

Following the Funding: Nutrition for Growth

Investing in Nutrition

In 2012, the World Health Assembly endorsed global targets to improve maternal and child nutrition by 2025—an ambitious vision now reflected in the Sustainable Development Goals. The 2013 Nutrition for Growth (N4G) event—where donors pledged US \$4.15 billion for nutrition-specific and \$19 billion for nutrition-sensitive programs—was an essential step on the long-neglected road to support country-owned efforts to improve child nutrition.

ACTION's scorecard tracks the ambition and delivery of N4G commitments, providing a baseline measurement for future pledge delivery and a progress report for donors who set earlier deadlines. Consistent and accessible reporting is essential for tracking to be accurate and meaningful. While these commitments are critical to meeting global targets, they are indicators for global progress rather than an exhaustive list of funding.

In 2016, we learned that an additional investment of \$7 billion each year is needed to achieve four out of the six global targets, on top of current levels of spending.[†] This financial gap must be bridged by national governments, donors, and other stakeholders/mechanisms.

Overall, it is clear that donors must meet existing commitments and also considerably increase nutrition investments to meet globally agreed targets.

[†] Shekar M et al. (2016). *Investing in Nutrition: The Foundation for Development*. Retrieved from <http://thousanddays.org/resource/investing-in-nutrition/>

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| Australia | \$32 (2013–2017) | \$27 (2013–2017) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Pledge through 2020 ✓ Increase above baseline (USD 100m above baseline) ✓ Financial pledge included? ✓ Nutrition-specific funding | \$17.79 | \$20.85 | \$74.71 | \$87.60 | On track to meet its unambitious 2013 commitments, Australia is encouraged to increase its nutrition-specific spending to AUD 30 million in the 2016–17 financial year, and to AUD 60 million by 2019–2020. |
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Analysis:

At the 2013 Nutrition for Growth Summit, Australia pledged only an additional USD 12 million over 4 years. With disbursements of **USD 17.79m** and **USD 20.85m** (AUD 23.1 million) to nutrition specific in 2013 and 2014 respectively, this unambitious pledge appears to be on track. However, new investments in the next four years are needed to match the priority for nutrition as a health measure set out in the Australian Health for Development Strategy 2015–2020. This strategy recognizes investments in nutrition as crucial to improving health outcomes, and thus should lead to increased resources mobilized for nutrition. Disbursements of **USD 74.71m** and **USD 87.60m** for nutrition-sensitive in 2013 and 2014 are in addition to the 2013 N4G commitment by Australia. Measurement of impact of nutrition-sensitive spending is crucial to maximize outcomes and drive progress on global nutrition targets.

Full N4G commitment text:

"Australia is committed to take action on nutrition in collaboration with our development partners. To further this aim Australia will join the Scaling up Nutrition Movement, and as outlined in Australia's recent budget announcements, will provide an extra AUD \$40 million, over four years, to support a new initiative to help more than one million people in the Asia-Pacific to better access food and improved nutrition."

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| Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation | \$492 (2013–2020) | \$370.70 (2013–2020) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Pledge through 2020 ✓ Increase above baseline (USD 12m increase contribution; baseline calculated across pledge period) ✓ Financial pledge ✓ Nutrition-specific funding | \$83.53 | \$61.70 | 43.50 | \$29.20 | The Gates Foundation is on track for its nutrition specific commitments, but should accelerate disbursement of its nutrition-sensitive pledge. It should also assess the nutrition impact of these investments. |
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Analysis:

Maintaining current levels of nutrition specific spending, **USD 83.53m** in 2013 and **USD 61.70m** in 2014 will help the Gates Foundation deliver its nutrition-specific pledge by 2020, thus scaling up high impact nutrition interventions. However, we recommend raising the current levels of nutrition sensitive spending (**USD 43.50m** in 2013 and **USD 29.20m** in 2014) to improve nutrition outcomes through integrated and cross-sectoral efforts. The new nutrition strategy launched in 2015 with a commitment to double nutrition investments to USD 776.00m over 2015–2020, and the focus on strengthening data is very encouraging. The Foundation can help drive a conversation around nutrition-sensitive agriculture and measurement of impact of nutrition-sensitive interventions, and encourage others to do the same at the 2016–2017 N4G summit.

