



AGENCY PROFILE

Belgium gives bilateral aid to 18 countries, focusing in Central Africa and on specific sectors including health. Belgium signed the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness with the goal of an efficient development policy leading to better results; so Belgium focuses less on short & medium-term results, and more on long term impact & outcomes.

COUNTRIES WHERE THE AGENCY IS DEMONSTRATING PROGRESS



COUNTRIES WHERE THE AGENCY IS REPORTING LIMITED PROGRESS



EXPECTED RESULTS



Commitments are documented and mutually agreed.



Support is based on country plans & strategies, including to strengthen Health Systems.



Funding commitments are long-term.



Funds are disbursed predictably, as committed.



Country systems for procurement & public financial management are used & strengthened.



Resources are being managed for Development Results.



Mutual accountability is being demonstrated.



Civil Society actively engaged.

PROGRESS



OVERALL RESULTS

An IHP+ Country Compact or equivalent has been signed by the agency in 100% of IHP+ countries where they exist. Target = 100%.

In 2009 0% of health sector aid was reported by the agency on national health sector budgets - no change from 0%. Target = 50% reduction in aid not on budget (with ≥ 85% on budget).

In 2009 100% of capacity development was provided by the agency through coordinated programmes - no change from 100%. Target = 50%.

In 2009 83% of health sector aid was provided by the agency through programme based approaches - an increase from 60%. Target = 66%.

In 2009 97% of health sector aid was provided by the agency through multi-year commitments - a decrease from 99%. Target = 90%.

Insufficient data has been provided to enable a rating for this Standard Performance Measure.

In 2009 92.8% of health sector aid provided by the agency used country procurement systems - a decrease from 100%. Target = 33% reduction in aid not using procurement systems (with ≥ 80% using country systems).

In 2009 80% of health sector aid provided by the agency used national public financial management systems - an increase from 60%. Target = 33% reduction in aid not using PFM systems (with ≥ 80% using country systems).

In 2009 the stock of parallel project implementation units (PIUs) used by the agency in the surveyed countries was 1.0 - an increase from 0.0. Target = 66% reduction in stock of PIUs.

In 2009 national performance assessment frameworks were routinely used by the agency to assess progress in 20% of IHP+ countries where they exist. Target = 100%.

In 2009 the agency participated in health sector mutual assessments of progress in 20% of IHP+ countries where they exist. Target = 100%.

In 2009, evidence exists in 67% of IHP+ countries that the agency supported civil society engagement in health sector policy processes. Target = 100%.



DETAILS OF WHAT THE AGENCY IS DOING TO ACHIEVE RESULTS

This additional information is reported by the Agency to explain what specific actions it is taking to implement its IHP+ commitments to the 8 Expected Results, or to qualify its measures of progress.



Commitments are documented and mutually agreed

Belgium has signed the Compact or equivalent agreement in every country where they exist.



Support is based on country plans and strategies that sufficiently address Health Systems Strengthening

Belgium's support in Burkina Faso, Burundi, the DRC, Mali and Niger is a mixture of support to the national health plan, to projects and to civil society. In Mozambique, Belgium provides some sector budget support. Technical cooperation in Mali (through support to PAEX and PADS programmes) is through dedicated coordinated programs.



Funding commitments are long-term

All DGCD supported programs (also NGOs) are for a minimum 3-year term; support by the regional and community government are not necessarily multi-year commitments.



Funds are disbursed predictably, as committed

In Mali, as an average, real expenses present 80% of what was scheduled at the beginning of the year; but at the end of the project/programme an average of more than 95% is reported.



Country systems for procurement & public financial management are used & strengthened

In Mali, 100% of support to PADSS uses the Malian procurement system; 50% of the IST programme uses national procurement system and 50% uses Belgian procurement systems.



Resources are being managed for Development Results

Belgium reported that, in Mali, a national performance assessment does exist, but data are provided once a year.



Mutual Accountability is being demonstrated

In Mali, in 2009, the Belgian Cooperation supported the 'CPS' (Cellule de Planification et Statistique du MOH) with a technical assistant and some key studies (for example the finalisation of the compact/IHP+).



Civil Society actively engaged

Belgium provides support to civil society in Burkina Faso, Burundi, Mali and Mozambique. No support is provided to civil society in Niger. No data were provided for DRC.

HOW TO INTERPRET THIS SCORECARD

12 Standard Performance Measures (SPMs) were agreed by IHP+ signatories to track the implementation of Expected Results (see below). A detailed list of SPMs can be found at www.ihpresults.net

Countries where the Agency is reporting limited progress: Where ratings of ➡ or ✓ for the minority of SPMs.

Expected Results: Reflect key commitments made in the IHP+ Global Compact.

Progress: Symbols illustrate whether the Agency has achieved ✓, is making progress ➡, or has not made progress ! against 12 SPMs.

Specific points on interpreting progress:

- **Comparability of ratings:** Five targets* track change over time. For these, ➡ reflects progress since baseline, rather than absolute performance in 2009. Negative or flatline trend performance receives !. These ratings should not be used to compare absolute performance between agencies. In all instances ✓ shows that the target has been met.

- **Scorecard ratings are aggregates** of performance across a number of countries. Aggregates might hide variations in the agency's performance. The additional information above provides more detail on the agency's performance. This was drafted by IHP+Results using data provided by the agency, but in some cases the agency made significant changes before the final text was agreed.

* Corresponding to the following Standard Performance Measures (SPMs) - 2DPa, 4DP, 5DPa, 5DPb, 5DPc. For more information on SPMs and targets see www.ihpresults.net