

In 2012, SWA partners made **415 commitments** to address barriers to delivering sustainable water & sanitation services. In 2014, partners reported the status of commitments as:

50	Completed
31	Almost Completed
186	Good Progress
105	Slow Progress
15	Major Barriers

At the 2nd Sanitation and Water for All High Level Meeting (HLM), in April 2012, developing countries, donors and development banks made commitments to address bottlenecks to delivering sustainable water and sanitation services. Annual monitoring of progress towards achieving the HLM commitments is a key mechanism for mutual accountability in the water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) sector. Individual partner reports are available on SWA website.

Good progress is being made on the majority of the commitments by donors, with a small improvement in the number of commitments completed.

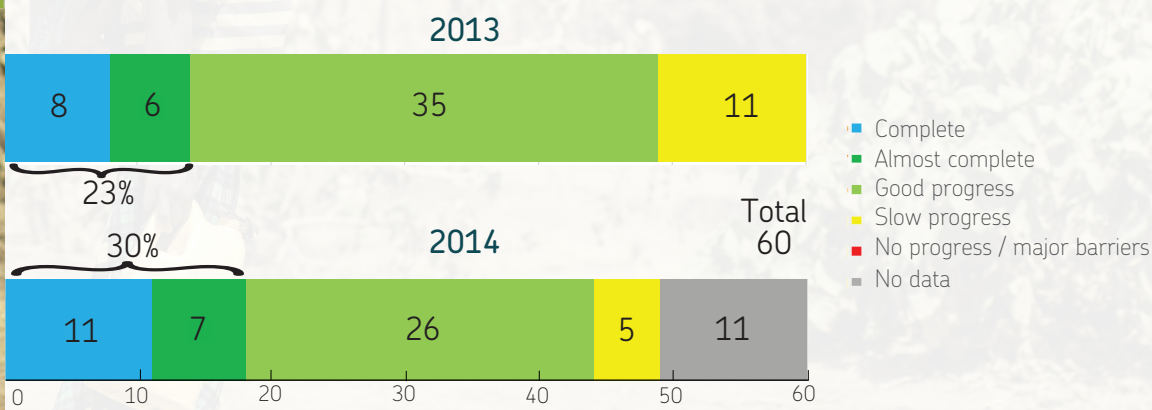


Figure 1: Overall Progress of Commitments: Donors

Overall, good progress is being made by Developing Countries. An increase in commitments completely or almost completely achieved has been reported between 2013 and 2014.

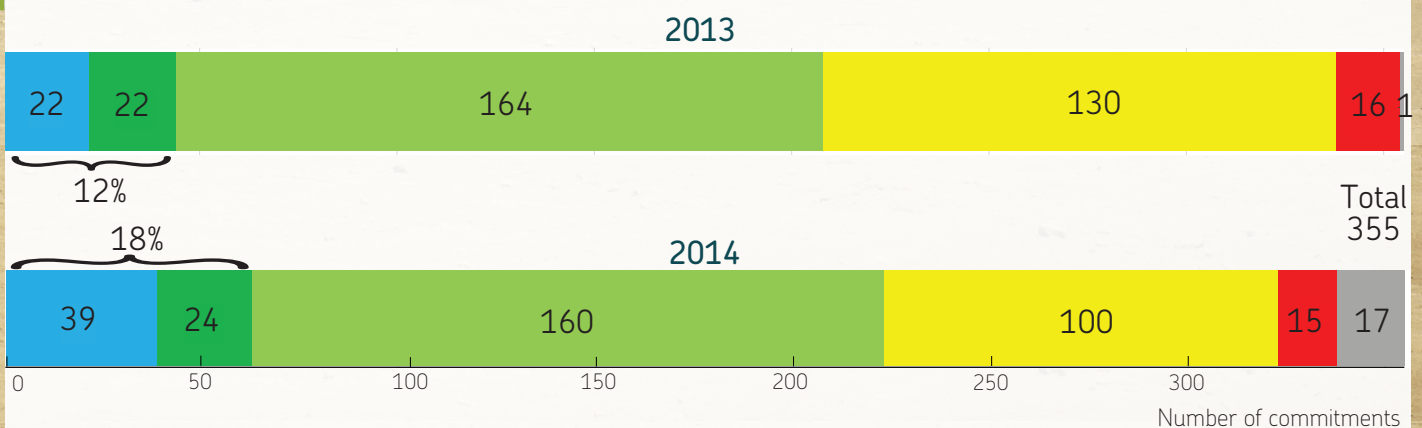


Figure 2: Overall Progress of Commitments: Developing Countries

Developing countries

Commitments are specific to each country's context. Progress varies greatly.