Full N4G commitment text:

"Between now and 2020, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will invest USD \$862.7 million in nutrition specific and nutrition sensitive programs. Of this, USD \$492 million will be spent on nutrition specific interventions. This includes a commitment of USD \$100 million over and above our 2010 spending levels for nutrition and towards the goal of the Nutrition for Growth event. As part of this pledge:

- We are making a multi-year commitment to scale up investment in breastfeeding. Within this total pledge, we commit to invest USD \$20 million of our nutrition budget to support increases in coverage and impact of optimal breastfeeding and complementary feeding practices over the next 5 years.
- We will expand our commitment to scientific research to understand the determinants of fetal growth restriction and stunting and to develop, test, and where appropriate learn how to scale new interventions to address these conditions. By 2015, 40% of our core nutrition budget will be focused on this. Our investment in nutrition sensitive agriculture programs will total USD \$370.7 million between 2013–2020, of which USD \$308.3 million is over and above our 2010 spending levels. This includes significant investments in livestock that we anticipate will contribute to improved nutritional outcomes."

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| Canada | \$141 (no timeline) | \$0 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Pledge through 2020 ✗ Increase above baseline ✓ Financial pledge ✓ Nutrition-specific funding | \$169.35 | \$159.30 | -- | \$998.30 | Canada has delivered its investments from the Muskoka initiative. At the 2016–2017 N4G summit, Canada should make a bold new pledge that will help further its leadership on improving the health and nutrition of women and girls. |
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Analysis:

Canada made no new pledge at the 2013 Nutrition for Growth summit, whilst re-announcing **USD 141.00m (CAD 145m)** for programming from its Muskoka Initiative. In 2014, Canada pledged an additional CAD 3.5bn over 2015–2020 for improving maternal, newborn, and child health globally, which also encompasses nutrition interventions. Investments of **USD 169.35m** in 2013 and **USD 159.30m** in 2014 reflect ongoing support for nutrition. Through the G7, Canada is committed to lifting 500 million people out of hunger and malnutrition by 2030 and has also confirmed support to the momentum of N4G. Through increased and improved nutrition investments, Canada will be able to deliver improved outcomes in reproductive rights and health care for women and girls, and benefit the most vulnerable. This will also further progress on Canada's Agenda 2030 for International Development. Canada should also leverage its unique position as a key donor for nutrition to catalyze additional pledges from other donors and development partners.

Full N4G commitment text:

"Canada is a global leader on nutrition and is pleased that others are also now increasing their attention and commitments to this critical issue. In 2010, Canada announced the Muskoka Initiative, and made nutrition one of three key paths to improve the health of mothers and children. On June 8, Canada is reiterating its strong commitment to nutrition and is announcing a package of new initiatives totaling CAD \$145 million (USD \$141 million) to support countries to scale up evidence based nutrition interventions and measure what has been achieved. Canada has also signed the Global Nutrition for Growth Compact which outlines the commitments, action, and accountability for resources and results required from all stakeholders to address undernutrition."

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| Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF) | \$793 (2013–2020) | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Pledge through 2020 ✓ Increase above baseline (USD 758m above baseline) ✓ Financial pledge ✓ Nutrition-specific funding | \$37.48 | \$26.75 | \$0.85 | \$0.15 | CIFF is encouraged to increase nutrition spending to at least USD 120m per year for the remaining duration of the pledge. It is also encouraged to mobilize new resources for nutrition to accelerate progress towards the global nutrition targets. |
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Analysis:

At current levels of spending (**USD 37.48m** in 2013, and **USD 26.75m** in 2014) CIFF is likely to fall behind its 2013 Nutrition for Growth commitments. An ambitious nutrition strategy released in 2014 with a focus on achieving significant reductions in stunting and wasting requires more rapid disbursements for nutrition programming to help meet its set objectives. CIFF fulfilled its pledge to develop a new catalytic financing facility, the Power of Nutrition, which has made its first USD 20m investment for improving nutrition in Tanzania in 2015. As a 2013 co-host for the N4G summit, CIFF is encouraged to rapidly disburse its existing pledge, and make further ambitious commitments at the new 2016–2017 N4G summit.

Full N4G commitment text:

“The Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF) is currently investing in a number of key ways to address undernutrition, and has over the last year committed over USD \$90 million. Today, CIFF commits up to a further USD \$700 million to address undernutrition, totaling USD \$793 million over the period 2013-2020. The large majority of this will be focused on nutrition-specific interventions. This is a historic and transformational commitment for CIFF, because of the importance and urgency we attach to addressing immediately and seriously the continued obscenity of undernutrition of children in developing countries. We intend to use this finance to support partnerships with those countries which are demonstrating political commitment and leadership, shared responsibility with credible plans which are implementing at scale, and transparently measuring progress and results. CIFF also intends to develop, together with DFID and the UBS Optimus Foundation a new catalytic financing facility for nutrition that will aim to attract and incentivize new private and philanthropic funds, alongside increased domestic budgets, to accelerate the scaling up of prioritized high impact nutrition programs in partner countries.”

