed continued commitment to the Muskoka Maternal, Newborn and Child Health initiative.

At the 2012 Camp David Summit, G8 leaders committed to launch the New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition to maintain sustainable agricultural productivity and attain better nutrition, especially in the African region.<sup>1977</sup> They expressed support for the Scaling Up Nutrition movement and welcomed the commitment of African partners to improve the nutritional well-being of their populations, especially during the critical 1,000 days window from pregnancy to a child's second birthday.

At the 2013 Lough Erne Summit, G8 leaders welcomed the Global Nutrition for Growth Compact which committed to under-nutrition reduction targets for 2020, and welcomed the “financial and policy commitments to accelerate progress towards ending under-nutrition for women and young children.”<sup>1978</sup> They reaffirmed their commitment to the commitments made at the 2009 L'Aquila Summit and the New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition, as well as their continued support of the Scaling-Up Nutrition Movement.

At the 2016 Ise-Shima Summit, G7 leaders emphasized the need for universal health coverage including better nutrition, attained with strong health systems and better preparedness.<sup>1979</sup> They recognised the need for international efforts to combat malnutrition and to hold the rise of obesity and over-weight targeting most vulnerable populations – mothers, children and adolescent girls – and consistent with the WHO Comprehensive Implementation Plan on Maternal, Infant and Young Child Nutrition.

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<sup>1973</sup> G8 Hokkaido Toyako Summit Leaders' Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2008. Access Date: 30 September 2023. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2008hokkaido/2008-declaration.html>.

<sup>1974</sup> Responsible Leadership for a Sustainable Future, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2009. Access Date: 9 January 2024. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2009laquila/2009-declaration.html>

<sup>1975</sup> Methodology for Calculating Baselines and Commitments: G8 Member Spending on Maternal, Newborn and Child Health, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) n.d. Access Date: 30 September 2023. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2010muskoka/methodology.html>

<sup>1976</sup> G8 Declaration: Renewed Commitment for Freedom and Democracy, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) n.d. Access Date: 30 September 2023. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2011deauville/2011-declaration-en.html>

<sup>1977</sup> Camp David Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 19 May 2012. Access Date: 30 September 2023. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2012campdavid/g8-declaration.html>

<sup>1978</sup> G8 Lough Erne Leaders Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 18 June 2013. Access Date: 30 September 2023. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2013lougherne/lough-erne-communique.html>

<sup>1979</sup> G7 Ise-Shima Vision for Global Health, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 May 2016. Access Date: 30 September 2023. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2016shima/ise-shima-declaration-en.html>

At the 2017 Taormina Summit, G7 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to ending hunger and achieving food security and improved nutrition as well as the role of education in improving nutrition, especially in children as mentioned in the summit progress report.<sup>1980</sup>

At the 2019 Biarritz Summit, G7 leaders acknowledged the importance of the Nutrition for Growth Summit in Tokyo occurring in the following year in identifying essential actions to further progress against malnutrition.<sup>1981</sup>

At the 2023 Hiroshima Summit, G7 leaders committed to improving access to affordable healthy diets and safe and nutritious foods through increasing the availability, affordability and quality of malnutrition treatment and prevention products and services.<sup>1982</sup>

### **Commitment Features**

At the 2023 Hiroshima Summit, G7 leaders committed to “improving access to affordable healthy diets and safe and nutritious foods through] ... increasing the availability, affordability and quality of malnutrition treatment and prevention products and services.”<sup>1983</sup>

### **Definitions and Concepts**

“Improving” can be defined as to make something better or to produce something better than what already exists.<sup>1984</sup> In a G7 context, when a commitment states that it will “improve” it should be interpreted to mean that old initiatives will be updated.

“Access” is understood to mean the right to obtain or make use of the entity in reference.<sup>1985</sup>

“Healthy diets” refers to a combination of different foods for good health and nutrition.<sup>1986</sup> These include a balance of “cereals (wheat, barley, rye, maize or rice), legumes (lentils and beans), fruit and vegetables, and foods from animal sources (meat, fish, eggs and milk).”

“Availability” can be defined in terms of the reachability (physical access), affordability (economic access) and acceptability (socio-cultural access) of services.<sup>1987</sup> Malnutrition treatment must therefore be readily physically accessible, affordable, and acceptable to be considered available.

“Affordability” can be defined as low in cost.<sup>1988</sup> In the context of this commitment, food and dietary treatments must be both easily accessible and adequate to provide to populations.

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<sup>1980</sup> G7 Taormina Leaders’ Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 May 2017. Access Date: 30 September 2023. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2017taormina/communique.html>

<sup>1981</sup> Sahel Partnership Action Plan, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 26 August 2019. Access Date: 30 September 2023. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2019biarritz/sahel-partnership-action-plan.html>

<sup>1982</sup> G7 Leaders’ Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 20 May 2023. Access Date: 23 September 2023. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2023hiroshima/230520-communique.html>

<sup>1983</sup> G7 Leaders’ Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 20 May 2023. Access Date: 23 September 2023. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2023hiroshima/230520-communique.html>

<sup>1984</sup> Compliance Coding Manual, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date 28 September 2023. [http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance\\_Coding\\_Manual\\_2020.pdf](http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf)

<sup>1985</sup> Compliance Coding Manual, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date 28 September 2023. [http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance\\_Coding\\_Manual\\_2020.pdf](http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf)

<sup>1986</sup> Healthy Diet, World Health Organization (Geneva) n.d. Access Date: 29 September 2023. <https://www.who.int/initiatives/behealthy/healthy-diet>

<sup>1987</sup> Compliance Coding Manual, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date 28 September 2023. [http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance\\_Coding\\_Manual\\_2020.pdf](http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf)

<sup>1988</sup> Compliance Coding Manual, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date 28 September 2023. [http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance\\_Coding\\_Manual\\_2020.pdf](http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf)

“Quality” should be interpreted to mean the “degree to which a set of inherent characteristics fulfills requirements.”<sup>1989</sup> Food and dietary treatments must meet the standard of a healthy diet in order to be considered adequate to provide to populations.

“Malnutrition” refers to “deficiencies or excesses in nutrient intake, imbalance of essential nutrients or impaired nutrient utilization.”<sup>1990</sup> It consists of both undernutrition and obesity, as well as diet-related noncommunicable diseases. Undernutrition “manifests in four broad forms: wasting, stunting, underweight, and micronutrient deficiencies.”

“Treatment” refers to providing for a patient to prevent or cure one from a condition.<sup>1991</sup> Malnutrition treatment can come in many forms, such as “food, health, water and sanitation, and social protection systems.”<sup>1992</sup>

“Prevention” can be defined as to keep from happening.<sup>1993</sup> Prevention products and services therefore act to avoid increasing risks of malnutrition among populations.

### **General Interpretive Guidelines**

Full compliance, or a score of +1, is awarded to G7 members who demonstrate strong action towards increasing malnutrition treatment and prevention through both products and services in at least two and weaker actions in one of the pillars of the commitment. The three pillars include: 1) availability, 2) affordability, and 3) quality. Products are manufactured forms of malnutrition treatments or prevention, such as developing medication or improving agricultural technology. Services consist of actions that provide assistance in addressing nutrition related conditions, such as funding treatment centers or access to medical professionals. Examples of strong actions include, but are not limited to, investing in government and international plans that address food security and nutrition challenges, strengthening local food production systems, meeting local and regional agriculture demand, building markets and reducing food loss to support development of sustainable and resilient food systems for small-scale producers, and developing climate-smart solutions and innovations to better agriculture production.<sup>1994</sup>

Partial compliance, or a score of 0, is awarded to G7 members who demonstrate weak action towards improving malnutrition treatment and prevention products and services in only two of the three pillars. Weaker actions include support of commitments to make malnutrition treatments and prevention products more available, affordable and higher quality by making public statements and attending summits without taking any concrete action or issuing any funding for initiatives.

Non-compliance, or a score of –1, is awarded to those members who demonstrate no action towards increasing the availability, affordability and quality of malnutrition treatment and prevention products and services.

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<sup>1989</sup> Compliance Coding Manual, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date 28 September 2023. [http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance\\_Coding\\_Manual\\_2020.pdf](http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf)

<sup>1990</sup> Malnutrition, World Health Organization (Geneva) n.d. Access Date: 28 September 2023. [https://www.who.int/health-topics/malnutrition#tab=tab\\_1](https://www.who.int/health-topics/malnutrition#tab=tab_1)

<sup>1991</sup> Treatment, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 1 October 2023. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/treatment>

<sup>1992</sup> Nutrition and care for children with wasting, United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (New York) n.d. Access Date 28 September 2023. <https://www.unicef.org/nutrition/child-wasting>

<sup>1993</sup> Prevention, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 1 October 2023. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/prevention>

<sup>1994</sup> Sustainable food systems, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (Rome) n.d. Access Date: 29 September 2023. <https://www.fao.org/3/ca2079en/CA2079EN.pdf>

**Scoring Guidelines**

-1	The G7 member has taken no action towards increasing malnutrition treatment and prevention through either products or services in any of the following: 1) availability, 2) affordability, or 3) quality, in order to improve access to affordable healthy diets and safe and nutritious foods.
0	The G7 member has taken weak action towards increasing malnutrition treatment and prevention through both products and services in only two of the following: 1) availability, 2) affordability, or 3) quality, in order to improve access to affordable healthy diets and safe and nutritious foods.
+1	The G7 member has taken strong action towards increasing malnutrition treatment and prevention through both products and services in at least two and weaker action in one of the following: 1) availability, 2) affordability, or 3) quality, in order to improve access to affordable healthy diets and safe and nutritious foods.

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**Canada: +1**

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to improving access to affordable healthy diets and safe and nutritious foods through increasing the availability, affordability and quality of malnutrition treatment and prevention products and services.

On 30 August 2023, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Lawrence MacAulay announced that the Canadian government had invested CAD5.3 million in BioFuelNet) Canada to aid in sustainable agriculture technology development.<sup>1995</sup> With greater environmentally friendly agriculture technologies and methods, food security is thought to increase for both Canada, as well as the entire world.

On 29 September 2023, Minister MacAulay announced the creation of the Dairy Innovation and Investment Fund containing an investment of up to CAD333 million over the next 10 years.<sup>1996</sup> This funding will better Canada's dairy industry by being utilized to buy new machinery and development technology. Through making the Canadian dairy industry more competitive, there is greater access to dairy products in Canada as well as in trading nations.

