The Global Polio Eradication Initiative’s work to eradicate polio is guided by its current strategy, the Polio Eradication & Endgame Strategic Plan. As the Plan moves into what is expected to be its latter stages, it builds on decades of progress and lessons learned, and focuses on priorities like stronger immunization systems, long-term risk mitigation, buttressing against a recurrence of the disease 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;
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 $1.5 billion is urgently needed to carry the strategy through to completion.

### PLEDGING AT THE 2013 VACCINES SUMMIT

Hosted by Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, in partnership with United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki Moon, and Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the 2013 Global Vaccines Summit saw pledges of over $4 billion to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. This scorecard analyzes where major donor countries are in delivering on their pledges to GPEI, and provides a frame to analyze the scale of each country’s pledge using factors like GDP and percent of total foreign aid contributions.

### RESOURCES NEEDED FOR CONTINUED WORK TO ERADICATE POLIO

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative seeks to raise an additional USD $1.5 billion to support its final push to eradicate polio.

### AMOUNT PLEDGED IN USD MILLIONS | PLEDGE DELIVERY | SCALE OF 2013 PLEDGE | RECOMMENDED CONTRIBUTION TO THE GPEI
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AUSTRALIA | $100 | OFF TRACK | Increase Current Levels
(2011-2018) | |
**ANALYSIS** The Australian Prime Minister announced in 2014 an increase in Australia’s pledge towards polio eradication for 2014 to 2019 to AU$ 100 million. Subsequently, the Government decided in 2015 to reduce the amount committed for 2015 to 2019 by AU$ 8 million, and then to allocated half of the remaining funding to 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 not directly to the goal of polio eradication. ACTION recommends that Australia contributes at least AU$ 15 million per year in the next two years to GPEI, continuing the annual amount of the last two years. The proposed $15 million annual contribution is an increase over the current commitment of AU$ 3 million per year.

CANADA | $244 | ON TRACK | Increase Current Levels
(2013-2018) | |
**ANALYSIS** Canada pledged from 2013-2018, and is on track in dispersing funds. ACTION recommends that Canada increase its pledging level during 2017 and extend the duration of the pledge to 2019.

EUROPEAN COMMISSION | $7 | ON TRACK | Significantly Increase Current Levels
(Yearly pledge; $33 million by 2018) | |
**ANALYSIS** The EC did not make a multi-year commitment to GPEI in 2013, but has given annually and has remained on track through the pledge window. The European Commission has recently pledged an additional €15 million, thus strengthening their giving to polio eradication. ACTION commends this increase and recommends a further contribution in the 2017 replenishment.

GERMANY | $152 | ON TRACK | Maintain Current Levels
**ANALYSIS** Germany’s pledge ranges from 2013 to 2017 and Germany is on track in delivering on its pledge. Germany has additionally pledged 10 million for polio eradication in Pakistan in 2016-2017, and in 2017 an additional 10 million for polio eradication activities in Nigeria. ACTION commends these additional pledges and recommends that Germany commit to an additional pledge through 2019 during the June 2017 replenishment.
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**Analysis:****

- **Ireland**: Pledged from 2013-2018 and is on track in dispersing funds. ACTION recommends that Ireland make an increased pledge through 2019.
- **Japan**: Does not make multi-year commitments but is on track in dispersing $10 million annually. In the 3rd supplementary budget of the Japanese government in 2016, confirmed on December 22, 2016, the Japanese government contributed 4 billion Japanese Yen to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative ($34,011,300 USD), an amount exceeding expectations. Japan then additionally committed another $33.3 million in February of 2017 for polio eradication activities in Nigeria and the Lake Chad region in Africa. Thank you Japan!
- **Norway**: One of the most generous of any country; from 2013 to 2019 and they are on track in disbursement. ACTION recommends that Norway make an additional pledge in line with their past pledges in 2017.
- **Saudi Arabia**: Pledged from 2013-2016. ACTION recommends that Saudi Arabia make a significantly increased pledge this year with a duration through 2019.
- **United Arab Emirates**: Pledged through 2019 at the same level as their past pledge.
- **United Kingdom**: The UK’s pledge was from 2013 to 2019, including core and matching funds. The United Kingdom is one of the most generous donors to GPEI, and ACTION recommends they pledge an amount in line with past pledges in 2017.
While the US has not made a multi-year commitment to GPEI, their annual cumulative support to polio from all accounts has consistently increased since the 2013 pledging moment. The fiscal year 2016 Congressional allocation was US$ 228 million toward GPEI goals, however the recent FY17 budget proposal from the Trump administration proposes a 13 percent 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.