

## FOLLOWING THE FUNDING: GLOBAL POLIO ERADICATION INITIATIVE

The Polio Eradication & Endgame Strategic Plan is GPEI's comprehensive plan to finish the job of polio eradication. At this historic moment, the new plan builds on decades of progress and lessons learned, and focuses on priorities like stronger immunization systems, long-term risk mitigation, and a timeline to phase out the GPEI itself in a responsible way once polio has finally been eradicated. The Endgame Strategy includes four key elements:

1. Detecting and interrupting all wild polio virus transmission;
2. Strengthening immunization systems overall, and in particular, using stronger systems to make "The Switch" simultaneously worldwide away from older tools and to new vaccines that no longer contain a key ingredient — type 2 polio virus, which WHO certified in 2015 as eradicated — and eventually shift entirely from oral to inactivated poliovirus vaccine;
3. Containing poliovirus stocks and certifying all regions of the world as polio-free by strict standards; and
4. Planning for a smooth transition after eradication, in which the world remains permanently polio-free and both past investments and current assets in the polio eradication effort support strong health systems going forward.

An additional USD 1.5 billion is urgently needed to carry the strategy through to completion in 2019, along with a global commitment to fund the transition after eradication.

## NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

This scorecard lists a subset of GPEI donors. Contributions and funding captured here are those from national governments only. Additional funding from multilateral agencies, philanthropies, NGOs and private sector donors to GPEI, though not reflected on this tracker, are critical to reaching the end of polio. More information on past and present GPEI donors can be found [here](#), and a full list of current donors and their commitments can be found [here](#).

The assessment of the scale and delivery of previous pledges to GPEI, as well as recommendations for continued/future contributions were determined based on the following assumptions and criteria:

<b>Donors</b>	This tool includes only government donors to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) that pledged more than more than USD 0.6 million to the GPEI during their last pledging round in 2013. This threshold was determined based on the funding levels committed from governments in the 2013 GPEI replenishment, in order to best capture the primary government sources of polio funding in the last phase of efforts toward eradication. The funding committed by the donors included in the ACTION scorecard comprises over 99% of all financial commitments from donor governments
<b>2013 Pledge Amount and Delivery (in USD millions)</b>	The 2013 pledge figures are derived from GPEI's assessment of the 2013 Global Vaccines Summit pledging moment and subsequent contracting agreements with donors. The figures were taken from the <a href="#">GPEI's 2016 Financial Resource Requirements report</a> . The assessment of each country's status in fulfilling their pledge obligation (on track / off track) was also based on GPEI's Financial Resource Requirements report and on confirmation directly with GPEI staff for updated information on funding received.
<b>Scale of 2013 Pledge</b>	To assess the scale or ambition of past pledges, ACTION looked at the pledged amounts to polio eradication as a percentage of GDP per capita, and ranked the donors according to the share of GDP per capita pledged. Donors in the top quartile were considered "generous," those in the middle quartiles were considered "fulfills expectations" and those in the lowest quartile were considered "inadequate." Judging as a percentage of GDP per capita means that donor contributions are compared to each other on an equitable scale—part of our analysis towards a "fair share" from each donor. "Generous" donors gave to polio eradication at a percentage higher than .01% GDP per capita; "Fulfills expectations" gave to GPEI at a rate between .002 and .009%, as percentage of GDP per capita; and those considered "inadequate" gave to GPEI at a rate below .001% GDP per capita. GDP figures used were <a href="#">2013 numbers from the World Bank</a> .

## Contribution Recommendation

ACTION's contribution recommendation was based on four factors: the Scale of 2013 pledge (see above) plus 3 other criteria: past history of pledging to GPEI, the past pledge as a percentage of total Official Development Assistance (ODA) levels, and an analysis of political feasibility of continued giving to polio eradication.

- **Past history of pledging to GPEI** was demonstrated by making a pledge during the 2013 replenishment round and by giving during past replenishment periods from 2003 onwards, on a yes/ no basis. All donors with a check mark for past pledging contributed funds to GPEI during the 2003-2005 period, between 2006 and 2012, and during the current pledge period, from 2013 onwards. Historical giving to GPEI was determined by [their analysis of pledging and contributions from donors](#).
- **Political feasibility** for continued judgement was a qualitative yes/no judgement made from ACTION political expertise and based on the donor market analyses conducted by GPEI and with additional information provided by the Polio Advocacy and Communications Team (PACT) donor markets leads. This factor considered the potential for a country to continue donating to the GPEI based on the country's current domestic environment.
- The **2013 pledge as a percent of Official Development Assistance (ODA)** was used as an indicator of that country's giving to polio relative to other development issue areas. We used ODA levels for 2013 from [the Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development \(OECD\) Development co-operation database \(DAC\)](#).