On 20 October 2023, through the AgriRecovery Framework, Canada allocated CAD219 million to support farmers and ranchers in Western Canada impacted with high costs resulting from drought conditions and wildfires.<sup>1997</sup> This funding enables Western Canadian farmers to recover from environmental conditions and increase food security for Canada as well as dependent trade partners.

On 25 October 2023, Minister of International Development Ahmed Hussen announced the Government of Canada's allocation of CAD2 million in humanitarian aid to the World Food Programme to support individuals

<sup>1995</sup> Government of Canada announces investment in BioFuelNet Canada to strengthen bioeconomy, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue) 30 August 2023. Access Date: 3 November 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2023/08/government-of-canada-announces-investment-in-biofuelnet-canada-to-strengthen-bioeconomy.html>

<sup>1996</sup> Minister MacAulay launches new program to support the Canadian dairy sector, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Saint-Hyacinthe) 29 September 2023. Access Date: 3 November 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2023/09/minister-macaulay-launches-new-program-to-support-the-canadian-dairy-sector.html>

<sup>1997</sup> Government of Canada announces \$219 million to support farmers and ranchers in Western Canada facing the impacts of drought and wildfires, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Ottawa) 20 October 2023. Access Date: 3 November 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2023/10/government-of-canada-announces-219-million-to-support-farmers-and-ranchers-in-western-canada-facing-the-impacts-of-drought-and-wildfires.html>

in the Gaza Strip, the West Bank, Israel and neighbouring areas.<sup>1998</sup> With the funding, the World Food Programme will be supplying individuals with water, food, and other necessities.

On 30 October 2023, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada announced that the federal government and the Government of Ontario will be investing CAD8 million through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership to help the producers of apple, tender fruit, and wine grape with production. The aim is to use the funds to produce popular varieties of the fruit, improve fruit quality and increase the resistance of the crops to pests and diseases in order to make them safer for human consumption.<sup>1999</sup>

On 3 November 2023, Minister Hussen announced the Government of Canada's CAD35.5 million in funding over the next three years to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.<sup>2000</sup> This funding was done to support its project Nature-Positive Food Systems for Climate Change Adaptation. With the increase in funding and greater resources for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, nature-based solutions combined with landscape-level restoration increases food security in rural areas of Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique and Zimbabwe.

On 14 November 2023, Minister MacAulay announced over CAD9 million in funding to the Canola Council of Canada through the AgriScience Program – Clusters Component to strengthen the canola industry in order to promote canola as a nutritious food source.<sup>2001</sup>

On 20 November 2023, the Government of Canada invested up to CAD25 million, through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership.<sup>2002</sup> The funding is part of the Agri-Tech Innovation Initiative, which aims to provide select businesses in the food processing industry to help invest in innovative technology and equipment. This technology will expand agricultural production capacity which will help improve availability and affordability of the food sector overall.

On 23 February 2024, Minister MacAulay officially opened Canada's Indo-Pacific Agriculture and Agri-Food Office (IPAAO).<sup>2003</sup> The opening of the IPAAO supports the Government of Canada's goal of creating new opportunities for the Canadian agri-food sector by increasing collaboration with prominent trading partners such as Malaysia and the Philippines. By operating the IPAAO, Minister MacAulay aims to increase demand and production for Canadian products in the Indo-Pacific region, growing the CAD22.8 billion in Canadian exports in 2023.

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<sup>1998</sup> Canada allocates funding for partners responding to urgent needs stemming from the crisis in Gaza Strip, West Bank, Israel and neighbouring areas, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 25 October 2023. Access Date: 4 November 2023.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2023/10/canada-allocates-funding-for-partners-responding-to-urgent-needs-stemming-from-the-crisis-in-gaza-strip-west-bank-israel-and-neighbouring-areas.html>

<sup>1999</sup> Governments positioning fruit farming sector for growth, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Lincoln) 30 October 2023. Access Date: 19 December 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2023/10/governments-positioning-fruit-farming-sector-for-growth.html>

<sup>2000</sup> Minister Hussen announces funding for Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Global Affairs Canada (Winnipeg) 3 November 2023. Access Date: 5 November 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2023/11/minister-hussen-announces-funding-for-canadian-foodgrains-bank.html>

<sup>2001</sup> Minister MacAulay announces investment to strengthen Canada's canola sector, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Glenlea) 14 November 2023. Access Date: 19 December 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2023/11/minister-macaulay-announces-investment-to-strengthen-canadas-canola-sector.html>

<sup>2002</sup> Governments driving innovation in food production, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 20 November 2023. Access Date: 12 December 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2023/11/governments-driving-innovation-in-food-production.html>

<sup>2003</sup> Minister MacAulay promotes Canada's world-class products in Malaysia and the Philippines, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Ottawa) 23 February 2024. Access Date: 14 April 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2024/02/minister-macaulay-promotes-canadas-world-class-products-in-malaysia-and-the-philippines.html>

On 7 March 2024, Minister MacAulay announced up to CAD97 million in funding to the Agricultural Clean Technology Program.<sup>2004</sup> The program aims to provide monetary assistance to farmers in adopting clean technology to maintain agriculture production amid climate change.

On 1 April 2024, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced a CAD1 billion investment towards a new National School Food Program.<sup>2005</sup> The program aims to address food insecurity for communities disproportionately impacted by lack of access to food. This investment will help to achieve the target goal of providing meals to 400,000 more kids every year.

On 8 May 2024, Minister MacAulay and Saskatchewan's Minister of Agriculture David Marit announced CAD25 million to fund research on, among other areas, crop genetic improvement and food and bioproducts development.<sup>2006</sup>

On 10 May 2024, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Transport and Member of Parliament for Niagara Centre Vance Badawey announced approximately CAD1.1 million to the Ontario Tender Fruit Growers in order to develop methods to promote crop resilience in the midst of more extreme weather events.<sup>2007</sup>

Canada has fully complied with commitment to improving access to affordable healthy diets and safe and nutritious foods through increasing the availability, affordability and quality of malnutrition treatment and prevention products and services. Canada has achieved full compliance in supporting food security through foreign aid, investment in agriculture technologies as well as establishing programs increasing food for Canadians and trade partners.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

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### **France: +1**

France has fully complied with its commitment to improving access to affordable healthy diets and safe and nutritious foods through increasing the availability, affordability and quality of malnutrition treatment and prevention products and services.

On 13 June 2023, the Government of France donated roughly USD545,000 to a food security project for the region of Thateng in Laos.<sup>2008</sup> This funding will target malnutrition and provide training for effective nutrition and resilience projects. The project also enables participants to strengthen food security in their community. Programmed food aid supported by the Government of France's donation improves food availability and quality in the region.

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On 15 June 2023, the Government of France contributed EUR3.5 million to the United Nations World Food Programme to support a disaster response in Pakistan following the 2022 floods.<sup>2009</sup> The funding targets children, pregnant and breastfeeding women at risk of malnutrition in the provinces of Sindh and Balochistan by supporting recovery in the region. The Government of France makes this contribution with a history of funding for World Food Programme (WFP) activity in Pakistan last year. Funding directly provides for increased availability of malnutrition treatment to support nutrition.

On 23 June 2023, the Government of France contributed EUR1 million to the World Trade Organization's (WTO) Fisheries Funding Mechanism to support the implementation of the 2022 WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies.<sup>2010</sup> This contribution is poised to support developing and least-developed country members of the WTO, involving the improvement of fishery practices. This contribution ameliorates international industry standards in fishing and aids in the quality of food production.

On 6 September 2023, Minister of the Economy, Finance and Recovery Bruno Le Maire reached an agreement with 75 food companies, representing 80 per cent of French consumption, to reduce prices on various products.<sup>2011</sup> The agreement is enforced by sanction mechanisms to ensure accountability. This price relief narrows the discrepancy between high product prices and declining costs, increasing the affordability of food.

On 15 September 2023, the Government of France contributed EUR500,000 through the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to support child malnutrition treatment and prevention in Sri Lanka.<sup>2012</sup> The funding supports UNICEF in collaboration with Sri Lanka's Ministry of Health to provide therapeutic food and micronutrients to children in need. The Government of France makes this contribution following its 2019 International Strategy for Food Security, Nutrition and Sustainable Agriculture, supporting the quality and availability of food internationally.

On 17 September 2023, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs Catherine Colonna announced a contribution of EUR40 million to support the Grain from Ukraine initiative at a meeting with WFP Executive Director Cindy McCain.<sup>2013</sup> The contribution will "facilitate the shipment of grain to Nigeria and Sudan, additional aid to the Ukrainian food system, and the restructuring of the WFP's regional reserves." This support reflects a commitment from France to support food availability and trade against food insecurity.

On 23 September 2023, President Emmanuel Macron announced a contribution of USD150 million to the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).<sup>2014</sup> The call to action and contribution supports the availability of food in rural regions by supporting agriculture and income development support from IFAD mandates.

On 29 September 2023, French Ambassador to the Philippines Marie Fontanel attended an event in the Caraga region of the Philippines for the pilot phase of the Walang Gutom (zero hunger) project to support food

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security.<sup>2015</sup> Through the French Development Agency, the Government of France contributed a EUR500,000 grant to the project. Ambassador Fontanel's speech at the event included references to the Paris Pact for People and Planet, which targets sustainable and human development.

On 7 October 2023, Minister Le Maire and Minister of Agriculture and Food Marc Fesneau announced structuring measures for the livestock industry at the 32nd Livestock Summit in Cournon-d'Auvergne.<sup>2016</sup> The measures included contributions upwards of EUR3 million to support and promote livestock farming, subsidies for cattle breeders, and ecological considerations for the industry. These actions maintain the food sovereignty of France by supporting domestic production and therefore strengthen the availability and affordability of livestock products.

On 16 October 2023, Minister Fesneau announced that an aid payment schedule from the 2023 Common Agricultural Policy will be paid into farmers' accounts. Contributions of EUR3.64 billion were sent to provide aid for industry issues of sustainable development, income aid for young farmers and livestock aid.<sup>2017</sup> Support from contributions will maintain agricultural production and improve sustainability within the industry, therefore strengthening the availability and affordability of agricultural products.