100% of developing countries reported on progress for the second year in a row.

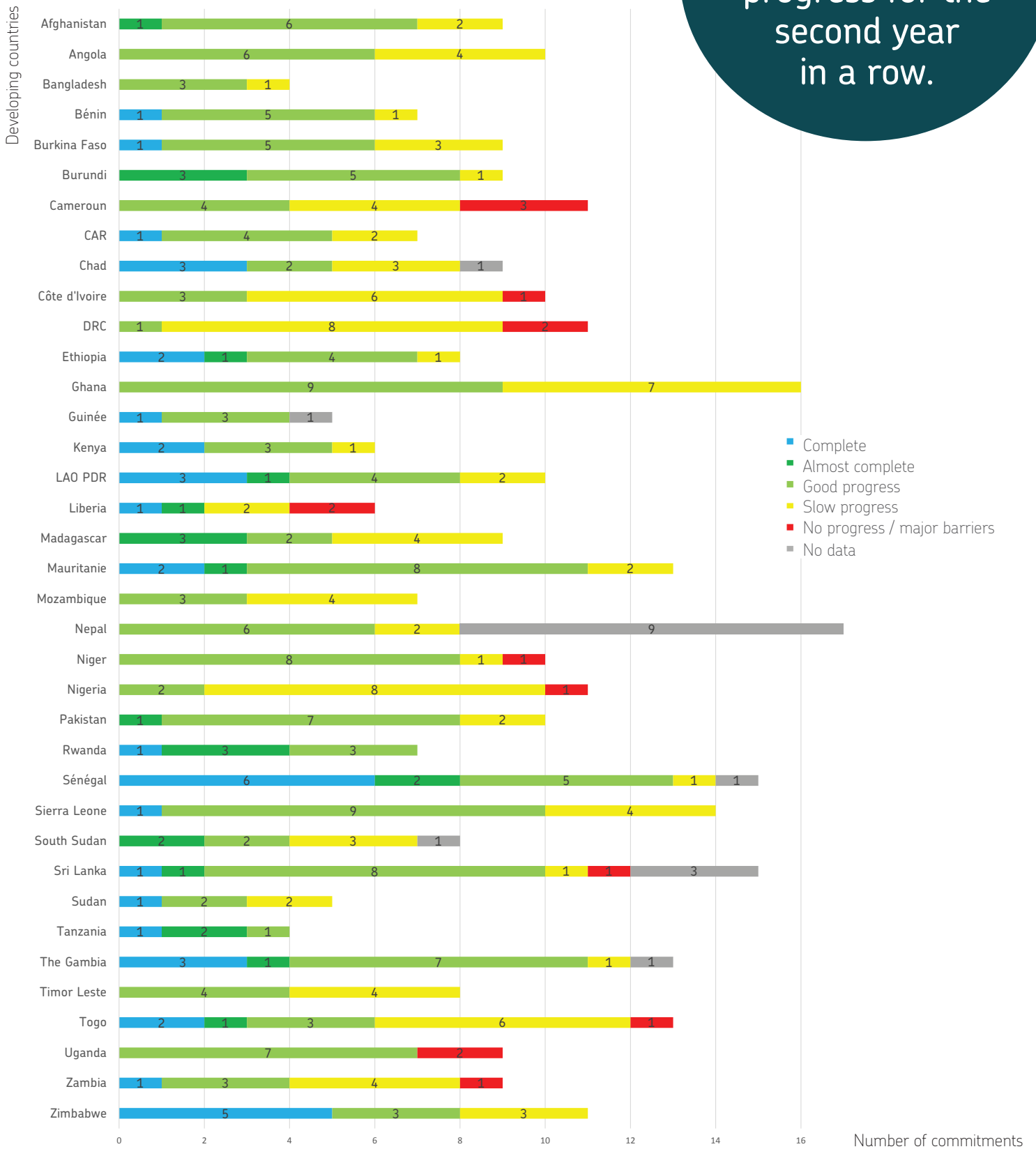


Figure 3: Progress Status by Individual Partner: Developing Countries

Donors

Commitments are also specific to each Donor. Reporting shows little or no barriers.