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| European Union | \$533 (2014–2020) | \$4,032 (2014–2020) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Pledge through 2020 ✓ Increase above baseline (increased contribution of USD 442m from 2014-2020) ✓ Financial pledge ✓ Nutrition-specific funding | \$47.25 | \$110.35 | \$530.41 | \$570.89 | The EU should pledge an additional EUR 1bn to nutrition-specific interventions for the period 2016–2020. |
| | | | AMBITIOUS | PROGRESS IN DANGER | ON TRACK | PROGRESS IN DANGER | ON TRACK | |

Analysis:

The EU pledged a hugely significant **EUR 3.50bn** to nutrition over 2014–2020, of which **USD 442.00m (EUR 340m)** was additional to baseline spending for nutrition-specific interventions. With nutrition-specific disbursements having increased from 2013 (**USD 47.25m**) to 2014 (**USD 110.36m**), the EU is now on track for its N4G 2013 nutrition-specific pledge, but the EU will have to maintain higher spending levels to be able to meet its pledge. Nutrition-sensitive disbursements of **USD 184.48m** in development and **USD 345.93m** in humanitarian aid for nutrition in 2013 and **USD 570.89m** in 2014 are encouraging, but they need to be increased slightly to meet the 2013 nutrition-sensitive commitments. It is suggested that the EU makes a meaningful contribution to improving nutrition outcomes and meeting the WHA targets through increased investments in nutrition-specific interventions over its existing commitments. The EU's spending on nutrition-specific programs still remains very low as a share of its development assistance, which is currently at 0.60 percent of EU ODA.

Full N4G commitment text:

“Without prejudice to the finalization of the on-going discussions between the European Parliament and the Council on the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2014-2020, the European Union will commit as much as EUR €410 million (USD \$533 million) for nutrition specific interventions between 2014-2020, of which EUR €340 million (USD \$442 million) is additional to what would have been spent if 2009-2012 average levels of payment in nutrition specific interventions had been maintained between 2013-2020. The European Union also commits to spend as much as EUR €3.1 billion (USD \$4.03 billion) for nutrition sensitive programs between 2014-2020.”

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| France | See analysis | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> × Pledged through 2020 × Increase above baseline ✓ Financial pledge included × Nutrition-specific funding | \$2.61 | \$6.00 | \$33.59 | No data | France should further increase nutrition investments, and a starting point would be to commit EUR 500m in new investments over 5 years (2016–2020), which includes EUR 200m for nutrition-specific interventions. |
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Analysis:

Lacking any financial targets, France’s N4G pledge was weak. Although nutrition-specific disbursements have increased from **USD 2.61m** (2013) to **USD 6.00m** (2014), these are not comparable to the level of investments required to tackle the scale of global malnutrition and are too low to meet internationally agreed nutrition targets. Nutrition-sensitive investments of **USD 33.60m** in 2013 need to be increased significantly to improve nutrition impact. France did not report nutrition-sensitive funding for 2014, indicating a need for improved methodology and accountability systems for nutrition. At the start of 2015, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs began developing a nutrition roadmap to improve accountability and integration of nutrition in development policy, which will be launched at the end of 2016. Unfortunately, this plan is not linked to any financial commitment, but the 2016–2017 N4G summit presents an opportunity to launch this roadmap with adequate finances to help achieve set objectives.

Full N4G commitment text:

“At the crossroads between several development policies, including health and food security, nutrition is a key element to achieve the internationally agreed development goals. France is committed to addressing the challenge of tackling undernutrition:

- Nutrition is a mainstream objective of the newly adopted intervention strategic framework of the Agence Française de Développement on food security in Sub-Saharan Africa (2013-2016).
- France puts emphasis on nutrition programs in the framework of its food assistance (up to 50% of the allocated amount).

France decided in 2013 to allocate a share of the revenues of its tax on international transaction to improve child health in Sahel, including the financing of nutrition-related healthcare.”

