

Annex A: Progress since the 2009 DAC peer review recommendations

Key Issues: Towards a comprehensive development effort

Recommendations 2009	Progress in implementation
Italy should, through a whole-of-government policy statement, clarify mandates and responsibilities for promoting, arbitrating and monitoring policy coherence for development, and build required capacity. Italy should make demonstrable progress in promoting greater coherence across a set of priority policy areas within the EU framework on policy coherence.	Partially implemented

Key Issues: Policy vision and strategic orientations

Recommendations 2009	Progress in implementation
Approve new legislation on development co-operation as a matter of priority.	Not implemented
Prepare an overarching policy vision for development co-operation through broad consultation, which is endorsed at the highest political level and binds all institutional players. This should be backed by a clear performance and results approach.	Partially implemented
Develop clear criteria to distinguish between Priority 1 and Priority 2 countries, explain how it will engage with each category and prepare exit strategies for non-priority countries.	Partially implemented

Key Issues: ODA allocations

Recommendations 2009	Progress in implementation
Rebuild credibility of its intention to meet its aid commitments by outlining in a binding manner how, and by when, it will reach the targets.	Implemented
Develop a joint MFA-MEF strategy for multilateral assistance, outlining clearly the objectives of Italian multilateral aid, especially for priority multilateral organisations and consider concentrating its multilateral contributions further.	Not implemented
Give credibility to the agenda for concentrating bilateral aid in fewer partner countries by allocating 50% of its aid to Sub-Saharan Africa and adhering to the priority countries outlined in the Programming Guidelines and Directions.	Implemented

Key Issues: Organisation fit for purpose

Recommendations 2009	Progress in implementation
Acquire leeway to create competitive employment conditions to attract and retain specialist staff. Recruit new specialists with the skills to meet current needs.	Partially implemented

Key Issues: Delivery modalities and partnerships for quality aid

Recommendations 2009	Progress in implementation
Continue to disseminate the Aid Effectiveness Action Plan and its guidelines and decisions to all Italian Co-operation stakeholders, especially diplomatic staff, CTU experts, embassies, UTLs, decentralised co-operation and the MEF.	Partially implemented
Ensure urgently that DGCS has the necessary human and financial resources to implement the Action Plan on Aid Effectiveness and to promote behaviour change across Italian Co-operation, so that aid is delivered according to the new guidelines.	Partially implemented
Untie aid further and improve tied aid reporting to the DAC. Italy should implement its Accra commitments to untie remaining tied aid “to the maximum extent”. New legislation should reflect these commitments.	Partially implemented

Key Issues: Results, transparency and accountability

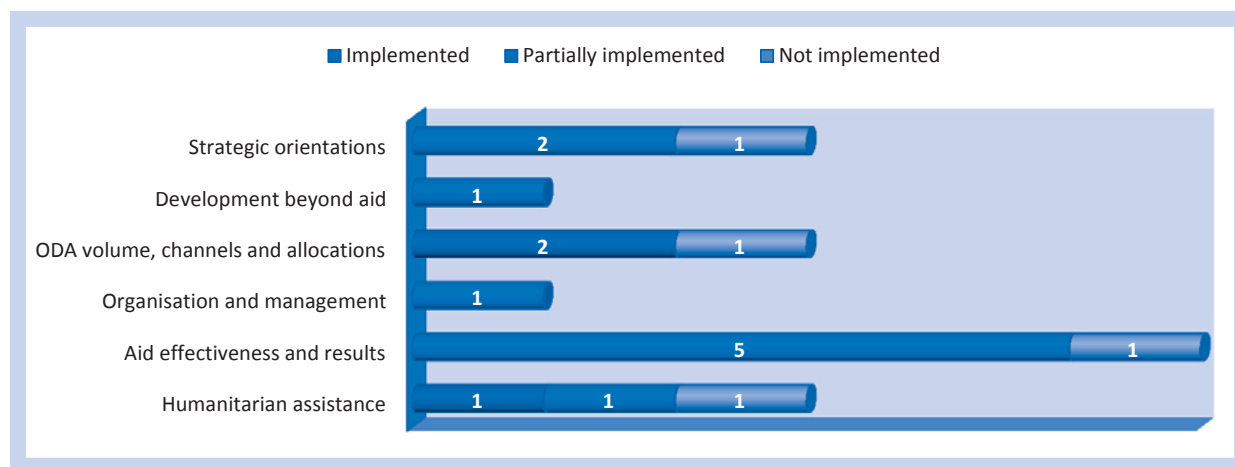
Recommendations 2009	Progress in implementation
Prepare and publish multi-annual country programmes for priority countries and establish formal, results-oriented and transparent mechanisms for allocating resources to country programmes, and train staff in results-based management.	Partially implemented
Provide the new evaluation unit with the mandate, budget and staff to implement a modern culture of evaluation and results monitoring. This unit should develop a system for integrating policy lessons, including in Italian humanitarian action.	Partially implemented
Define, approve and implement (in collaboration with civil society) a well-targeted and resourced strategy – linking information, public engagement and development education – to raise public awareness and the political profile of development co-operation.	Not implemented

Key Issues: Humanitarian Assistance

Recommendations 2009	Progress in implementation
Translate its global humanitarian commitments into a national implementation plan, clarify its approach to humanitarian protection and identify appropriate linkages between humanitarian and development assistance.	Implemented
Aim to explain the process for deploying Civil Protection Department assets as well as for applying GHD implementation and accountability standards in bilateral humanitarian activities.	Partially implemented
Increase the volume of humanitarian aid and the predictability of contributions to key partners in line with its ambitions as a key humanitarian actor. In particular, Italy should streamline grant approval processes for NGOs to enable swifter mobilisation in crises.	Not implemented

** Two recommendations of the 2009 peer review sector relate to specific themes (capacity development, and agriculture and food security) and are not monitored in the current peer review framework*

Figure A.1 Italy's implementation of 2009 peer review recommendations





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