As part of the Government’s Strategic Defence and Security Review, launched in Parliament in November 2015, DFID has committed to spend 50% of its budget in fragile states and regions in every year of this Parliament. This commitment was included in the UK Aid Strategy, also published in November 2015. DFID revised its list of fragile states at the time of this commitment and will keep this list updated throughout this Parliament.

DFID commitment

“DFID will spend at least 50% of its budget on fragile states and regions, including those most directly linked to our national security, in South Asia, the Middle East and Africa.”

Strategic Defence and Security Review 2015

“[The Government will] allocate 50% of DFID’s budget to fragile states and regions in every year of this Parliament. This is a major investment in global stability, including in regions of strategic importance to the UK, such as the Middle East, South Asia and Africa.”

UK Aid Strategy

Indicators used to measure progress

- Percentage of DFID’s budget spent on fragile states and regions.

Results achieved

DFID’s 50% commitment on spending in fragile states was made in November 2015 and we intend to report annually on progress. As a result, DFID does not yet have data on our progress against this commitment.

DFID’s official spending figures for 2015 will be issued as part of our Statistics on International Development (SID) in December 2016. The commitment also includes an imputed share of DFID’s multilateral funding for fragile states. Proportions of imputed multilateral spending are issued by multilateral organisations themselves, normally a few months after DFID’s SID data has issued for that year. We therefore expect to provide full reporting on the first year of DFID’s spending against the 50% fragile states commitment in spring/summer 2017.