Based on these criteria, ACTION made four recommendation levels for donors to make new pledges to GPEI in 2017: Maintain Current Levels, Increase Current Levels, Significantly Increase Current Levels, and Made a New Pledge.

- For **Maintain Current Levels**, countries had yes checks for past pledging and political feasibility. Countries were in the top quartile of donors based on the pledge as a percent of GDP per capita, resulting in a "generous" rating (Norway, United Arab Emirates, and United Kingdom); or in the case of the United States, had contributed funds between 2013 and 2016 that were so much more than the rate in 2013 that they would have reached the top quartile if the "polio pledge" had been based on 2016 figures instead of 2013. Countries listed as Maintain Current Levels also met or exceeded a rate of .44% for the Polio Pledge as a Percent of ODA category.
- For **Increase Current Levels**, countries had yes checks for past pledging and political feasibility. Countries were all in the middle two quartiles of donors based on the Pledge as a Percent of GDP Per Capita metric, resulting in ratings of "Fulfills Expectations." Countries with this rating had rates of Polio Pledges as a Percent of ODA that exceeded .24%.
- For **Significantly Increase Current Levels**, countries had yes checks for past pledging and political feasibility. Countries were in the lowest quartile of donors based on the Pledge as a Percent of GDP Per Capita metric, resulting in ratings of "Inadequate." Countries listed as "Inadequate" had rates lower than .2% in the Polio Pledge as a Percent of ODA category.
- In the **Made a New Pledge** category, two donors have already made full pledges towards the amount GPEI seeks to raise in its 2017 replenishment period. In the case of Luxembourg, which pledged in September 2016,

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they pledged a full commitment through 2019. We also placed Japan, who would otherwise have sat in the “Significantly Increase Current Levels” category, into the “Made a New Pledge” category because of the \$33.3 million USD Japan pledged in 2017. As an annual donor with no history of multi-year pledge commitment to GPEI, this amount can be compared to the \$10 million annual amount pledged in 2013. While Japan has made a new pledge for 2017, continued pledging annually through 2020 is also recommended by ACTION. Some donors who have given supplemental funding to GPEI in 2016 and 2017 have not been included in this category as additional pledges in 2017 are still recommended for those donors.

Donor	2013 Pledge		Scale of Pledge		Contribution Recommendation
	Pledged (in USD millions)	Delivered (in USD millions)	% GDP/capita (2013 pledge to GPEI)	Quartile Rank	
Australia	\$73.9 (AU \$100)	\$55	.0023%	3	✓ Demonstrated record of past pledging to GPEI
					✓ Political Feasibility
					2013 Pledge as a percent of ODA: .243%
	<b>OFF TRACK</b>	<b>FULFILLS EXPECTATIONS</b>	<b>INCREASE CURRENT LEVELS</b>		

**Notes:** The figure in the “Pledged” column for Australia is based on an announcement by Minister for Foreign Affairs Julie Bishop on June 1, 2014 of AU \$100 million and converted to USD by ACTION based on the historical conversion rate for that date. This calculation was made by ACTION, as opposed to the other figures in the Pledged column, which come from GPEI (please see methodology, above). We’ve elected to include the figure in Australian dollars here as well because of on-going campaigns in Australia to fulfill the pledge amount, where the figure commonly referred to is always in Australian dollars.

Subsequently, the Australian government decided in 2015 to reduce the amount committed for 2015 to 2019 by AUD 8 million and then to allocate half of the remaining funding to the World Bank for immunization in the Asia-Pacific. The reallocation of some funding to the World Bank will contribute to improved vaccination systems and plan for a smooth transition after eradication, but it will not contribute directly to the goal of polio eradication. ACTION recommends that Australia contribute at least AUD 15 million per year to GPEI in the next two years (2018–19), continuing the annual amount of the previous two years (2016–17). The proposed AUD 15 million annual contribution is an increase over the current commitment of AUD 3 million per year. While Australia's pledge as a percentage of GDP per capita and of ODA lands it in the "fulfills expectations" category in terms of the scale of the commitment, the “off-track” pledge delivery led ACTION to recommend an increase for the 2017 replenishment.

Donor	2013 Pledge		Scale of Pledge		Contribution Recommendation
	Pledged (in USD millions)	Delivered (in USD millions)	% GDP/capita (2013 pledge to GPEI)	Quartile Rank	
Canada	\$244	\$198	.0088%	2	✓ Demonstrated record of past pledging to GPEI
					✓ Political Feasibility
					2013 Pledge as a percent of ODA: <b>1.09%</b>
	ON TRACK		FULFILLS EXPECTATIONS		INCREASE CURRENT LEVELS

**Analysis & Notes:** Canada pledged CAD 250 million for the 2013–2018 period. Canada also provided an additional CAD 3 million for the 2013–2014 Horn of Africa outbreak. Canada pledged from 2013 to 2018, and is “on track” for the dispersal funds. ACTION recommends that Canada increase its pledging level during 2017 and extend the duration of the pledge through 2020.

