

PUBLIC EXPENDITURE: the governments of the world agreed on...

"Everyone, as a member of society, has the right to social security and is entitled to realization, through national effort and international co-operation and in accordance with the organization and resources of each State, of the economic, social and cultural rights indispensable for his dignity and the free development of his personality."

Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 22, 1948.

"We call on the industrialized countries... to implement the enhanced programme of debt relief for the heavily indebted poor countries without further delay and to agree to cancel all official bilateral debts of those countries in return for their making demonstrable commitments to poverty reduction."

Millennium Declaration, Paragraph 15, 2000.

HUMAN RIGHTS:

The right to health services, education and social security is enshrined in:

UDHR - Art. 22, 25 & 26

CERD - Art. 6

CESCR - Art. 9, 12 & 13

CEDAW - Art. 11 & 14

CRC - Art. 24, 26 & 28

INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS:

Public expenditure and debt are considered in:

Millennium Development Goals

World Summit for Social Development

Fourth World Conference on Women -

Beijing Platform for Action - Critical Areas of Concern

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Afghanistan	8.8	7.9	7.6									1.6	1.5	2.1	2.2
Albania	6.6	6.6	7.0					2.5	3.7	3.1	3.0	1.3	1.5	1.8	2.0
Algeria	3.5	4.3	4.4									2.9	2.7	2.9	3.1
Andorra	7.2	7.4	7.6	1.7	2.3	2.6									
Angola	2.1	2.8	2.5	2.6	2.6			10.7	13.2	9.8	2.5	4.5	4.4	3.8	2.9
Antigua and Barbuda	5.0	5.2	4.7												
Argentina	10.4	10.2	10.0	4.8	4.5	5.5		20.2	31.1	13.1	10.7	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.8
Armenia	5.4	4.7	4.4	2.7	2.7	3.0		7.2	6.8	7.0	12.7	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.2
Aruba				4.8		4.8									
Australia	8.7	8.8	8.9	4.8	5.2							1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
Austria	10.4	10.2	10.1	5.4								0.9	0.8	0.9	0.9
Azerbaijan	4.3	3.9	3.7	2.3	2.0	1.7	1.9	2.6	1.8	0.8	0.9	2.3	3.4	2.9	2.7
Bahamas	6.4	6.8	7.3									0.5	0.6	0.8	
Bahrain	3.8	3.6	3.7									3.6	3.4	3.2	2.7
Bangladesh	3.1	3.3	3.4		2.5	2.6	2.4	5.4	3.8	4.8	3.9	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1
Barbados	7.0	7.1	7.0	6.9		6.9	6.7					0.9	0.8		
Belarus	6.6	6.4	6.5	5.9	6.1	5.2		3.7	3.3	3.9	3.1	1.5	1.7	1.6	1.4
Belgium	9.8	9.5	9.4	6.0	6.0							1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Belize	3.6	3.6	4.0			5.1		34.5	15.7	69.3	10.5	1.0	1.0		
Benin	4.7	4.7	4.8		3.9	3.6		7.2	7.0	4.2		1.1	1.0		1.0
Bermuda				2.0	1.2										
Bhutan	3.7	3.6	4.1	7.3			5.1								
Bolivia	5.3	5.1	5.0		6.3			14.3	8.4	11.7	11.3	1.8	1.6	1.7	1.5
Bosnia and Herzegovina	9.2	9.4	9.8					5.0	5.4	5.0	4.4	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.4
Botswana	7.4	6.0	5.7	9.7		8.1		0.9	1.0	0.7		2.9	2.6	2.6	3.4
Brazil	8.2	8.5	8.4	4.5	5.0			44.7	37.3	27.8	22.7	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.5
Brunei Darussalam	2.5	2.3	2.4									2.6	2.4	2.4	
Bulgaria	7.7	7.2	7.3	4.5	4.2			21.9	12.2	15.2	14.7	2.6	2.4	2.6	2.2
Burkina Faso	6.7	6.3	6.1	4.5	4.5	4.6						1.2	1.2	1.4	1.8
Burundi	11.0	13.1	13.9	5.1			7.2	39.8	40.1	40.0	28.1	6.2	4.9	4.7	3.8
Cambodia	6.4	5.9	5.9			1.6		0.7	0.6	0.5	0.6	1.1	1.1	1.1	
Cameroon	4.8	4.8	4.9	3.1	3.3	3.9		20.2	11.1	10.0		1.3	1.4	1.4	1.5
Canada	9.9	10.0	10.1	4.9								1.1	1.2	1.2	1.3
Cape Verde	4.6	4.9	4.5		6.0	5.7	5.7	6.9	4.9	4.0	3.5	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6
Cayman Islands				2.8	2.6										
Central African Republic	4.3	4.0	4.1		1.4	1.3						1.1		1.1	1.6
Chad	4.4	4.9	4.8	1.9								1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0