On 18 October 2023, the first meeting of the Global School Meals Coalition was held in Paris, supported by the Government of France and Finland.<sup>2018</sup> The coalition brings together 87 Member States, the European Union and the African Union along with supporting institutions, aiming to offer access to school meals to every child by 2030. The Government of France has already contributed an investment of EUR28 million in 2022 to the cause, increasing the availability and quality of food for children.

On 3 November 2023, the Government of France contributed EUR500,000 to the WFP to support school meals for children and food aid to refugees in Malawi.<sup>2019</sup> The contribution provides 18,000 school children with meals that are made from fresh food supplied by local farmers. This food aid will also be provided to 50,000 refugees. The provision of fresh food and increasing food supplies will improve the access and quality of food in Malawi.

On 22 November 2023, the French Development Agency approved financing of EUR80 million to promote sustainability and resilience for Moroccan agriculture.<sup>2020</sup> The financing of agriculture will be directed at improving sustainable irrigation and the promotion of food security by supporting the resilience of standard food items. These investments will support the availability of food by ensuring agricultural supply in Morocco.

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<sup>2016</sup> À l'occasion du 32e Sommet de l'Élevage, Bruno Le Maire et Marc Fesneau annoncent un plan de reconquête de la souveraineté de l'élevage, Ministère de l'Agriculture et de la Souveraineté alimentaire (Paris) 7 October 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate and Analyst. Access Date: 4 November 2023. <https://agriculture.gouv.fr/occasion-du-32e-sommet-de-lelevage-bruno-le-maire-et-marc-fesneau-annoncent-un-plan-de-reconquete>

<sup>2017</sup> Campagne PAC 2023 : le calendrier est tenu, avec un versement effectif de l'avance des aides directes et de l'ICHN à partir du lundi 16 octobre, Ministère de l'Agriculture et de la Souveraineté alimentaire (Paris) 16 October 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate and Analyst. Access Date: 4 November 2023. <https://agriculture.gouv.fr/campagne-pac-2023-versement-effectif-de-lavance-des-aides-partir-du-lundi-16-octobre>

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<sup>2019</sup> France partners WFP to fight hunger as millions of people face high levels of food insecurity in Malawi, World Food Programme (Lilongwe) 3 November 2023. Access Date: 2 December 2023. <https://www.wfp.org/news/france-partners-wfp-fight-hunger-millions-people-face-high-levels-food-insecurity-malawi>

<sup>2020</sup> L'Agence française de développement renforce son partenariat avec le Crédit Agricole du Maroc, Ambassade de France à Rabat (Rabat) 29 November 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 2 December 2023. <https://ma.ambafrance.org/L-Agence-francaise-de-developpement-renforce-son-partenariat-avec-le-Credit>

On 18 December 2023, the French Ministry of Agriculture and Food Sovereignty announced that it will have the sole authority over food safety regulations.<sup>2021</sup> The reform is poised to bolster consumer protection, by increasing inspections over the food industry. This change increases the quality of food products through investments in supporting safe food processing, while decreasing the possibility of food-related illness.

On 21 December 2023, Minister Fesneau announced the allocation of EUR100 million to a program allowing stakeholders in the agricultural industry to invest in innovative equipment.<sup>2022</sup> The goal of this funding is to increase food sovereignty by promoting resilience and adaptation within farms. This investment in French farmers allows for increased food sustainability, leading to improvements in food access and availability.

On 9 January 2024, the Government of France announced that, starting in 2024, catering establishments both public and private must comply with laws to ensure products are composed of sustainable and quality ingredients.<sup>2023</sup> The law specifically asks for at least 50 per cent of products within a menu must be sustainable and of good quality. These rates are measured through the launch of a digital platform to collect product procurement data. This initiative increases the quality and sustainability of food.

On 3 January 2024, the Government of France announced that a second shipment of cargo containing highly nutritious food left France for the people of Gaza.<sup>2024</sup> This shipment of 705 tons was part of a larger provision of food by the company Nutriset to the World Food Programme, facilitated by the Government of France. Additionally, the government reaffirmed its concern for the humanitarian situation in Gaza, noting the lack of access to food. The government's continued assistance to civilians in Gaza allows for the increased availability, access, and quality of food for the region.

On 31 January 2024, the Government of France created an emergency fund of EUR80 million to support wine growers who are experiencing financial issues as a response to industry difficulties.<sup>2025</sup> Additionally, the Government allocated EUR150 million in structural support to allow growers to withdraw from wine production but remain in agriculture. The flexibility in financial support from the government allows for stakeholders within the agricultural industry to continue agricultural production despite specific industry issues, which supports the availability and affordability of food.

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<sup>2021</sup> Réforme de la sécurité sanitaire des aliments : la police sanitaire unique de l'alimentation pleinement effective au 1er janvier 2024, Ministère de l'Agriculture et de la Souveraineté alimentaire (Paris) 18 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 March 2024. <https://agriculture.gouv.fr/reforme-de-la-securite-sanitaire-des-aliments-la-police-sanitaire-unique-de-lalimentation>

<sup>2022</sup> Plan de souveraineté pour la filière fruits et légumes : ouverture de cinq guichets France 2030 de soutien aux investissements des agriculteurs dans des agroéquipements innovants, d'un montant total de 100 millions d'euros, pour la compétitivité et la résilience des filières, Ministère de l'Agriculture et de la Souveraineté alimentaire (Paris) 21 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 March 2024. <https://agriculture.gouv.fr/plan-de-souverainete-pour-la-filiere-fruits-et-legumes-ouverture-de-cinq-guichets-france-2030-de>

<sup>2023</sup> Élargissement et renforcement des objectifs d'approvisionnement en produits durables et de qualité à tous les établissements de restauration collective au 1er janvier 2024, et lancement de la campagne annuelle de collecte d'informations « ma cantine », Ministère de l'Agriculture et de la Souveraineté alimentaire (Paris) 9 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 March 2024. <https://agriculture.gouv.fr/elargissement-et-renforcement-des-objectifs-dapprovisionnement-en-produits-durables-et-de-qualite>

<sup>2024</sup> Palestinian Territories – Departure of second ship carrying more than 700 tons of nutritional supplements from the World Food Programme (3 January 2024), Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires étrangères (Paris) 3 January 2024. Access Date: 1 March 2024. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/israel-palestinian-territories/news/2024/article/palestinian-territories-departure-of-second-ship-carrying-more-than-700-tons-of>

<sup>2025</sup> Viticulture : le Gouvernement annonce la mise en place d'un dispositif d'aide conjoncturelle et structurelle de l'État face à la crise viticole, Ministère de l'Agriculture et de la Souveraineté alimentaire (Paris) 31 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 March 2024. <https://agriculture.gouv.fr/viticulture-le-gouvernement-annonce-la-mise-en-place-dun-dispositif-daide-conjoncturelle-et->

On 23 April 2024, Minister Fesneau announced an investment of EUR15 million to support French farmers facing industry difficulties.<sup>2026</sup> This investment is targeted towards farmers facing the effects of storms and floods, livestock breeders who are experiencing the effects of epizootic hemorrhagic disease, and beekeepers in crisis. This investment allows for continued support of farmers to ensure the availability of food.

On 23 April 2024, Minister Fesneau participated in a dialogue with Moroccan officials at the International Agricultural Exhibition in Morocco.<sup>2027</sup> Discussions revolved around sustainable agriculture considering climate change and the strengthening of agricultural relationships. This exchange between parties moves to ensure the continued availability of food.

France has fully complied with its commitment to improving access to affordable healthy diets and safe and nutritious foods through increasing the availability, affordability and quality of malnutrition treatment and prevention products and services. Actions from France have targeted food security in regional areas in addition to support for food aid. Humanitarian efforts have been supported by contributions from France, allowing for the provision of food products to regions in crisis. For agricultural support, France has made contributions to support the industry through various means. Regarding the affordability of food, France has utilized economic and collaborative means to improve access.

Thus, France receives a score of +1.

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### **Germany: +1**

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to improving access to affordable healthy diets and safe and nutritious foods through increasing the availability, affordability and quality of malnutrition treatment and prevention products and services.

On 1 June 2023, Germany began a project to support resilient agricultural development in Tanzania.<sup>2028</sup> This project research includes climate change adaptation, crop enhancement, and sustainability in the Manyoni District of Tanzania.

On 30 June 2023, the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture announced that its Act on Animal Husbandry Labelling was adopted in the Bundestag.<sup>2029</sup> This act mandates a label on meat products that provides consumers with information on how the animals were kept on farms. The purpose of this act is to increase transparency in the meat sector. The act also establishes increased regulations for farmers to ensure adequate procedures are followed.

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<sup>2026</sup> Le ministère de l'Agriculture et de la Souveraineté alimentaire poursuit, avec la Mutualité Sociale Agricole, son soutien aux agriculteurs en difficulté en déployant une enveloppe de prises en charge de cotisations sociales de 15 millions euros, Ministère de l'Agriculture et de la Souveraineté alimentaire (Paris) 23 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2024. <https://agriculture.gouv.fr/le-ministere-en-charge-de-lagriculture-poursuit-avec-la-mutualite-sociale-agricole-son-soutien-aux>

<sup>2027</sup> Pour un partenariat agricole et forestier renouvelé entre la France et le Maroc, Ministère de l'Agriculture et de la Souveraineté alimentaire (Paris) 23 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2024. <https://agriculture.gouv.fr/pour-un-partenariat-agricole-et-forestier-renouvele-entre-la-france-et-le-maroc>

<sup>2028</sup> Projekte in den Förderprogrammen des BMEL, betreut durch den Projektträger BLE (PT BLE), Bundesanstalt für Landwirtschaft und Ernährung (Berlin) 1 June 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 November 2023. [https://service.ble.de/ptdb/index2.php?detail\\_id=89933540&ssk=PTDB-alles&site\\_key=141&lbn=5&lbj=2023&lem=11&lej=2023&zeilenzahl\\_zaeher=2157#newContent](https://service.ble.de/ptdb/index2.php?detail_id=89933540&ssk=PTDB-alles&site_key=141&lbn=5&lbj=2023&lem=11&lej=2023&zeilenzahl_zaeher=2157#newContent)

<sup>2029</sup> Animal husbandry label and amendments to Federal Building Code adopted in Bundestag, Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Berlin) 30 June 2023. Access Date: 5 November 2023. <https://www.bmel.de/EN/topics/animals/animal-welfare/state-run-animal-welfare-label-pigs.html>

On 11 September 2023, Minister of Agriculture Cem Özdemir signed a Joint Declaration of Intent with New Zealand.<sup>2030</sup> This partnership aims to collaboratively reduce agricultural emissions while increasing the climate-resiliency of food production systems.

