

**OGP UK National Action Plan 2013-15
Commitment progress update**

Commitment title		
Construction sector transparency		
Lead department(s)	Department for International Development and Infrastructure UK (HM Treasury)	
Civil society organisation(s) involved in implementation to date	Integrity Action, Institution of Civil Engineers, Engineers Against Poverty, Transparency International	
Report date	30 September 2014	
Overall commitment status (select from drop-down)	In progress	
Overall progress against commitment		
<p>The UK government continues to promote the principles of transparency and accountability in the international construction projects with which DFID is engaged. Specific opportunities to encourage take-up of the CoST initiative in a number of countries have been identified by DFID and are being actively pursued. FCO are also supporting take-up of CoST in countries where there is no DFID presence.</p>		
Progress against milestones/activities		
1.	Apply CoST disclosure requirements on additional projects in the UK by 2015	Behind schedule
<p>We are not in a position to actively promote CoST on any specific projects but through IUK's Infrastructure Cost Review work we continually reference our support for the CoST initiative.</p>		
2.	Use government's bilateral and multilateral relationships to encourage the establishment of at least four new national CoST programmes by 2015 in countries where DFID is working	On track
<p>DFID has facilitated contact with potential funders with regard to CoST in Afghanistan and Ukraine. It looks likely that the relationships established will translate into firm commitments. DFID also continues to provide direct financial support to CoST Ethiopia, which is helping increase the volume and quality of disclosed information. It has established contact between CoST and its staff in Pakistan and this will be followed-up in the next period. In addition, the FCO has provided support, advice and help with logistical arrangements for CoST in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Thailand.</p>		

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