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Chile	6.1	6.0	6.2	3.4	3.2	3.4		14.9	20.8	13.9	18.2	3.6	3.7	3.4	3.5
China	4.5	4.4	4.3					3.1	2.4	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Colombia	6.3	6.2	6.1	4.0	3.9	4.1	3.9	35.6	30.5	21.3	16.2	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.7
Comoros	3.1	3.2	3.3												
Congo, Dem. Rep.	6.1	6.6	5.8									2.3	2.4	2.1	1.4
Congo, Rep.	2.4	2.1	2.4	1.8				2.0	1.3	1.0		1.3	1.1	1.4	1.3
Costa Rica	7.3	7.7	8.1		4.7	4.7	5.0	7.7	6.2	6.4	10.5				
Côte d'Ivoire	3.9	3.9	4.2				4.6	3.5	2.8	4.4	9.2	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.5
Croatia	7.0	7.1	7.6									1.6	1.7	1.6	1.8
Cuba	9.3	7.6	10.4	9.8	9.1	13.3									
Cyprus	6.1	6.2	6.6	6.3	7.0							3.8	3.6	3.2	3.7
Czech Republic	7.2	7.0	6.8	4.3	4.6							2.0	1.7	1.5	1.5
Denmark	9.5	9.6	9.8	8.3	7.9							1.3	1.4	1.3	1.3
Djibouti	6.8	6.5	7.2	8.4	8.4	8.7		4.8	6.1	6.5	6.3	6.3	6.5	4.2	4.1
Dominica	6.0	5.9	6.2			4.1	4.8	10.4	10.4	11.5					
Dominican Republic	5.5	5.6	5.4			2.2		8.2	9.9	8.6		0.7	0.5	0.6	0.6
Ecuador	5.2	5.3	5.8					29.5	23.9	18.7		2.6	2.3	2.9	2.8
Egypt	6.0	6.3	6.3	4.8	4.0	3.7	3.7	6.1	5.6	4.9	4.7	2.9	2.7	2.5	2.3
El Salvador	7.1	6.6	6.2	2.7	3.0	3.0	3.6	10.9	13.4	11.1	9.9	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5
Equatorial Guinea	1.6	1.9	2.1												
Eritrea	3.6	3.6	3.3		2.0										
Estonia	5.0	5.1	5.4	4.9								1.9	1.9	2.2	2.2
Ethiopia	4.1	3.9	3.8		5.5	5.5		4.3	6.9	4.3	2.8	2.8	2.3	1.9	1.5
Fiji	4.2	3.7	4.0					0.8	0.8			1.5	1.3	1.4	1.3
Finland	8.5	8.3	8.2	6.3	6.1							1.4	1.4	1.2	1.3
France	11.1	11.0	11.0	5.6	5.6							2.5	2.4	2.3	2.3