On 5 October 2023, the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture provided EUR2.7 million to fund the creation of a new laboratory in Ukraine, which will support food safety and make it easier for Ukraine to export agricultural products.<sup>2031</sup>

On 18 October 2023, the Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth published their National Action Plan: New Opportunities for Children in Germany.<sup>2032</sup> This reaffirmed pre-existing measures to support the nutrition of children, such as providing healthy meals at nurseries and schools.

On 20 January 2024, Germany hosted the 16th Berlin Agriculture Ministers' Conference. Minister Özdemir chaired the conference and delivered a speech that highlighted the crisis of food insecurity and the exacerbation of the issue by climate change. The Conference highlighted the human right to food, the importance of sustainable agriculture, resilient food systems, decreasing food waste, and diminishing global food waste.<sup>2033</sup>

On 9 February 2024, Germany's Federal Foreign Office announced a EUR50 million donation to the civilian population in Gaza through international organizations such as the World Food Programme and UNICEF for the provision of food and other humanitarian aid to civilians facing conflict.<sup>2034</sup>

On 29 February 2024, the Federal Foreign Office increased its donation to the World Food Programme by EUR10 million. The donation was primarily aimed at alleviating starvation in Gaza during its humanitarian crisis. The ministry also urged the Israeli government to open further border crossings and enable secure access to humanitarian assistance.<sup>2035</sup>

On 15 April 2024, Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock announced the provision of EUR244 million in humanitarian assistance to Sudan and neighbouring countries. This humanitarian assistance will support the work of organizations such as UNICEF, the International Committee of the Red Cross, and UNHCR, which provide food and nutrition to millions facing starvation.<sup>2036</sup>

On 26 April 2024, the Federal Foreign Office released a publication outlining three pillars of German foreign policy: climate, peace and security. The report states the challenges to food security created by human-driven climate change and the complications this creates for human security and international relations. The

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<sup>2030</sup> Climate-friendly agriculture: cooperation with New Zealand intensified, Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Berlin) 11 September 2023. Access Date: 5 November 2023. <https://www.bmel.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/EN/2023/new-zealand.html>

<sup>2031</sup> Strengthening of alternative export routes - Özdemir opens laboratory in Ukraine, Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Berlin) 5 October 2023. Access Date: 5 November 2023. <https://www.bmel.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/EN/2023/ukraine.html>

<sup>2032</sup> National Action Plan: New Opportunities for Children in Germany, Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (Berlin) 18 October 2023. Access Date: 5 November 2023. <https://www.bmfsfj.de/resource/blob/232046/c25ff1a5ecf93b129b748ab642047468/nationaler-aktionsplan-neue-chancen-fuer-kinder-in-deutschland-englisch-data.pdf>

<sup>2033</sup> Özdemir: "Building bridges so that everyone across the globe has enough to eat," Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Berlin) 20 January 2024. Access Date: 29 February 2024. <https://www.bmel.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/EN/2023/gffa-204.html>

<sup>2034</sup> Food and medicine for Gaza – Germany has increased its assistance for people in Gaza, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 9 February 2024. Access Date: 29 February 2024. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/aussenpolitik/-/2627918>

<sup>2035</sup> Humanitarian disaster in Gaza – Germany is providing assistance, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 26 February 2024. Access Date: 24 April 2024. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/aussenpolitik/-/2627918>

<sup>2036</sup> Speech by Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock at the Paris Sudan Conference, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 15 April 2024. Access Date: 26 April 2024. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/-/2652568>

publication states Germany's determination to link climate and peace policy and to address the climate crisis through collective action, seeking to prevent consequences of climate change such as food insecurity.<sup>2037</sup>

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to improving access to affordable healthy diets and safe and nutritious foods through increasing the availability, affordability and quality of malnutrition treatment and prevention products and services. Germany has taken strong action to support beneficial food systems through foreign aid as well as through domestic policymaking, prioritizing nutrition, and sustainability. These actions have covered a variety of issues from providing food aid during conflicts as well as economic contributions to support agricultural and farming industries.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

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### **Italy: +1**

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to improving access to affordable healthy diets and safe and nutritious foods through increasing the availability, affordability and quality of malnutrition treatment and prevention products and services.

On 6 July 2023, Minister of Agriculture, Food, Sovereignty and Forestry Francesco Lollobrigida, announced a collaboration with Israel's Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Abraham Dichter in the field of agriculture.<sup>2038</sup> This partnership aims to promote innovation and sustainability to ensure food security for both Israel and Italy.

On 11 July 2023, the Italian government introduced the "Dedicated to you" card, which will allocate EUR500 million to 1.3 million families who do not currently receive government subsidies.<sup>2039</sup> The goal is to alleviate the difficulties families encounter in purchasing and acquiring food, offering a 15 per cent discount on purchases. This initiative aims to enable families to make convenient yet quality food purchases.

On 24 July 2023, Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni announced Italy's plan to invest in Agritech to improve the development of new technologies, including their application in agriculture.<sup>2040</sup> The new research and technology aim to innovate Italy's food system, enhancing sustainability and improving the quality and quantity of production.

On 26 July 2023, Minister Lollobrigida, along with the Ministry of Economy and Finance, reached an agreement on implementing the Fund for Innovation in Agriculture.<sup>2041</sup> This Fund aims to elevate productivity within the agricultural, fishing and aquaculture sectors by introducing new technologies that would drive innovation in the agri-food sector.

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<sup>2037</sup> Climate, Peace, Security: Three Pillars of German Foreign Policy, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 26 April 2024. Access Date: 26 April 2024. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/blob/2654984/e86b0b3ce6c8abb202f5a314808b6475/klima-frieden-sicherheit-data.pdf>

<sup>2038</sup> Acqua. Lollobrigida: collaborazione Italia – Israele può essere esempio sinergia Vincente, Ministero dell'agricoltura, della sovranità alimentare e delle foreste (Rome) 20 October 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 November 2023. [https://www.politicheagricole.it/Israele\\_Italia\\_collaborazione](https://www.politicheagricole.it/Israele_Italia_collaborazione)

<sup>2039</sup> Presentata la carta "Dedicata a te" per acquisto generi alimentari di prima necessità, Ministero dell'agricoltura, della sovranità alimentare e delle foreste (Rome) 20 October 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 November 2023. <https://www.politicheagricole.it/dedicataate>

<sup>2040</sup> Intervento del Presidente Meloni al Vertice delle Nazioni Unite sui Sistemi Alimentari, Governo Italiano Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri (Rome) 24 July 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 October 2023. <https://www.governo.it/en/node/23272>

<sup>2041</sup> Innovazione. Da Conferenza Stato-Regioni ok al Fondo. Lollobrigida: element strategico per sviluppo agricoltura, Ministero dell'agricoltura, della sovranità alimentare e delle foreste (Rome) 20 October 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 November 2023. [https://www.politicheagricole.it/CSR\\_fondoinnovazione](https://www.politicheagricole.it/CSR_fondoinnovazione)

On 8 August 2023, Minister Lollobrigida announced the approved interventions required to restore wineries affected by downy mildew and to address the issues caused by blue crab, protecting the supply chain.<sup>2042</sup> EUR2.9 million has been allocated toward the capture and disposal of blue crab, and EUR1 million from the National Solidarity fund has been allocated to support wine businesses affected by downy mildew.

On 10 October 2023, Minister Lollobrigida announced the approval of the reduction in the use of pesticides by 2035.<sup>2043</sup> This reduction ensures environmental sustainability and guarantees food sovereignty, protecting Italy's agricultural system and enhancing exports worldwide.

On 17 October 2023, Minister Lollobrigida announced the first payment of Common Agricultural Policy advances, totaling EUR2.4 billion, with EUR700 million allocated toward rural development.<sup>2044</sup> This payment provides farmers with the opportunity to plan their work and continue agricultural production, ensuring healthy eating and access to quality food. This is aimed to support farmers' income and ensure liquidity for agricultural businesses, encouraging reinvestment in the agricultural sector.

On 29 October 2023, Minister Lollobrigida announced the pending approval of a law that pertains to a specific type of prohibition on a certain type of meat production.<sup>2045</sup> The Italian government supported the legislation, which would allow parliamentary representation that reflects the will of the people in determining the future of Italy's agricultural and livestock systems.

On 7 February 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forestry launched the "Fruit and Vegetables in Schools" program with a budget of EUR14 million.<sup>2046</sup> This initiative will allow fruit and vegetable producers to present projects that will promote the consumption of fruits and vegetables in primary schools.

On 14 February 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forestry launched the "Milk in Schools" program with a budget of EUR6 million.<sup>2047</sup> This initiative will allow representatives of the dairy sector to present projects between 15 February and 13 March that will promote the consumption of milk and dairy products in primary schools.