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| Germany | \$293 (2013-2020) | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Pledge through 2020 ✓ Increase above baseline (increased contribution of USD 65m, 2013-2020) ✓ Financial pledge included? ✗ Nutrition-specific funding | \$35.67 | \$50.57 | \$20.64 | \$51.55 | While Germany is on track to deliver its aggregated pledge, to keep pace with global ambition, it should commit an additional EUR 300m over 2016–2020; of which EUR 100m should be invested in nutrition-specific programs. |
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Analysis:

Germany committed to a total of USD 260m (EUR 200m) additional funding for nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive interventions from 2013–2020, alongside committing to focus on women’s empowerment, partnerships with business, science, and foundations. It also committed to create a transparently monitored framework for food and nutrition security, but there has not been any update on this and the monitoring process. Nutrition-specific disbursements of **USD 35.67m** (2013) and **USD 50.57m** (2014), with nutrition-sensitive disbursements of **USD 20.64m** (2013) and **USD 51.55m** (2014), are above the average needed to deliver Germany’s pledge. Additionally, under the “One World, No Hunger” initiative, Germany announced an impressive EUR 1.5bn a year to fight hunger by 2030. Stronger accountability for these investments would help accelerate positive outcomes in tackling hunger and malnutrition.

Full N4G commitment text:

“The Government of Germany will commit a total of EUR €200 million (USD \$260 million) additional funding for nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive interventions between 2013-2020. Germany will implement this financial commitment in the context of: 1) a strong focus on women’s empowerment, 2) building new partnerships with business, science and foundations, and 3) a strong strategic framework for food and nutrition security that will be monitored transparently.”

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| Ireland | \$169 (EUR 130) (2013–2020) | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Pledge through 2020 ✓ Increase above baseline (increased contribution of USD 55m from 2013-2020) ✓ Financial pledge included ✓ Nutrition-specific funding | \$10.78 | EUR 15.00 | \$48.33 | EUR 44.00 | Ireland should use the opportunity of the 2016–2017 N4G summit in to publish its timetable and action plan until 2020. On track for its 2013 commitments, Ireland should reinforce its support for this issue through a new ambitious commitment, particularly around nutrition-sensitive programs. This would be in line with its intent and demonstrated leadership to contribute to reducing global hunger and undernutrition. |
| | | | AMBITIOUS | ON TRACK | ON TRACK | ON TRACK | ON TRACK | |

Analysis:

Ireland pledged USD 169m (EUR 130m) for nutrition-specific and -sensitive programs without specifying the breakdown for each, on top of a 2010 baseline of USD 42m (EUR 32m). Ireland disbursed **USD 10.78m** in 2013 and **EUR 15.00m** in 2014 on nutrition-specific programs. Nutrition-sensitive investments equaled **USD 48.33m** in 2013 and **EUR 44.00m** in 2014. This level of investment is well ahead of the annual average needed to deliver its overall 2013 commitments, though disaggregated progress ratings are not possible. Ireland continues to meet its target of spending at least 20 percent of all ODA on hunger, and prioritizing addressing hunger and maternal, infant, and child undernutrition, with a particular focus on the first 1,000 days. Ireland is encouraged to make a further commitment at the 2016–2017 N4G summit, to both, nutrition-specific and -sensitive programs, so as to demonstrate continued support for reducing global hunger and undernutrition.

Full N4G commitment text:

"The Government of Ireland pledges to double its nutrition efforts over the next eight years from 2013 to 2020. By doubling our expenditure on nutrition, we will commit an additional USD \$169 million (EUR €130 million) over this eight-year period for nutrition specific and nutrition sensitive programs and interventions. The Government of Ireland's 2008 Hunger Task Force Report is the framework which continues to guide Ireland's response to addressing global hunger and undernutrition, in particular by; promoting governance and leadership action to reduce global hunger and undernutrition at both national and international level; helping poor smallholder and women farmers in Africa to

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increase their productivity; and targeting undernutrition in mothers and children. Ireland's new policy for international development, 'One World, One Future', launched in May 2013, confirms that Ireland will continue to use the 2008 Hunger Task Force as its guiding framework in its efforts to address hunger and under-nutrition. The new policy also provides that Ireland will continue to champion the Scaling Up Nutrition Movement and that we will prioritize addressing maternal, infant and child under-nutrition to prevent stunting, with a particular focus on the first 1,000 days of a child's life from pregnancy to the age of two."