Gabon	4.6	4.7	4.6					3.4				1.3	1.2	1.1	
Gambia	6.1	6.6	5.5					11.8	11.8	12.7		0.6	0.5	0.7	
Georgia	8.6	8.4	8.2	2.5	3.0	2.7	2.9	7.4	8.8	4.6	4.2	3.3	5.2	9.2	8.1
Germany	10.7	10.5	10.4	4.5	4.4							1.4	1.3	1.3	1.3
Ghana	7.3	6.1	8.3	5.4				7.0	4.9	2.9	3.2	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.7
Greece	9.4	9.5	9.6	4.0								3.4	3.4	3.3	3.5
Grenada	5.9	6.9	7.1					5.6	7.7	7.6					
Guatemala	6.0	6.8	7.3		3.0	3.0		12.4	12.5	13.2	12.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5
Guinea	5.6	5.8	5.6	1.7			1.7			12.9	9.6				
Guinea-Bissau	6.3	5.9	6.1									4.0			
Guyana	6.9	7.2	8.2	8.5	8.1	6.1		3.8	3.4	2.3	2.0				
Haiti	4.6	5.8	5.3					3.6	3.4	4.5	1.9				
Honduras	5.8	5.8	6.2					5.0	4.0	3.8		0.5	0.5	0.7	0.7
Hong Kong (China)				4.2	3.9	3.5	3.3								
Hungary	8.3	8.1	7.4	5.5	5.4							1.4	1.2	1.3	1.2
Iceland	9.4	9.1	9.3	7.6	7.6										
India	4.2	4.1	4.1	3.2	3.2			13.1	7.6	13.7	8.7	2.8	2.6	2.5	2.5
Indonesia	2.0	1.9	2.2	2.9	3.6	3.5		15.4	23.1	16.3	13.4	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0
Iran, Islamic Rep.	6.6	6.9	6.4	4.7	5.1	5.5	4.8					3.8	3.8	2.9	
Iraq	3.8	3.3	2.5												
Ireland	7.3	7.1	7.6	4.8	4.8							0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6
Israel	8.0	7.9	8.0	6.2	6.2							7.7	7.8	8.4	8.0
Italy	8.9	9.0	8.7	4.4	4.7							1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8
Jamaica	4.1	4.1	4.7	4.6		5.5		16.3	11.9	17.3	14.2	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5
Japan	8.2	8.1	8.0	3.5	3.5							1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9
Jordan	9.4	8.5	8.9					6.4	5.9	5.7	16.0	4.8	4.7	6.1	5.9