On 5 April 2024, Minister Lollobrigida announced a new credit line aimed at relaunching the fruit and vegetable sectors to aid both small and medium-sized agricultural businesses in crisis, including companies that produce kiwis and pears, which suffered damage in 2023. This bill guarantees an immediate credit of EUR19.3 million.<sup>2048</sup>

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<sup>2042</sup> CdM. Lollobrigida: via libera a decreto contro peronospora e granchio blu e ddl per Premio Maestro dell'arte della cucina italiana, Ministero dell'agricoltura, della sovranità alimentare e delle foreste (Rome) 20 October 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 November 2023. [https://www.politicheagricole.it/cdm\\_07-08-2023](https://www.politicheagricole.it/cdm_07-08-2023)

<sup>2043</sup> Fitofarmaci. Lollobrigida, bene riduzione compatibile con produzione, Ministero dell'agricoltura, della sovranità alimentare e delle foreste (Rome) 20 October 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 November 2023. <https://www.politicheagricole.it/fitofarmaci-commissioneagri>

<sup>2044</sup> Pagamenti anticipi PAC 2023-2027. 2.4 miliardi di euro per rilanciare il settore agricolo italiano, Ministero dell'agricoltura, della sovranità alimentare e delle foreste (Rome) 20 October 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 November 2023. <https://www.politicheagricole.it/anticipi-pac-masaf-agea>

<sup>2045</sup> Zootecnia. Lollobrigida: complete vicinanza al settore, Ministero dell'agricoltura, della sovranità alimentare e delle foreste (Rome) 29 October 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 November 2023. [https://www.politicheagricole.it/zootecnia\\_vicinanza\\_settore](https://www.politicheagricole.it/zootecnia_vicinanza_settore)

<sup>2046</sup> Lollobrigida: "Con nuovo bando 'Frutta e Verdura nelle scuole' restituiamo centralità a produttori locali", Ministero dell'agricoltura, della sovranità alimentare e delle foreste (Rome) 7 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 March 2024. <https://www.politicheagricole.it/lollobrigida-frutta-verdura-scuole-2024>

<sup>2047</sup> Al via bando per "Latte nelle scuole" con 6 milioni di euro, Ministero dell'agricoltura, della sovranità alimentare e delle foreste (Rome) 14 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 March 2024. <https://www.politicheagricole.it/latte-scuole-2024>

<sup>2048</sup> Lollobrigida: altro segnale importante per la filiera ortofrutticola con la Cambiale Ismea, Ministero dell'agricoltura, della sovranità alimentare e delle foreste (Rome) 5 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 April 2024. [https://www.politicheagricole.it/cambiale\\_ortofrutta\\_ismea](https://www.politicheagricole.it/cambiale_ortofrutta_ismea)

On 8 April 2024, Minister Lollobrigida announced the successful validation of over 500 applications for a credit line relating to the fruit and vegetable promissory note loan, which supports businesses and grants them immediate funds to help with the relaunch of the fruit and vegetable sector.<sup>2049</sup>

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to improving access to affordable healthy diets and safe and nutritious foods through increasing the availability, affordability and quality of malnutrition treatment and prevention products and services. The country's strong action toward sustainability and the advancement of the agri-food sector strengthens food security and the quality of produce by investing in new technologies that promote sustainability and improved agricultural practices. Italy accomplishes this by forging international partnerships and collaborations, as well as implementing initiatives that bolster innovation, health, and overall wellbeing.

Thus, Italy receives a score of +1.

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### **Japan: +1**

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to improving access to affordable healthy diets and safe and nutritious foods through increasing the availability, affordability and quality of malnutrition treatment and prevention products and services.

On 20 June 2023, Japan donated USD2 million to the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) in response to the flood disaster resulting from the collapse of the dam at the Kakhovka Hydroelectric Power Plant in southern Ukraine.<sup>2050</sup> The fund was utilized as emergency humanitarian assistance in areas such as food and water.

On 5 September 2023, Ambassador for Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine Yoichi Nakashima announced that the Government of Japan had contributed USD1.5 million to the WFP to support Palestinian populations.<sup>2051</sup> Japan's donation has enabled the WFP to provide nutritious food to 27,000 food-insecure Palestinians in Gaza for a period of three months. This donation to the World Food Programme contributes to increasing food security and availability for Palestinian populations as well as the presence of nutritious and healthy choices for vulnerable populations.

On 10 October 2023, Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan Masahiro Komura announced the Government of Japan's support of the Emergency Food Assistance and Nutrition Support by the WFP by donating USD6.5 million to Sri Lanka.<sup>2052</sup> With the fund, 7200 metric tonnes of rice, lentils, vegetable oil, maize and soya beans were purchased for the people of Sri Lanka. This donation contributes to alleviating issues of food insecurity present in Sri Lanka.

On 28 November 2023, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries announced that it has allocated USD20 million to increase the production of rice flour to reach 130,000 tonnes by the goal year of 2030.<sup>2053</sup> With this goal of increasing rice flour production, Japan is aspiring to meet their self-sufficiency goal of 75 per

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<sup>2049</sup> Lollobrigida. Cambiale Ortofrutta un successo, esauriti fondi in poche ore, Ministero dell'agricoltura, della sovranità alimentare e delle foreste (Rome) 8 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 April 2024. [https://www.politicheagricole.it/cambiale\\_ortofrutta\\_portale](https://www.politicheagricole.it/cambiale_ortofrutta_portale)

<sup>2050</sup> Emergency Grant Aid in response to the flood disaster in southern Ukraine, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 20 June 2023. Access Date: 3 November 2023. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press7e\\_000013.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press7e_000013.html)

<sup>2051</sup> Japan renews its commitment to supporting the food needs of the most vulnerable Palestinians, The United Nations World Food Programme (Ramallah) 5 September 2023. Access Date: 3 November 2023. <https://www.wfp.org/news/japan-renews-its-commitment-supporting-food-needs-most-vulnerable-palestinians>

<sup>2052</sup> Japanese Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs Reaffirmed Japan's Robust Commitment on Humanitarian Assistance, Embassy of Japan in Sri Lanka (Colombo) 10 October 2023. Access Date: 4 November 2023. [https://www.lk.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr\\_en/11\\_000001\\_00257.html](https://www.lk.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/11_000001_00257.html)

<sup>2053</sup> The only self-sufficient grain': Japan pouring resources into rice flour innovation expansion in latest food security bid, Food Navigator Asia (Singapore) 28 November 2023. Access Date: 2 December 2023. <https://www.foodnavigator-asia.com/Article/2023/11/29/japan-pouring-resources-into-rice-flour-innovation-expansion-in-latest-food-security-bid>

cent on a production basis by 2030. This project will contribute to meeting the high demand for rice flour and related products in Japan.

On 30 January 2024, the Government of Japan contributed USD5 million in support of the WFP's Farm-to-School Meals project in the Philippines.<sup>2054</sup> Japan's donation will be utilized to establish a collaboration between local farmers and primary schools in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao to provide meals to students. This donation is an extension to a previous USD4 million to the WFP in the Philippines, highlighting Japan's commitment to support the pursuit of Zero Hunger in the Philippines.

On 29 February 2024, the Government of Japan contributed USD5.9 million to the United Nations Development Programme in support of agricultural development in Syria following earthquakes in 2023.<sup>2055</sup> Japan's Emergency Grant Aid contribution will be utilized to enhance Syria's water management systems to support the livelihoods of individuals living in Rural Damascus and Aleppo. This donation contributes to global food security amid the repercussions of climate change.

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to improving access to affordable healthy diets and safe and nutritious foods through increasing the availability, affordability and quality of malnutrition treatment and prevention products and services. Japan has taken strong action to support food security through foreign aid and international partnerships, as well as services that improve the affordability and availability of food products and malnutrition treatments.

Thus, Japan receives a score of +1.

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

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to improving access to affordable healthy diets and safe and nutritious foods through increasing the availability, affordability and quality of malnutrition treatment and prevention products and services.

On 24 May 2023, Minister for Development Andrew Mitchell announced GBP143 million in humanitarian support for East African countries who required support with nutrition and food access, among other humanitarian needs.<sup>2056</sup>

On 28 July 2023, the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office unveiled its Yemen Women and Children Programme, a GBP160 million program which aims to provide nutrition and improve water sanitation for over 1 million women and children annually in Yemen.<sup>2057</sup>

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<sup>2054</sup> Japan boosts support for Filipino farmers and schoolchildren with US\$5 million for farm-to-school meals, World Food Programme (Manila) 30 January 2024. Access Date: 2 March 2024. <https://www.wfp.org/news/japan-boosts-support-filipino-farmers-and-schoolchildren-us5-million-farm-school-meals>

<sup>2055</sup> Government of Japan Contributes US\$5.9 Million to Enhance Agricultural Productivity and Improve Livelihoods in Syria, United Nations Development Programme (Damascus) 29 February 2024. Access Date: 20 April 2024. <https://www.undp.org/syria/press-releases/government-japan-contributes-us59-million-enhance-agricultural-productivity-and-improve-livelihoods-syria>

<sup>2056</sup> Press Release: UK pledges support for over a million people in East Africa, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 24 May 2023. Access Date: 4 November 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-pledges-support-for-over-a-million-people-in-east-africa>

<sup>2057</sup> Press release: UK announces new support for vulnerable Yemeni women and children, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 28 July 2023. Access Date: 4 November 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-announces-new-support-for-vulnerable-yemeni-women-and-children>

On 1 August 2023, the Crown Commercial Service announced plans to improve the food quality provided to citizens in hospitals and schools.<sup>2058</sup> This plan includes an increase in the standards for food to be provided at these governmental institutions, as well as support for small and local businesses to gain access to public sector contracts. The goal is for this process to enable high-quality producers to reach public sector institutions.

On 2 August 2023, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs provided GBP14 million for research competitions through the Farming Innovation Programme.<sup>2059</sup> These competitions seek to spur the development of innovative agricultural solutions to sustainability and productivity.

On 7 September 2023, Prime Minister Rishi Sunak promised to use the country's military intelligence to monitor the Black Sea region to deter Russia from harming Ukrainian vessels carrying cargo such as grain.<sup>2060</sup> The country also provided GBP3 million in funding for Ukraine's 'Grain from Ukraine' initiative through the World Food Programme. This supports Ukrainian production while providing wheat to countries that need it the most.

On 8 September 2023, the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office partnered with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Children's Investment Fund Foundation to host a conference on global food security.<sup>2061</sup> The conference will be held in November 2023 and focus on using science and technology, collaborative policymaking, and innovation to prevent malnutrition and hunger considering global food security challenges such as conflict and climate change.

On 16 October 2023, the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office announced a partnership with the Access to Nutrition Initiative to combat global malnutrition.<sup>2062</sup> Their partnership involves the provision of a GBP2 million package that will aid the organization in conducting research on the healthiness and sustainability of the products of the world's largest food and drink companies. The organization's research will also study the impact of these companies on communities that are vulnerable to malnutrition.

On 18 October 2023, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs announced the provision of payments to farmers through the Sustainable Farming Incentive, which aimed to support environmental sustainability, farm resilience, and food production in the country's agricultural sector. This aims to reinforce the availability of nutritious, locally produced food throughout the UK, while supporting local farmers.

On 3 November 2023, the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology announced that it was providing GBP2 million to the Innovate for Food and Nutrition Security programme, to support innovation and technological development to promote health and nutrition in Southeast Asia.

On 20 November 2023, the UK, with the United Arab Emirates and Somalia, hosted the Global Food Security Summit in London.<sup>2063</sup> The summit aimed to address hunger and malnutrition by investing in UK funded science and technology as well as support solutions that prevent famine and wider food insecurity on the international level.