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| Japan | See analysis | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Pledge through 2020 ✗ Increase above baseline ✓ Financial pledge included ✗ Nutrition-specific funding | \$109.29 [‡] | \$60.54 | † | No data | As a member of the International Committee for N4G, Japan should make a bold commitment of USD 1bn to nutrition over 2016–2020 and outline clear measures of accountability for these investments. |
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Analysis:

In 2013, Japan pledged USD 500m in health ODA from 2013 to 2017. This commitment lapses in the coming year. It also committed USD 100m through the World Bank, including assistance to address undernutrition. Japan disbursed **USD 109.29m** in 2013 and **USD 60.53m** in 2014 to nutrition. A progress rating is not possible due to lack of clarity in the original pledge. Civil society in Japan is calling on the government to double its annual spending on nutrition from baseline 2013 figures, to a total of USD 1.0bn during 2016–2020, and adopt the SUN accountability framework in tracking nutrition-specific and -sensitive investments to improve accountability for its investments. At the 2016 G7 summit in Japan, member states released their “Vision for Action on Food Security and Nutrition,” which includes recognition of a 2016 N4G summit as an important opportunity to advance the global nutrition agenda and to fulfill the “Elmau” target of lifting 500 million out of hunger and malnutrition by 2030. In August 2016, Japan will announce a new commitment to food security and nutrition initiatives in African countries at the Tokyo International Conference on African Development. This announcement will demonstrate Japan’s commitment to the issue; but must come with an accompanying financial pledge.

Full N4G commitment text:

“Japan commits to:

- Endorsing the Global Nutrition for Growth Compact
- Japan’s Strategy on Global Health Diplomacy and its policy relevance with nutrition.
- Announcements from TICAD V, i.e. US\$ 500 million over the next 5 years in health and US\$ 100 million over the same period through the World Bank including assistance to address undernutrition in the context of maternal and child health.
- Introduce ongoing public-private partnership in India, Bangladesh and Ghana, with particular focus on Ghana’s trilateral partnership between JICA, Ajinomoto and USAID.
- Multilateral partnership including SUN and with WFP.”

[‡] Indicates an aggregate disbursement

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| The Netherlands | \$195 (2013-2020) | \$195 (2013-2020) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Pledge through 2020 ✓ Increase above baseline (increased contribution of USD 171m) ✓ Financial pledge included ✓ Nutrition-specific funding | \$20.13 | \$25.03 | \$21.62 | \$18.27 | The Netherlands should provide an update on progress against its commitments to nutrition, including the recent announcement of additional EUR 5m per year. It should also provide an update on the implementation of its 2014 food and nutrition security strategy, and report the impact of nutrition investments. |
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Analysis:

The Netherlands disbursed **USD 20.13m** (2013) and **USD 25.03m** (2014) to nutrition-specific programs. Investments in nutrition-sensitive programs marginally decreased from **USD 21.62m** in 2013 to **USD 18.27m** in 2014. The pledge to increase nutrition spending by an additional EUR 5m per year is very encouraging. The rates of nutrition-specific and -sensitive disbursements will have to increase to deliver its overall commitments. The Netherlands should now provide an update on actual disbursements and their impact, as well as how it plans to further implement the 2014 food and nutrition security strategy. Furthermore, it should leverage its position as an important nutrition donor to increase international spending on nutrition.

Full N4G commitment text:

"The Government of the Netherlands will commit a total of USD \$195 million (EUR €150 million) for nutrition specific interventions 2013-2020, of which USD \$171 million (EUR €132 million) is additional to 2010 levels of investment. We also commit to spend USD \$195 million (EUR €150 million) for nutrition sensitive programs, 2013-2020. These investments will be focused in the following countries: Afghanistan, Burundi, Mali, the Palestinian Territories, Rwanda, South Sudan, Bangladesh, Benin, Ethiopia, Ghana, Indonesia, Kenya, Mozambique and Uganda. Our investments will work within the principles laid down in the Paris Declaration, Accra Agenda for Action and Busan Declaration to ensure that interventions are aligned to support the implementation of the national nutrition plans under the SUN movement. We pursue a multi-sectoral approach with close cooperation between government, knowledge institutions, civil society and the private sector (the Dutch Diamond approach) as demonstrated by our Amsterdam Initiative against Malnutrition which aims to eliminate malnutrition through a combination of demand creating activities and well-targeted supply interventions."