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Kazakhstan	3.9	3.6	3.7	2.3	2.6	2.8		42.2	33.7	49.6	41.8	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.0
Kenya	4.4	4.5	4.7	7.3	7.0	6.4	6.6	9.2	6.5	5.7	4.5	1.7	1.7	1.8	2.0
Kiribati	13.8	14.7	19.1												
Korea, Dem. Rep.															
Korea, Rep.	5.7	6.0	6.3	4.1	4.2							2.4	2.4	2.4	2.6
Kuwait	2.2	2.1	2.2	4.7	3.8							4.3	3.6	3.8	3.2
Kyrgyzstan	6.0	6.7	6.5	4.9	5.5	6.6		10.0	4.9	6.4	8.2	3.1	3.2	3.1	2.4
Lao PDR	4.3	4.0	4.0	2.4	2.9	3.0	2.3	17.3	16.2	15.2		0.4	0.4	0.3	
Latvia	6.3	6.9	6.2		5.1			39.1	33.3	33.5	37.7	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.9
Lebanon	8.5	9.1	8.8	2.6	2.8	2.6	2.0	18.7	20.7	18.6	14.0	4.4	4.6	5.1	4.4
Lesotho	6.2	6.7	6.2	14.2	13.8		12.4	7.4	3.9	6.9	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.6
Liberia	9.4	9.8	10.6				2.7	0.2	0.1	103.8	131.3	1.0	1.0	0.5	
Libya	2.6	2.4	2.7									1.5	1.1	0.9	1.2
Lithuania	5.9	6.2	6.2	4.9	4.8			16.6	21.8	36.6	30.6	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.6
Luxembourg	7.7	7.3	7.1									0.8	0.8	0.7	
Macao (China)				2.4	2.3	2.0									
Macedonia	7.8	7.6	7.1				4.7	9.7	16.9	15.3	8.7	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.0
Madagascar	3.7	3.9	4.1	3.2	3.1	3.4	2.9	5.8				1.1	1.0	1.1	1.1
Malawi	10.7	12.9	9.9									1.2	1.2	1.2	
Malaysia	4.1	4.3	4.4	7.5	4.7			5.6	4.0	4.8		2.3	2.1	2.1	2.0
Maldives	10.6	10.4	9.8	7.8	8.0		8.1	7.2	4.9	5.6	6.2				
Mali	5.5	5.7	5.7	4.1			3.8	6.3	4.4	2.9		2.3	2.2	2.3	2.0
Malta	8.5	8.4	7.5									1.7	1.6	1.5	
Marshall Islands	13.6	14.4	14.7												
Mauritania	2.9	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.9		4.4					3.6	3.1		3.8
Mauritius	4.2	3.8	4.2	4.4	3.9			5.8	5.8	2.9	2.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	
Mexico	5.9	5.7	5.9	5.0	4.8			17.5	18.8	12.3	12.1	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4
Micronesia, Fed. Sts.	13.1	13.3	13.2												
Moldova	8.4	9.4	10.3	7.2	7.5	8.3	8.2	10.2	12.2	9.5	11.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4
Monaco	4.6	4.4	4.0												
Mongolia	3.9	3.9	4.3			5.1		2.3	2.1			1.3		1.4	
Montenegro	9.6	9.3	8.9										2.0	1.4	1.5
Morocco	5.2	5.2	5.0	5.9	5.5			11.3	12.2	11.5	10.3	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.3
Mozambique	5.4	5.0	4.9	5.2	5.0			3.7	1.6	1.1	1.2	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.9
Myanmar	2.1	2.1	1.9					3.2	2.5						
Namibia	7.3	7.2	7.6		6.0		6.5					2.6	2.5	2.6	3.0
Nepal	6.0	5.6	5.1				3.8	4.6	5.0	4.5	3.6	1.9	1.7	1.6	1.5
Netherlands	9.1	8.9	8.9	5.5	5.5							1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4
New Zealand	8.8	9.3	9.0	6.5	6.2	6.2						1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1
Nicaragua	7.4	7.6	8.3					6.6	5.5	11.7	7.3	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6
Niger	5.7	5.9	5.3		3.3	4.1	3.7	6.3	25.9	3.1					
Nigeria	6.6	6.5	6.6					15.8		1.4					
Norway	9.1	8.6	8.9	7.0	6.5							1.6	1.5	1.5	1.3
Oman	2.6	2.4	2.4	3.5	4.0							11.8	11.0	10.4	
Pakistan	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.3	2.6	2.8	2.9	10.1	8.6	8.9	8.7	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.3
Palau	11.4	10.5	10.8												
Panama	7.5	7.0	6.7				3.8	17.5	21.9	5.6	9.2				
Papua New Guinea	4.3	3.3	3.2					11.2				0.6	0.5	0.6	0.4
Paraguay	6.7	6.4	5.7					10.9	7.2	6.0	4.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Peru	4.5	4.3	4.3	2.7	2.5	2.5		26.5	12.8	24.7	12.5	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.2
Philippines	3.7	3.8	3.9	2.5				16.8	19.6	13.0	15.5	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8
Poland	6.2	6.2	6.4	5.5	5.7			28.6	24.3	25.5	25.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.0