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<sup>2058</sup> Press release: School children and hospital patients set for higher quality food under new government plans, Crown Commercial Service (London) 1 August 2023. Access Date: 4 November 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/school-children-and-hospital-patients-set-for-higher-quality-food-under-new-government-plans>

<sup>2059</sup> £14 million to unlock agricultural innovation, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (London) 2 August 2023. Access Date: 4 November 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/14-million-to-unlock-agricultural-innovation>

<sup>2060</sup> PM announces support to alleviate global impact of Putin's weaponisation of Ukrainian grain, Prime Minister's Office (London) 8 September 2023. Access Date: 4 November 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-announces-support-to-alleviate-global-impact-of-putins-weaponisation-of-ukrainian-grain>

<sup>2061</sup> World news story: UK to host global summit to turn the dial on world hunger, British Embassy Mogadishu (Mogadishu) 8 September 2023. Access Date: 4 November 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-to-host-global-summit-to-turn-the-dial-on-world-hunger>

<sup>2062</sup> UK government urges big business to tackle global hunger, Government of UK (London) 16 October 2023. Access Date: 4 November 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-government-urges-big-business-to-tackle-global-hunger>

<sup>2063</sup> Global Food Security Summit: London 2023, Government of UK (London) 20 November 2023. Access Date: 12 December 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/global-food-security-summit-london-2023>

On 27 December 2023, the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office announced GBP66.7 million to the International Fund for Agricultural Development. This funding aims to support the use of renewable technology in farming, as well as food security for poverty-stricken, rural regions.<sup>2064</sup>

On 14 February 2024, Secretary of State for Scotland Alistair Jack announced GBP21 million to the Digital Dairy Farm, which supports the rural economy and local food production. This program supports the local economy as well as sustainability in food production.<sup>2065</sup>

On 20 February 2024, Prime Minister Sunak and Environment Secretary Steve Barclay announced a range of measures to support farmers and food producers. GBP427 million in grants were announced to be provided to farmers in the following financial year. Various schemes, such as the Improving Farming Productivity grant, which support farmers' technological and sustainable investments, were announced to be bolstered. A GBP15 million fund will also be introduced to aid farmers in the distribution of commercially ineligible food to tackle food waste and food insecurity. These programs will support the local economy, food security, and sustainability in farming.<sup>2066</sup>

On 1 March 2024, the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office concluded the ASEAN-UK Regional Training and Workshop on Engineering Biology at the British High Commission in Singapore. The workshop included sessions on engineering biology, its role in climate mitigation, its influence on nutrition and food security, and policy considerations. The event marks a key partnership between the Association of East Asian Nations and the United Kingdom on scientific and technological advancement to foster food security in the face of emerging threats such as climate change.<sup>2067</sup>

On 21 March 2024, the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero announced a GBP6 million fund for forest protection in Zambia. The fund seeks to battle rapid agricultural expansion and deforestation and support the rollout of sustainable agricultural practices that use resources efficiently, avoid excessive deforestation, and strengthen food security.<sup>2068</sup>

On 9 April 2024, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs announced changes to hemp licensing. These changes seek to support regulated farmers in growing hemp and encourage investment in the legal and regulated hemp industry. The crop has many uses and can be used by regulated farms to support the economic growth of local agriculture industries.<sup>2069</sup>

On 9 April 2024, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs opened the Farming Recovery Fund to support farmers who suffered uninsurable damage to their land due to flooding this winter. The Fund

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<sup>2064</sup> New funding for farmers feeding the world, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 27 December 2023. Access Date: 29 February 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-funding-for-farmers-feeding-the-world>

<sup>2065</sup> John Lamont puts focus on farming innovation on SW Scotland visit, Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland (London) 14 February 2024. Access Date: 29 February 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/john-lamont-puts-focus-on-farming-innovation-on-se-scotland-visit>

<sup>2066</sup> Thousands of applications made for Sustainable Farming Incentive, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (London) 14 February 2024. Access Date: 29 February 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/thousands-of-applications-made-for-sustainable-farming-incentive>

<sup>2067</sup> ASEAN-UK Regional Training and Workshop on Engineering Biology, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 28 March 2024. Access Date: 26 April 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/asean-uk-regional-training-and-workshop-on-engineering-biology>

<sup>2068</sup> UK protecting forests with £6 million boost for Zambia, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (London) 21 March 2024. Access Date: 26 April 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-protecting-forests-with-6-million-boost-for-zambia>

<sup>2069</sup> Hemp licensing changes will help grow UK economy, Home Office (London) 9 April 2024. Access Date: 26 April 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/hemp-licensing-changes-will-help-grow-uk-economy>

provides grants of between GBP500 and GBP25,000 to eligible farmers, and seeks to support agriculture and food security in the United Kingdom, particularly in rural areas.<sup>2070</sup>

On 22 April 2024, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs announced a GBP1.6 million fund to investigate different methods of water management for farmers. The policy aims to help build resilience into the water supply, support food production, and safeguard food security.<sup>2071</sup>

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to improving access to affordable healthy diets and safe and nutritious foods through increasing the availability, affordability and quality of malnutrition treatment and prevention products and services. The United Kingdom has taken strong action to alleviate food insecurity by investing in both global and domestic partnerships. In addition to this, it has also helped to support the nutrition of its own citizens, and promote sustainable, resilient agricultural development.

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

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

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to improving access to affordable healthy diets and safe and nutritious foods through increasing the availability, affordability and quality of malnutrition treatment and prevention products and services.

On 8 June 2023, Vice President Kamala Harris announced an additional USD53.7 million in humanitarian aid from the United States Agency for International Development's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (USAID/BHA) for the emergency crisis in Haiti to urgently address food insecurity, malnutrition and other concerns.<sup>2072</sup> This raised the contribution to more than USD110 million.

On 11 July 2023, the United States Congress approved the designation of June 2023 as National Dairy Month, recognizing the important role dairy plays in a healthy diet, including the vital role of dairy producers in the global food system.<sup>2073</sup>

On 21 July 2023, the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced USD10.7 million in investments for the expansion of the Healthy Food Financing Initiative.<sup>2074</sup> This funding is a part of the Biden Administration's series of investments that will aim to strengthen the food system and provide consumers with more accessible and affordable locally grown foods.

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<sup>2070</sup> Government opens fund to support farmers affected by flooding, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (London) 9 April 2024. Access Date: 26 April 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-opens-fund-to-support-farmers-affected-by-flooding>

<sup>2071</sup> Government launches fund to help farmers manage water resources, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (London) 22 April 2024. Access Date: 26 April 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-launches-fund-to-help-farmers-manage-water-resources>

<sup>2072</sup> Haiti – Complex Emergency, United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 15 June 2023. Access Date: 20 October 2023. [https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/2023-06/2023-06-15\\_USAID-BHA\\_Haiti\\_Complex\\_Emergency\\_Fact\\_Sheet\\_5.pdf](https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/2023-06/2023-06-15_USAID-BHA_Haiti_Complex_Emergency_Fact_Sheet_5.pdf)

<sup>2073</sup> S.Res.284 – A resolution expressing support for the designation of June 2023 as “National Dairy Month” to recognize the important role dairy plays in a healthy diet and the exceptional work of dairy producers in being stewards of the land and livestock, The United States Congress (Washington D.C.) 11 July 2023. Access Date: 20 October 2023. <https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/BILLS-118sres284ats>

<sup>2074</sup> Biden-Harris Administration Announces Investments in Urban Agriculture, Food and Market Access through President Biden's Investing in America Agenda, U.S. Department of Agriculture (Washington D.C.) 21 July 2023. Access Date: 12 December 2023. <https://www.fns.usda.gov/news-item/usda-0155.23>

On 10 September 2023, USAID/BHA launched a new project in the Mekong Delta to enhance its climate resistance.<sup>2075</sup> The USAID will invest USD11.41 million over two years, pending Congress approval, to support this region which is responsible for half of Vietnam's rice harvest and three quarters of its fruit, aquaculture and fisheries products.

On 20 September 2023, the United States pledged USD100 to the Vision for Adapted Crops and Soils initiative USD30 million for adapting crops, as well as USD70 million toward improving soil health.<sup>2076</sup> Additionally, the US collaborated with the International Fund for Agricultural Development, establishing a new-multi donor funding platform to enhance the financing of the development of improved seeds and soils.

On 27 September 2023, Senator John Fetterman introduced the bill Addressing Digestive Distress in Stomachs of Our Youth Act.<sup>2077</sup> This bill requires schools participating in the National School Lunch Program to offer a non-dairy beverage as a substitute for milk if requested by a student or their parent/guardian. This bill eliminates the need to require medical or special dietary reasons to request a substitute. Under this bill, schools will not pay additional costs if providing these substitutes exceed the covered reimbursement amounts.

On 21 October 2023, President Joe Biden announced that the first convoy of humanitarian assistance had crossed into Gaza and reached Palestinians in need, ensuring civilians have access to food, water, medical aid and other assistance.<sup>2078</sup> The US decision to work in partnership with Egypt and Israel will aim to ensure the continued movement of aid.

On 25 October 2023, the Biden administration proposed a budget of USD1.05 billion for an international food assistance response package.<sup>2079</sup> This package aims to address global food emergencies using food and produce grown by US farmers, along with USD5 million for the McGovern-Dole Food for Education which is designed to support school feeding and maternal and child nutrition projects globally.