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| Norway | No pledge | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Did the donor include a pledge through 2020? * Increase above baseline * Financial pledge included? * Nutrition-specific funding | \$0.66 | \$0.81 | -- | Not clear | Norway should make an ambitious commitment of NOK 100 at the 2016–2017 N4G summit to deliver success on its wider commitment to the health of women and children, education, and gender issues. |
| | | | INADEQUATE | -- | -- | -- | UNKNOWN | |

Analysis:

Norway did not make a pledge at N4G 2013. It disbursed only **USD 0.66m** to nutrition in 2013, and **USD 0.81m** to basic nutrition in 2014; a very small fraction of its total ODA disbursements in both years. Norway has signaled an interest in advancing maternal, newborn, and child health via **USD 600m** investments in the Global Financing Facility for RMNCAH. A natural complement to this work would be a pledge to increase bilateral investments in nutrition for women and children. Nutrition investment is a missing link in Norway’s strong engagement in global health and education. To address this, civil society is calling for high-level political leadership to attend the 2016–2017 N4G summit and make a bold financial pledge.

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| United Kingdom | \$1,304 (2013–2020) | \$3,244 (2013–2020) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Pledge through 2020 ✓ Increase above baseline (increased contribution of \$572m USD over 2013-2020) ✓ Financial pledge included? ✓ Nutrition-specific funding | \$105.00 | \$87.00 | \$734.70 | \$780.50 | The UK should increase nutrition-specific spending and continue its legacy in tackling malnutrition and commit GBP 530m (USD 750m) in new investments at the 2016–2017 N4G summit. Of these, GBP 375m are suggested for allocation to nutrition-specific investments and GBP 155m for nutrition-sensitive programs. |
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Analysis:

The UK committed an additional USD 572m in bilateral aid and USD 427m in matched funding for nutrition-specific, over 2010 baseline levels. To date, the UK through DfID has disbursed **USD 105.00m** (2013) and **USD 87m** (2014) for nutrition-specific programs. Additionally, GBP 225m have been unlocked from the GBP 280m matched fund; this includes the setting up of the “Power of Nutrition” catalytic fund. Nutrition-sensitive spending totaled **USD 734.70m** (2013) and **USD 780.50m** (2014)—above the annual average required to deliver its 2013 pledge. The UK must assess and report the impact of its large scale nutrition-sensitive investments to improve effectiveness. The UK must increase nutrition-specific investments and release its new nutrition position paper to guide its investments. Civil society welcomes the UK’s support to the August 2016 media event with Brazil and Japan in Rio de Janeiro to sustain the momentum for N4G. Its continued leadership and commitment on nutrition can be demonstrated through a bold new financial and policy pledge. This will also help drive progress on the UK’s ambitious commitment to improve nutrition for 50 million people by 2020 and encourage new donors and governments to make commitments for nutrition.

Full N4G commitment text:

“We commit to triple our investment in nutrition specific programs between 2013 and 2020; a total of GBP £375million (approx. USD \$572 million) additional to 2010 levels of investment. We also commit to further additional investment in nutrition specific programs between 2013 and 2020 of GBP £280 million (approx. USD \$427 million) if matched by others, with GBP £32 million (approx. USD \$50 million) of this to help create a new catalytic fund. Together this will total GBP £655 million (approx. USD \$1 billion) between 2013 and 2020. We also commit to increase the proportion of spend in relevant sectors that is nutrition sensitive by 8 percentage points between 2013 and 2020, equivalent to approximately GBP £604 million (approx. USD \$922 million) in total. In addition, we commit to the launch of new business 3 Based on spending in FY 2010/11 on 18 relevant Input Sector Codes, which was a total of GBP £957.48 million in 2010/11, assumed to remain constant for years 2013- 2020. 35 and science initiatives, including the launch of a Global Panel on Agriculture and Food Systems for Nutrition, to provide global research and policy leadership on nutrition-sensitive agriculture.”

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| United States | \$1,096 (2012–2014) | \$8,919 (2012–2014) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Pledge through 2020 * Increase above baseline ✓ Financial pledge included? ✓ Nutrition-specific funding | \$311.11 | \$263.24 | \$2220.12 | \$2619.92 | The U.S. should play a leadership role in 2016-17 N4G summit by making a multi-year commitment to significantly increase nutrition funding and setting ambitious 2020 targets for stunting, wasting, anemia, and breastfeeding. |
| | | | | BUSINESS AS USUAL | OFF TRACK | OFF TRACK | OFF TRACK | |

Analysis:

The U.S. N4G pledge included no new money for nutrition, and its commitments ran only up to 2014. The fulfillment of the commitment of USD 475m match funding to the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program and the June 2016 release of the U.S. Government Global Nutrition Coordination Plan for 2016–2021 are steps in the right direction. Additionally, the 2015 Feed the Future Progress Report finds substantial declines in stunting rates in some focus countries, and it projects achievement of a 20 percent reduction in stunting in its zones of influence. However, based on current methodology and reported funding levels, it's clear that nutrition-specific spending of **USD 311.11m** (2013) and **USD 263.24m** (2014) are insufficient to deliver the US's pledge commitments. Nutrition-sensitive disbursements of **USD 2220.12m** (2013) and **USD 2619.90m** (2014) are also insufficient to fulfill the pledge. As the largest donor to nutrition funding, the U.S. leadership will be critical for the future N4G success.

Full N4G commitment text:

"The U.S. Government has significantly increased nutrition funding and tripled agriculture funding since 2008, and is working to make certain that these resources work in tandem. The U.S. Government is committed to remaining transparent and focused on implementing, for the first time, PENDING an accounting process across all U.S. agencies to track nutrition investments more clearly against definitions for nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive. The US expects to provide, over a three-year period comprising fiscal years 2012 through 2014, USD \$1.096 billion for nutrition-specific interventions and USD \$8.919 billion for nutrition-sensitive activities. Our goal is to support and accelerate trends in stunting reduction to achieve an average annual rate of reduction of nearly 4 percent in the areas in which we work under Feed the Future. Over five years, this translates into an overall 20 percent reduction in stunting in these zones, equivalent to 2 million fewer stunted children. Global Agriculture and Food Security Program: The U.S. Government plans to continue to support the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP) and to provide \$1 of funding for every \$2 provided by other donors, up to a maximum of \$475 million. To date, more than USD \$350 million in U.S. funding remains to be mobilized. Over half of GAFSP's existing projects explicitly address undernutrition, and GAFSP is able to support both nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive interventions that are incorporated into country-led investment plans. Global Panel and Learning Framework: The U.S. Government endorses and commits to coordinate its monitoring, learning and evaluation activities under the multi-donor/partner framework. In particular, the U.S. Government commits to supporting The Global Panel on Agriculture and Food Systems for Nutrition. To provide a comprehensive and consistent approach, the United States encourages the Global Panel to build upon the existing Food Security Learning Framework platform. The Learning Framework, developed through a multi-donor approach, prioritizes the most critical questions to be answered through evaluation and learning activities across eight distinct dimensions of food security, one of which is "Enhanced Nutrition and Dietary

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Quality." The United States also intends to help operationalize the Learning Framework, by (1) conducting a "mapping" exercise to track the current evaluation and learning activities of all partners, and (2) to supporting a "Learning Coordination Centre" to promote greater donor coordination and quality standards for evaluation activities. Accelerating transparency and impact through open data: Moving forward, the U.S. Government commits to make nutrition impact, outcome, and spending information available annually in open and machine-readable formats, while ensuring privacy and security. In doing so, the U.S. Government will work with global stakeholders to develop common metadata so that data are comparable. The U.S. Government will make publicly available additional survey and impact evaluation data sets from its global hunger and food security initiative, Feed the Future. The U.S. Government also commits to partner with the UK to launch a Global Open Data for Agriculture and Nutrition Initiative next fall to increase the quality, quantity, and timeliness of available data as well as the number and diversity of stakeholders who are applying data-based solutions to improve agriculture and nutrition. These commitments will help make our nutrition-related investments 36 more transparent, enabling collaboration and facilitating new knowledge, services, and innovation to improve nutrition outcomes."

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| World Bank Group | \$600 (2013–2014) | \$0 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> × Pledge through 2020 ✓ Increase above baseline (increased contribution of USD 487m from 2013–2014) ✓ Financial pledge included? ✓ Nutrition-specific funding | See analysis | See analysis | See analysis | \$1271.60 (2013–2015) | The World Bank should continue the positive efforts on nutrition. In light of the massive financial gap, civil society call on the Bank to step up to increase its nutrition-specific spending to USD 450m per year during 2016-2020, and assess the impact of all the projects in its nutrition-sensitive portfolio. |
| | | | AMBITIOUS | ON TRACK | ON TRACK | -- | ON TRACK | |

Analysis:

The World Bank reported disbursements of **USD 355.39m** between July 2013 and June 2015. Though this seems short of its commitment to spend **USD 600.00m** in 2013–2014, a recent revision of the methodology for identifying nutrition-specific spending across the Bank’s investments has narrowed the scope and definition for nutrition-specific investments. Under the current methodology, the Bank’s 2013 commitments would not have been classified as entirely nutrition-specific. However, overall nutrition spending has been growing steadily. The Bank has achieved its target of increasing by more than 50 percent technical and analytical support to countries with high burdens of stunting, and has introduced stunting as a Tier1 indicator on the World Bank Group Corporate Scorecard, thus institutionalizing it as a measure of development progress. We commend the Bank on its assessment of nutrition sensitivity of its entire agricultural pipeline, and welcome steps taken towards improving nutrition alignment in other nutrition-sensitive projects. Measurement and reporting on the impact of nutrition-sensitive projects on improving nutrition outcomes will help guide future priorities. Building on recent progress, the Bank is encouraged to further increase nutrition-specific investments to maximize impact on nutrition and early childhood development outcomes.

Full N4G commitment text:

“The World Bank Group is scaling up support for global nutrition programs in response to the stunting crisis and food price volatility. The Bank Group projects that it will nearly triple direct financing for maternal and early childhood nutrition programs in developing countries in 2013-14 to USD \$600 million, up from USD \$230 million in 2011-12. Led by strong demand from IDA countries, an estimated 90 percent of this new funding (USD \$540 million) will come from the International Development Association (IDA), the Bank’s fund for the poorest countries. The projected increase is in addition to nutrition-sensitive investments the Bank Group is making in other sectors beyond health, such as agriculture, education, social protection, and water and sanitation. Amid continuing global food price volatility, the Bank commits to reviewing every project in the agriculture pipeline as a step toward ramping up activities that improve nutrition outcomes. 37 The Bank will also increase by more than 50 percent, its technical and analytical support to countries with the greatest prevalence of stunting or underweight children. The aim is to have nutrition feature prominently in the engagement in every country where widespread

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| <p>stunting is an obstacle to ending extreme poverty and promoting shared prosperity. And finally, the Bank will also add stunting as a new indicator on the Bank Group's Corporate Scorecard. Reduced stunting is not only an outcome to track in its own right, but it is also one of the best predictors of development progress."</p> | | | | | | | | |

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Notes on Methodology

This scorecard lists a subset of N4G donors. A full list of donors and their commitments can be found in the [N4G Executive Summary](#).

Nutrition For Growth Pledge: All Nutrition for Growth commitments, as well as calculations of increased commitments above baseline levels are from the [N4G Executive Summary](#). Nutrition-specific and Nutrition-sensitive definitions are also taken from this summary.

Ambition: Criteria considered in assessing ambition of individual N4G pledges included:

- Did the donor include a pledge through 2020?
- Did the pledge represent an increase above baseline?
- Was a financial pledge of any kind included?
- Did the pledge specifically mention an amount for nutrition-specific funding?

Ambition ratings were assigned using these criteria as follows:

- 0-1 criteria met: “Inadequate” rating
- 2-3 criteria met: “Business as Usual” rating, if a pledge to 2020 is missing
- 3-4 criteria met: “Ambitious” rating, if a pledge to 2020 is included

The one ambition rating not matching this criteria is the World Bank Group given the large monetary value of their commitment.

Nutrition for Growth Pledges: Data on pledges were taken from the [Nutrition for Growth Commitments: Executive summary](#)

2013 Pledge Delivery: Data on disbursements is taken from the 2015 Global Nutrition Report for donors who reported their own spending via this resource. Those not reported in the Global Nutrition Report are taken from the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development [Query Wizard for International Development Statistics](#) and are represented in current US dollars. This methodology is in line with the [SUN Donor Network Methodology and Guidance Note to Track Global Investments in Nutrition](#). Pledge delivery analysis is based on an assumed constant annual rate of disbursement over each donor’s stated pledge period, with a 10 percent margin of error allowed in judging on-time delivery.

2014 Pledge Delivery: Data on disbursements is taken from the 2016 Global Nutrition Report for donors who reported their own spending. For the EU and for donors where self-reported data was unavailable, disbursement data is taken from the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development [Query Wizard for International Development Statistics](#) and are represented in US dollars (except for Ireland, where the donor agency reported spending in EUR only) in constant 2013 prices. Similar to the 2013 analyses, pledge delivery is assessed based on an assumed constant rate of disbursement over each donor’s stated pledge period, with a 10 percent margin of error allowed in judging on-time delivery.