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Portugal	10.2	9.9	10.0	5.4	5.3							2.2	2.1	2.0	2.0
Qatar	4.0	4.2	3.8	3.3											
Romania	5.1	4.5	4.7	3.5				18.2	18.4	19.2	25.3	2.0	1.8	1.5	1.5
Russian Federation	5.2	5.3	5.4	3.8	3.9	4.1	4.0	14.6	13.8	9.2	11.5	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.5
Rwanda	7.6	11.0	10.3	3.4		4.8	4.1	8.1	9.7	4.0		1.9	1.9	1.6	1.5
Samoa	4.6	4.8	5.0					4.6	5.4	7.7					
San Marino	7.5	7.2	7.1												
Sao Tomé and Príncipe	12.6	12.6	11.2					39.8	39.1	39.2					
Saudi Arabia	3.2	3.4	3.4									8.0	8.3	9.2	8.2
Senegal	5.4	5.8	5.7	5.1	4.8			6.4	5.7	4.4		1.4	1.6	1.7	1.6
Serbia	9.0	9.3	9.9							12.1	13.9	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.3
Seychelles	5.3	5.0	5.1		5.0			7.9	20.6	12.4		1.7	1.5	1.7	1.0
Sierra Leone	5.7	4.0	4.4	3.8				6.5	9.1	1.9		1.9	2.0	1.8	2.3
Singapore	3.3	3.2	3.1				2.8					4.5	4.3	4.0	4.1
Slovakia	7.0	7.3	7.7	3.8	3.8							1.7	1.6	1.5	1.6
Slovenia	8.5	8.3	7.8	5.7	5.7							1.4	1.6	1.4	1.6
Solomon Islands	4.6	4.7	4.6					8.9	2.0						
Somalia															
South Africa	9.1	8.8	8.6	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.1	4.5	6.6	5.5	4.4	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.4
Spain	8.3	8.4	8.5	4.2	4.3							1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2
Sri Lanka	4.0	4.2	4.2					4.6	8.7	6.9	9.3	2.5	2.8	2.9	3.0
St. Kitts and Nevis	5.4	5.8	6.0	9.9				17.6	16.7	17.9					
St. Lucia	5.7	6.4	6.3	5.5	6.5		6.3	5.9	7.3	7.7					
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	5.9	6.0	5.4	8.0		7.0		10.3	13.4	10.3					
Sudan	3.8	3.8	3.5					6.6	4.6	3.3	2.5	4.3	4.2		
Suriname	7.8	7.6	7.6												
Swaziland	7.4	6.6	6.0	7.9	8.3		7.9	1.5	1.6	1.9		2.4	2.2	2.1	
Sweden	9.2	9.1	9.1	7.0	6.9							1.5	1.4	1.4	1.3
Switzerland	11.2	10.8	10.8	5.7	5.5							0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8
Syrian Arab Republic	4.2	3.9	3.6		5.3	4.9						5.1	4.4	4.1	3.4
Tajikistan	5.0	5.0	5.3	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.5	4.1	2.5	1.9	3.1				
Tanzania	3.9	6.5	5.3					4.3	3.1	1.5	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9
Thailand	3.5	3.7	3.7	4.4	4.5	4.0		13.7	9.4	8.2	7.7	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.5
Timor-Leste	14.9	16.4	13.6				7.1								
Togo	5.9	6.4	6.1	3.4	3.6	3.7		2.0	2.4	1.2		1.6			2.0
Tonga	4.7	5.2	4.4					3.9	3.4	3.1		1.2	1.4	1.5	
Trinidad and Tobago	4.7	4.4	4.8												
Tunisia	6.2	6.1	6.0	7.2	7.1			12.6	14.3	11.3		1.6	1.6	1.3	1.3
Turkey	5.7	4.8	5.0					37.0	32.3	31.5	29.5	2.5	2.5	2.1	2.2
Turkmenistan	3.4	2.8	2.6												
Uganda	6.4	6.6	6.3				3.8	9.0	5.2	2.1	1.7	2.4	2.2	2.3	
Ukraine	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.1	6.2	5.3		13.0	18.1	16.9	19.4	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.7
United Arab Emirates	2.6	2.6	2.7	1.3								1.9			
United Kingdom	8.2	8.5	8.4	5.5	5.6							2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4
United States of America	15.4	15.5	15.7	5.4	5.7							4.1	4.0	4.1	4.3
Uruguay	7.9	8.1	8.0	2.7	2.8	3.5	3.9	33.8	85.5	15.5	14.6	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2
Uzbekistan	5.0	5.3	5.0												
Vanuatu	3.4	3.2	3.6				6.1	1.3	1.7	1.4					
Venezuela	5.4	5.7	5.8		3.6	3.7		9.4	13.0	7.0	5.6	1.4	1.6	1.3	1.1
Viet Nam	6.0	6.6	7.1				5.3	2.6	2.1	2.2	1.9	1.8	1.9	2.1	2.0
Yemen	4.4	4.3	3.9				5.2	2.6	2.5	2.9	2.4	4.9	4.3	4.9	4.5
Zambia	7.0	6.4	6.2	2.0		1.5	1.4	10.9	3.8	2.5	3.2	2.0	1.9	1.3	1.8
Zimbabwe	8.9	9.3	8.9									3.8			

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