On 22 December 2023, the Department of Agriculture promoted President Biden's investments in rural areas as having benefited farmers, families, and the community. Over 30,000 farmers and ranchers experiencing financial distress received loans to assist with agricultural operations, enabling them to maintain their farms. Additionally, the USDA supported nutrition programs, including school meals and food banks. The USDA expanded access to meals for students in various school districts, particularly in high-need areas, ensuring access to safe and healthy food options.<sup>2080</sup>

On 14 February 2024, the Biden administration announced plans to combat child food insecurity. The Department of Agriculture launched new programs targeting students in rural areas, introducing the Summer

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<sup>2075</sup> FACT SHEET: President Joseph R. Biden and General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong Announce the U.S.-Vietnam Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, The White House (Washington D.C.) 10 September 2023. Access Date: 20 October 2023.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/09/10/fact-sheet-president-joseph-r-biden-and-general-secretary-nguyen-phu-trong-announce-the-u-s-vietnam-comprehensive-strategic-partnership/>

<sup>2076</sup> Secretary Anthony J. Blinken at the Vision for Adapted Crops and Soils: Global Solutions for Food Security Event, The U.S. Department of State (New York) 20 September 2023. Access Date: 20 October 2023. <https://www.state.gov/secretary-antony-j-blinken-at-the-vision-for-adapted-crops-and-soils-global-solutions-for-food-security-event/>

<sup>2077</sup> S.2943 - Addressing Digestive Distress in Stomachs of Our Youth Act, The United States Congress (Washington D.C.) 27 September 2023. Access Date: 20 October 2023. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/2943?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%22food+diets%22%7D&s=2&r=20>

<sup>2078</sup> Statement from President Joe Biden on the Delivery of Humanitarian Aid to Gaza, The White House (Washington D.C.) 21 October 2023. Access Date: 30 October 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/10/21/statement-from-president-joe-biden-on-the-delivery-of-humanitarian-aid-to-gaza/>

<sup>2079</sup> Here's what's in the White House's \$56 billion domestic spending request, CNN (Washington D.C.) 25 October 2023. Access Date: 30 October 2023. <https://www.cnn.com/white-house-domestic-spending-request/index.html>

<sup>2080</sup> USDA Highlights 2023 Successes in Serving Farmers, Families, and Communities, U.S. Department of Agriculture (Washington D.C.) 23 December 2023. Access Date: 19 February 2024. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2023/12/22/usda-highlights-2023-successes-serving-farmers-families-and>

Electronic Benefit Transfer Program for Children, a grocery benefit for children, to address food insecurity and promote healthier diets by encouraging the consumption of more fruits, vegetables and whole grains.<sup>2081</sup>

On 27 February 2024, the Biden administration unveiled a series of partnerships to enhance nutrition, support food security, and address diet-related conditions. Ahold Delhaize USA, Blue Cross Blue Shield of North, Food Forward, Highmark Health and Allegheny Health Network, Homeplate Solutions and the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors committed resources totaling millions to reach communities across the nation. These initiatives reflect a comprehensive approach to tackling hunger, nutrition, and health disparities.<sup>2082</sup>

On 20 March 2024, Assistant Secretary for Population, Refugees and Migration Julieta Valls Noyes announced USD47 million in humanitarian assistance for emergency response efforts in Sudan, including Chad, South Sudan and neighbouring countries. This humanitarian assistance includes food, water, and other critical life-saving resources for millions of people affected by the conflict in Sudan.<sup>2083</sup>

On 12 April 2024, the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration and USAID provided over USD25 million in humanitarian funding to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the World Food Programme to assist refugees and asylum seekers in Uganda, providing food assistance and other aid to more than 1.6 million people affected by conflict and crises throughout the region.<sup>2084</sup>

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to improving access to affordable healthy diets and nutritious foods through increasing the availability, affordability and quality of malnutrition treatment and prevention products and services. It has demonstrated strong action globally and invested in humanitarian aid to alleviate malnutrition and hunger, aiming to increase equitable access to food, water and other essentials. It has also taken actions domestically to implement or enhance plans to support nutrition and address challenges related to food access, food production systems, sustainable development and agricultural demand.

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

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

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to improving access to affordable healthy diets and safe and nutritious foods through increasing the availability, affordability and quality of malnutrition treatment and prevention products and services.

On 1 June 2023, the European Commission's Financial Instrument for the Environment/L'Instrument Financier pour l'Environnement (LIFE) Programme contributed roughly EUR6.3 million to a sustainable

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<sup>2081</sup> FACT SHEET: Biden-Harris Administration Releases Annual Agency Equity Action Plans to Further Advance Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government, The White House (Washington D.C.) 14 February 2024. Access Date 19 April 2024. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2024/02/14/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-releases-annual-agency-equity-action-plans-to-further-advance-racial-equity-and-support-for-underserved-communities-through-the-federal-government/>

<sup>2082</sup> FACT SHEET: The Biden-Harris Administration Announces Nearly \$1.7 Billion in New Commitments Cultivated Through the White House Challenge to End Hunger and Build Healthy Communities, The White House (Washington D.C.) 27 February 2024. Access Date 19 April 2024. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2024/02/27/fact-sheet-the-biden-harris-administration-announces-nearly-1-7-billion-in-new-commitments-cultivated-through-the-white-house-challenge-to-end-hunger-and-build-healthy-communities/>

<sup>2083</sup> United States to Provide Additional Humanitarian Assistance to Sudanese People and Host Communities, US Department of State (New York City) 20 March 2024. Access Date: 19 April 2024. <https://www.state.gov/united-states-to-provide-additional-humanitarian-assistance-to-sudanese-people-and-host-communities/>

<sup>2084</sup> United States Provides More Than \$25 Million for Refugee Assistance in Uganda, US Department of State (New York City) 12 April 2024. Access Date: 19 April 2024. <https://www.state.gov/united-states-provides-more-than-25-million-for-refugee-assistance-in-uganda/>

aquaculture project.<sup>2085</sup> This project seeks to optimize aquaculture systems for fertilizer and biogas, creating a circular economy for stakeholders. As a result, the project serves to adapt fishing systems to overcome food production challenges from increased demand.

On 26 June 2023, the European Commission approved a support package of EUR100 million for farmers in Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria.<sup>2086</sup> The package is directed towards farmers who produce cereals and oilseeds, compensating for logistical issues stemming from the import of Ukrainian agricultural products.<sup>2087</sup> This package, which alleviates economic difficulties for agricultural production, improves the affordability of food products.

On 27 June 2023, the European Investment Bank signed a EUR50 million investment in the construction of a new port facility near the Port of Varna in Bulgaria.<sup>2088</sup> The port will be used for the storage, handling, and export of oil seed products and grain cereals, with the project seeking to address economic market failures and sustainable transport. The reduction of costs combined with investment in storage and processing in this project improves the affordability, availability, and quality of food in Bulgaria.

On 5 July 2023, the European Commission adopted a proposal for regulations on plants which were produced using certain genomic techniques.<sup>2089</sup> The proposal aims to maintain protections for health and the environment by introducing new regulatory measures for agricultural products. The proposal is part of the EU's Farm to Fork strategy, which is poised to achieve a sustainable food system transition, notably seeking to improve food security and public health by ensuring access to nutritious and sustainable food.<sup>2090</sup> The proposal's intention to protect human health alongside its regulatory goals seeks to improve the quality and safety of food.

On 18 July 2023, the European Investment Bank signed a EUR20 million loan to support an agricultural project in Madagascar.<sup>2091</sup> The project, supported by social enterprise Sahanala, seeks to promote mechanisation alongside traditional agricultural practices to improve producer revenues and living conditions. The scope of the loan covers the affordability, availability, and quality of food by investing in the efficiency and processing within food systems in Madagascar.

On 19 July 2023, the European Investment Bank signed a EUR15 million investment to develop and enhance the digital marketplace CrowdFarming, which allows farmers to sell directly to consumers.<sup>2092</sup> The investment seeks to improve user experiences and develop logistics support. Improvement in accessible and direct marketplaces for farmers improves the availability of food for consumers.

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<sup>2085</sup> From salmon sludge and manure to fertiliser: a circular economy around land-based salmon farming, European Commission (Brussels) n.d. Access Date: 1 December 2023. <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/life/publicWebsite/project/LIFE22-ENV-IS-TERRAFORMING-LIFE-101113811/from-salmon-sludge-and-manure-to-fertiliser-a-circular-economy-around-land-based-salmon-farming>

<sup>2086</sup> €430 million of EU funds to support the EU agricultural sector, European Commission (Brussels) 26 June 2023. Access Date: 4 November 2023. [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP\\_23\\_3189](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_23_3189)

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<sup>2088</sup> Oliva Grain Port Terminal, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 13 June 2023. Access Date: 4 November 2023. <https://www.eib.org/en/projects/pipelines/all/20210337>

<sup>2089</sup> New techniques in biotechnology, European Commission (Brussels) 5 July 2023. Access Date: 1 December 2023. [https://food.ec.europa.eu/plants/genetically-modified-organisms/new-techniques-biotechnology\\_en](https://food.ec.europa.eu/plants/genetically-modified-organisms/new-techniques-biotechnology_en)

<sup>2090</sup> Farm to Fork strategy, European Commission (Brussels) n.d. Access Date: 4 November 2023. [https://food.ec.europa.eu/horizontal-topics/farm-fork-strategy\\_en](https://food.ec.europa.eu/horizontal-topics/farm-fork-strategy_en)

<sup>2091</sup> Madagascar: Boost for farmers, fishers and food security with €20 million EIB loan for Sahanala initiative, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 18 July 2023. Access Date: 28 November 2023.

<sup>2092</sup> Crowdfarming (IEU G), European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 27 October 2023. Access Date: 4 November 2023. <https://www.eib.org/en/projects/pipelines/all/20220630>

On 18 August 2023, the European Investment Bank signed a EUR40 million investment in the development of the poultry sector through a project developed in the Netherlands.<sup>2093</sup> The investment finances the development of technology which notably monitors the health of eggs and chicks to improve quality and decrease waste. The project, which aligns with the EU's Farm to Fork strategy, also seeks to increase the productivity of the poultry sector. The improvement of industry productivity and quality improves the overall availability and quality of food.

On 1 September 2023, the European Commission's LIFE Programme contributed roughly EUR1.2 million to CROPS4LIFE, an initiative focused on reducing the climate footprint of agriculture and food systems in Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain.<sup>2094</sup> This initiative seeks to act on farming adaptations to climate change, training within the farming profession, food supply chains and adaptive governance to improve agricultural outcomes. Notably, the initiative's goal of influencing food choices towards locally produced products can improve the availability and quality of food for consumers.

On 6 September 2023, the European Investment Bank released a proposal loan of EUR400 million to "co-finance investment schemes supported by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development...within the Hungarian Common Agricultural Policy Strategic Plan."<sup>2095</sup> The proposal aims to target farming in rural areas for sustainable development. Additionally, the loan seeks to support investments in agriculture and processing. The investment's goal to support sustainable development in farming, agriculture, and processing improves the availability and quality of food in Hungary.

On 11 October 2023, the European Union Humanitarian Aid Department contributed EUR2.5 million to the United Nations Children's Fund in Haiti to address child wasting.<sup>2096</sup> Funding will target malnutrition by supporting access to nutrition services and improved nutrition. The contribution's impact on improving nutrition among children in Haiti with the provision of Ready-to-use Therapeutic Products and other supplies improves the availability and quality of food.