Donor	2013 Pledge		Scale of Pledge		Contribution Recommendation
	Pledged (in USD millions)	Delivered (in USD millions)	% GDP/capita (2013 pledge to GPEI)	Quartile Rank	
European Commission	\$7	\$27	.00015%	4	✓ Demonstrated record of past pledging to GPEI
					✓ Political Feasibility
					2013 Pledge as a percent of ODA: .169%
	<b>ON TRACK</b>	<b>INADEQUATE</b>	<b>SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE CURRENT LEVELS</b>		

**Analysis & Notes:** The European Commission did not make a multi-year pledge to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in 2013. Based on an averaged annual pledge of USD 7 million, the European Commission had dispersed USD 27 million by 2016, and is “on track” in delivery. Because the European Commission donations are below the .001% threshold for GDP per capita and below the .2% threshold for percent of ODA, ACTION recommends a significantly increased pledge in the 2017 replenishment.

Donor	2013 Pledge		Scale of Pledge		Contribution Recommendation
	Pledged (in USD millions)	Delivered (in USD millions)	% GDP/capita (2013 pledge to GPEI)	Quartile Rank	
Germany	\$152	\$112	.0030%	3	✓ Demonstrated record of past pledging to GPEI
					✓ Political Feasibility
					2013 Pledge as a percent of ODA: <b>.265%</b>
	ON TRACK		FULFILLS EXPECTATIONS		INCREASE CURRENT LEVELS

**Analysis & Notes:** Germany's pledge ranges in amount during the 2013–2017 period. In addition, Germany also provided over EUR 13 million during 2013–2014 for the Middle East polio outbreak in addition to scheduled disbursements under its EUR 105 million 2013–2017 pledge, which is “on track” in delivery. Germany has additionally pledged EUR 10 million for polio eradication in Pakistan during 2016–2017, and in 2017, Germany pledged an additional EUR 10 million for polio eradication activities in Nigeria. ACTION commends these additional pledges and recommends that Germany commit to an increased additional pledge through 2020 during the June 2017 replenishment.

Donor	2013 Pledge		Scale of Pledge		Contribution Recommendation
	Pledged (in USD millions)	Delivered (in USD millions)	% GDP/capita (2013 pledge to GPEI)	Quartile Rank	
Ireland	\$7	\$6	.0027%	3	✓ Demonstrated record of past pledging to GPEI
					✓ Political Feasibility
					2013 Pledge as a percent of ODA: <b>.264%</b>
	ON TRACK		FULFILLS EXPECTATIONS		INCREASE CURRENT LEVELS

**Analysis & Notes:** Ireland pledged during the 2013–2018 period. ACTION recommends that Ireland increase their pledge during the June 2017 replenishment and extend their pledge through 2020.

Donor	2013 Pledge		Scale of Pledge		Contribution Recommendation
	Pledged (in USD millions)	Delivered (in USD millions)	% GDP/capita (2013 pledge to GPEI)	Quartile Rank	
Japan	\$10	\$44	.00063%	4	✓ Demonstrated record of past pledging to GPEI
					✓ Political Feasibility
					2013 Pledge as a percent of ODA: <b>.088%</b>
	ON TRACK		INADEQUATE		NEW CONTRIBUTION MADE

**Analysis & Notes:** Japan has not made a multi-year pledge to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative; instead it allocates funding annually. Since 2011, Japan has supplemented its traditional grant financing with innovative financing in partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF). Under this loan conversion model, Japan has provided development assistance loans to Nigeria (approximately USD 70 million, 2015–2016) for vaccine and operational costs. If performance criteria are met, the BMGF will repay the loan credit to Japan International Cooperation Agency on behalf of the Nigerian government, in effect converting the loan to a grant.

In 2016, Japan gave supplemental funds for polio eradication efforts in Pakistan and Afghanistan totaling \$18.4 million USD. Japan then additionally committed another USD 33.3 million in February 2017 for polio eradication activities in Nigeria and the Lake Chad region in Africa. ACTION commends these donations, and encourages Japan to continue giving to GPEI annually. Thank you, Japan!

Donor	2013 Pledge		Scale of Pledge		Contribution Recommendation
	Pledged (in USD millions)	Delivered (in USD millions)	% GDP/capita (2013 pledge to GPEI)	Quartile Rank	
Luxembourg	\$0.7	\$3.21	.0057%	2	✓ Demonstrated record of past pledging to GPEI
					✓ Political Feasibility
					2013 Pledge as a percent of ODA: .271%
	ON TRACK		FULFILLS EXPECTATIONS		NEW CONTRIBUTION MADE

**Analysis & Notes:** Luxembourg pledged for the 2013–2018 period during the Global Vaccine Summit in Abu Dhabi, and it pledged an additional EUR 2 million between 2016 and 2019 (USD 2,248,580 as of the date of pledge, September 27, 2016). Thank you, Luxembourg!