On 20 October 2023, the European Union contributed EUR9.9 million to the World Food Programme in support of primary school students in Afghanistan for over two years.<sup>2097</sup> The funding allows the provision of nutritious food to children, notably locally produced fortified biscuits and vegetable oil. The specific provision of specialized foods to prevent malnutrition improves access and quality of food in Afghanistan.

On 22 October 2023, the European Investment Bank signed a EUR150 million loan to support climate action projects which facilitate agricultural production adaptation in Argentina.<sup>2098</sup> The loan seeks to develop the agricultural sector and improve the quality and access to new markets, thereby improving the availability of agricultural products.

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<sup>2093</sup> In Ovo (IEU GT), European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 4 May 2023. Access Date: 4 November 2023.

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<sup>2094</sup> Carbon Removal governance Outline and Periurban agriculture for Sustainable food system, European Commission (Brussels) n.d. Access Date: 1 December 2023. <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/life/publicWebsite/project/LIFE22-ENV-IS-TERRAFORMING-LIFE-101113811/from-salmon-sludge-and-manure-to-fertiliser-a-circular-economy-around-land-based-salmon-farming>

<sup>2095</sup> Rural Development 2023-27 HU, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 6 September 2023. Access Date: 4 November 2023. <https://www.eib.org/en/projects/pipelines/all/20230221>

<sup>2096</sup> The EU Humanitarian Aid provided 2.5 million euros to combat child malnutrition in Haiti., UNICEF Haiti (Port-au-Prince) 11 October 2023. Access Date: 4 November 2023. <https://www.unicef.org/haiti/communiqu%C3%A9s-de-presse/eu-humanitarian-aid-provided-25-million-euros-combat-child-malnutrition-haiti>

<sup>2097</sup> The EU supports school feeding in Afghanistan for nearly 2 million girls and boys in primary school, World Food Programme (Kabul) 20 October 2023. Access Date: 4 November 2023. <https://www.wfp.org/news/eu-supports-school-feeding-afghanistan-nearly-2-million-girls-and-boys-primary-school>

<sup>2098</sup> AR-Provincial Agricultural Services Programme FL, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 27 June 2023. Access Date: 4 November 2023. <https://www.eib.org/en/projects/pipelines/all/20230168>

On 7 November 2023, the European Investment Bank approved a EUR28 million investment in sustainable aquaculture infrastructure.<sup>2099</sup> This funding will support a recirculating aquaculture system with a processing facility for arctic char, which aims to have minimal environmental impact. The project will expand current infrastructure in food production and processing, thereby increasing food availability and quality.

On 23 November 2023, the European Union contributed EUR1 million to the World Trade Organization's Fisheries Funding Mechanism which assists least-developed states to implement the organization's Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies.<sup>2100</sup> Funding will help to improve the sustainability of fisheries and protect the health of oceans. The protection of marine stock and improved sustainable practices will help to improve the availability and quality of aquaculture food products.

On 24 November 2023, the European Union contributed EUR19 million in support of regional food security in the Caribbean.<sup>2101</sup> The contribution helps launch a programme that will enhance food system practices and processing, while improving access to nutritious diets for the region. The funding will also target investment for development in agriculture and fishery sectors, while addressing food objectives in sustainability, innovation, distribution, efficiency and equity. The contribution's ability to comprehensively address sector development improves regional food security through increased food availability, affordability and quality.

On 8 December 2023, the European Commission announced the provision of EUR125 million in humanitarian aid for the people of Palestine.<sup>2102</sup> The funding will focus on restoring access to food and other basic needs. Moreover, the funding will support the work of various humanitarian organizations in the area. This funding increases the availability and access to food, while providing nutrition assistance.

On 21 December 2023, the European Commission allocated EUR2.6 million in humanitarian assistance for Malian refugees in Mauritania.<sup>2103</sup> This funding is poised to strengthen responses to the needs of the displaced for food assistance, by supporting the World Food Programme, Action Contre la Faim and logistics through the UN Humanitarian Air Service. This allocation increases the availability and access to food and acts to prevent malnutrition in the region.

On 22 December 2023, the European Investment Bank signed funding worth EUR35 million for a food processing plant in Bulgaria.<sup>2104</sup> The project, which seeks to construct and operate an edible oil processing plant, increases infrastructure for food handling and processing, while increasing the production and access to food.

On 8 January 2024, the European Investment Bank approved a grant of EUR4 million for a risk-sharing facility with the Zambia Industrial Commercial Bank.<sup>2105</sup> This financial support increases access for enterprises to finance agriculture value chain projects, which increases the accessibility of food.

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<sup>2099</sup> Cold Lake Sustainable Arctic Char (IEU GT), European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 9 November 2023. Access Date: 1 December 2023. <https://www.eib.org/en/projects/pipelines/all/20230217>

<sup>2100</sup> EU donates EUR 1 million to WTO Fisheries Funding Mechanism, World Trade Organization (Geneva) 23 November 2023. Access Date: 1 December 2023. [https://www.wto.org/english/news\\_e/pres23\\_e/pr940\\_e.htm](https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/pres23_e/pr940_e.htm)

<sup>2101</sup> Global Gateway: EU launches regional food security programme for the Caribbean to boost agriculture and fisheries sectors, European Commission (Brussels) 24 November 2023. Access Date: 1 December 2023. [https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/news-and-events/news/global-gateway-eu-launches-regional-food-security-programme-caribbean-boost-agriculture-and-2023-11-24\\_en](https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/news-and-events/news/global-gateway-eu-launches-regional-food-security-programme-caribbean-boost-agriculture-and-2023-11-24_en)

<sup>2102</sup> EU announces €125 million in initial humanitarian aid for Palestinians for 2024, European Commission (Brussels) 8 December 2023. Access Date: 1 March 2024. [https://neighbourhood-enlargement.ec.europa.eu/news/eu-announces-eu125-million-initial-humanitarian-aid-palestinians-2024-2023-12-08\\_en](https://neighbourhood-enlargement.ec.europa.eu/news/eu-announces-eu125-million-initial-humanitarian-aid-palestinians-2024-2023-12-08_en)

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<sup>2104</sup> Agria Food Production Capacity, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 22 December 2023. Access Date: March 1 2024. <https://www.eib.org/en/projects/all/20230165>

<sup>2105</sup> Zambia Agriculture – RSF ZICB, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 8 January 2024. Access Date: 1 March 2024. <https://www.eib.org/en/projects/pipelines/all/20230543>

On 31 January 2024, the European Commission announced funding of EUR45 million in humanitarian aid for Chad, as a part of a larger allocation of EUR117 million in general aid to Chad and Sudan.<sup>2106</sup> This funding seeks to address needs for refugees, the internally displaced, and most notably, members of the population who are facing the threat of starvation and malnutrition. The provision of food and nutrition aid increases food availability and directly impacts the quality of nutrition treatment and prevention.

On 31 January 2024, the European Commission allocated over EUR18 million in humanitarian aid to address urgent needs from the people of Myanmar.<sup>2107</sup> This allocation, which provides food assistance to the region, acts to prevent malnutrition by increasing food access.

On 13 February 2024, the European Commission allocated EUR5.5 million in humanitarian aid to support displaced Armenians in the Nagorno-Karabakh region.<sup>2108</sup> This allocation supports access to food and increases food availability to prevent malnutrition in Armenia.

On 13 March 2024, the European Commission allocated EUR20 million in humanitarian aid to Haiti.<sup>2109</sup> This allocation includes support for food assistance and nutrition amidst increasing humanitarian needs in the country. This assistance will increase the availability and quality of food and directly involves the provision of malnutrition treatment and prevention.

On 13 March 2024, the European Commission allocated EUR70 million in humanitarian aid to the African Great Lakes region.<sup>2110</sup> Assistance will be focused on the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Burundi, ensuring support of food security among civilians. This assistance will increase the availability of food in the region.

On 11 April 2024, The European Investment Fund committed EUR40 million with the goal to help make Europe's food system fairer to farmers and contribute to implementing a sustainable agri-food system in Europe.<sup>2111</sup> This investment supports small and medium-sized businesses by enhancing sustainable production which will contribute to food security.

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to improving access to affordable healthy diets and safe and nutritious foods through increasing the availability, affordability and quality of malnutrition treatment and prevention products and services. The European Union has improved supports for farmers and logistics through investments. Funding has also further developed food systems, specifically in processing and the usage of new technology. On the global level, the European Union has contributed to humanitarian aid

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<sup>2107</sup> EU approves over €19 million in humanitarian aid for Myanmar in 2024, European Commission (Brussels) 31 January 2024. Access Date: 1 March 2024. [https://civil-protection-humanitarian-aid.ec.europa.eu/news-stories/news/eu-approves-over-eu19-million-humanitarian-aid-myanmar-2024-2024-01-31\\_en](https://civil-protection-humanitarian-aid.ec.europa.eu/news-stories/news/eu-approves-over-eu19-million-humanitarian-aid-myanmar-2024-2024-01-31_en)

<sup>2108</sup> EU Increases humanitarian aid to displaced Karabakh Armenians with €5.5 million, European Commission (Brussels) 13 February 2024. Access Date: 1 March 2024. [https://civil-protection-humanitarian-aid.ec.europa.eu/news-stories/news/eu-increases-humanitarian-aid-displaced-karabakh-armenians-eu55-million-2024-02-13\\_ena](https://civil-protection-humanitarian-aid.ec.europa.eu/news-stories/news/eu-increases-humanitarian-aid-displaced-karabakh-armenians-eu55-million-2024-02-13_ena)

<sup>2109</sup> EU allocates €20 million in emergency humanitarian aid to Haiti, European Commission (Brussels) 13 March 2024. Access Date: 25 April 2024. [https://civil-protection-humanitarian-aid.ec.europa.eu/news-stories/news/eu-allocates-eu20-million-emergency-humanitarian-aid-haiti-2024-03-13\\_en](https://civil-protection-humanitarian-aid.ec.europa.eu/news-stories/news/eu-allocates-eu20-million-emergency-humanitarian-aid-haiti-2024-03-13_en)

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efforts around the world and has helped with the provision of direct malnutrition prevention and therapy, increasing the general availability of quality nutrition for those who need it.

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

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