Donor	2013 Pledge		Scale of Pledge		Contribution Recommendation
	Pledged (in USD millions)	Delivered (in USD millions)	% GDP/capita (2013 pledge to GPEI)	Quartile Rank	
Norway	\$252	\$212	.0163%	1	✓ Demonstrated record of past pledging to GPEI
					✓ Political Feasibility
					2013 Pledge as a percent of ODA: <b>.509%</b>
	ON TRACK		GENEROUS		MAINTAIN CURRENT LEVELS

**Analysis & Notes:** Norway's pledge, one of the most generous of any country, is for the 2013–2019 period and they are “on track” in delivery. ACTION recommends that Norway make an additional pledge during the June 2017 replenishment in line with their past pledges.

Donor	2013 Pledge		Scale of Pledge		Contribution Recommendation
	Pledged (in USD millions)	Delivered (in USD millions)	% GDP/capita (2013 pledge to GPEI)	Quartile Rank	
Saudi Arabia	\$15	\$12	.0017%	4	✓ Demonstrated record of past pledging to GPEI
					✓ Political Feasibility
					2013 Pledge as a percent of ODA: <b>N/A</b>
	<b>ON TRACK</b>		<b>INADEQUATE</b>		<b>SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE CURRENT LEVELS</b>

**Analysis & Notes:** Saudi Arabia pledged for the 2013–2016 period. ACTION recommends that Saudi Arabia make a significantly increased pledge during the June 2017 replenishment with a duration through 2020.

Donor	2013 Pledge		Scale of Pledge		Contribution Recommendation
	Pledged (in USD millions)	Delivered (in USD millions)	% GDP/capita (2013 pledge to GPEI)	Quartile Rank	
United Arab Emirates	\$120	\$53.49	.0179%	1	✓ Demonstrated record of past pledging to GPEI
					✓ Political Feasibility
					2013 Pledge as a percent of ODA: <b>.444%</b>
	ON TRACK		GENEROUS		MAINTAIN CURRENT LEVELS

**Analysis & Notes:** The United Arab Emirates is on track in dispersing funds pledged in 2013. ACTION recommends the Emirates maintain their current levels for a new pledge during the June 2017 replenishment.

Donor	2013 Pledge		Scale of Pledge		Contribution Recommendation
	Pledged (in USD millions)	Delivered (in USD millions)	% GDP/capita (2013 pledge to GPEI)	Quartile Rank	
United Kingdom	\$457	\$481	.0132%	1	✓ Demonstrated record of past pledging to GPEI
					✓ Political Feasibility
					2013 Pledge as a percent of ODA: .67%
	ON TRACK		GENEROUS		MAINTAIN CURRENT LEVELS

**Analysis & Notes:** The UK committed GBP 300 million to polio eradication for the 2013–2018 period, comprised of “core” and “match” funds. The figures for 2016–2018 include GBP 28 million in “match” funds as well as GBP 27 million to Gavi for IPV procurement. The UK also provided an additional GBP 13.8 million for the 2013–2014 Horn of Africa and Middle East polio outbreaks. The United Kingdom is one of the most generous donors to GPEI, and ACTION recommends they pledge an amount in line with past pledges during the June 2017 replenishment.

Donor	2013 Pledge		Scale of Pledge		Contribution Recommendation
	Pledged (in USD millions)	Delivered (in USD millions)	% GDP/capita (2013 pledge to GPEI)	Quartile Rank	
United States	\$91	\$402	.0034%	2	✓ Demonstrated record of past pledging to GPEI
					✓ Political Feasibility
					2013 Pledge as a percent of ODA: <b>.606%</b>
	ON TRACK		FULFILLS EXPECTATIONS		MAINTAIN CURRENT LEVELS

**Analysis & Notes:** While the US has not made a multi-year commitment to GPEI, their annual cumulative support to polio from all accounts has consistently increased since the 2013 pledging moment. According to GPEI’s analysis of funding received, the United States gave \$205 million to polio eradication in 2014, and gave \$217.78 million in 2015. Because these amounts greatly exceed the \$91 million pledged for one year in 2013, and in consideration of the other factors we considered (please the Methodology above), ACTION has given the United States the “Maintain Current Levels” contribution recommendation, recommending a maintenance of the level in the (FY) 2016 Congressional allocation. This allocation was USD 228 million toward GPEI goals; however, the recent FY17 budget proposal from the Trump Administration proposes a 13% cut to polio in USAID global health and has left CDC support for global polio uncertain. ACTION urges the United States to reject cuts to global eradication efforts and to maintain annual funding for polio at FY16 levels.