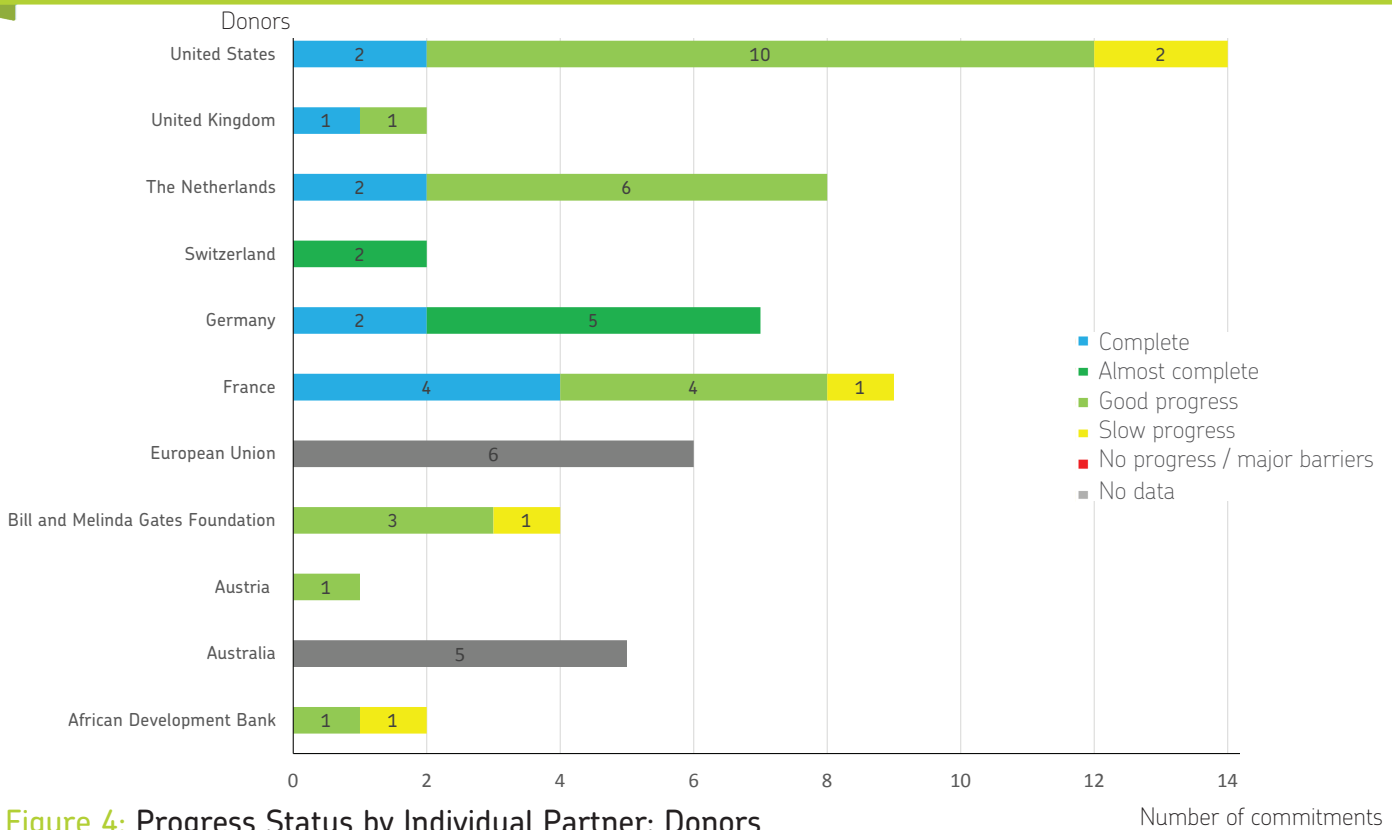


Figure 4: Progress Status by Individual Partner: Donors

Overall

Commitments can be grouped by SWA's three priority areas and within twelve categories.

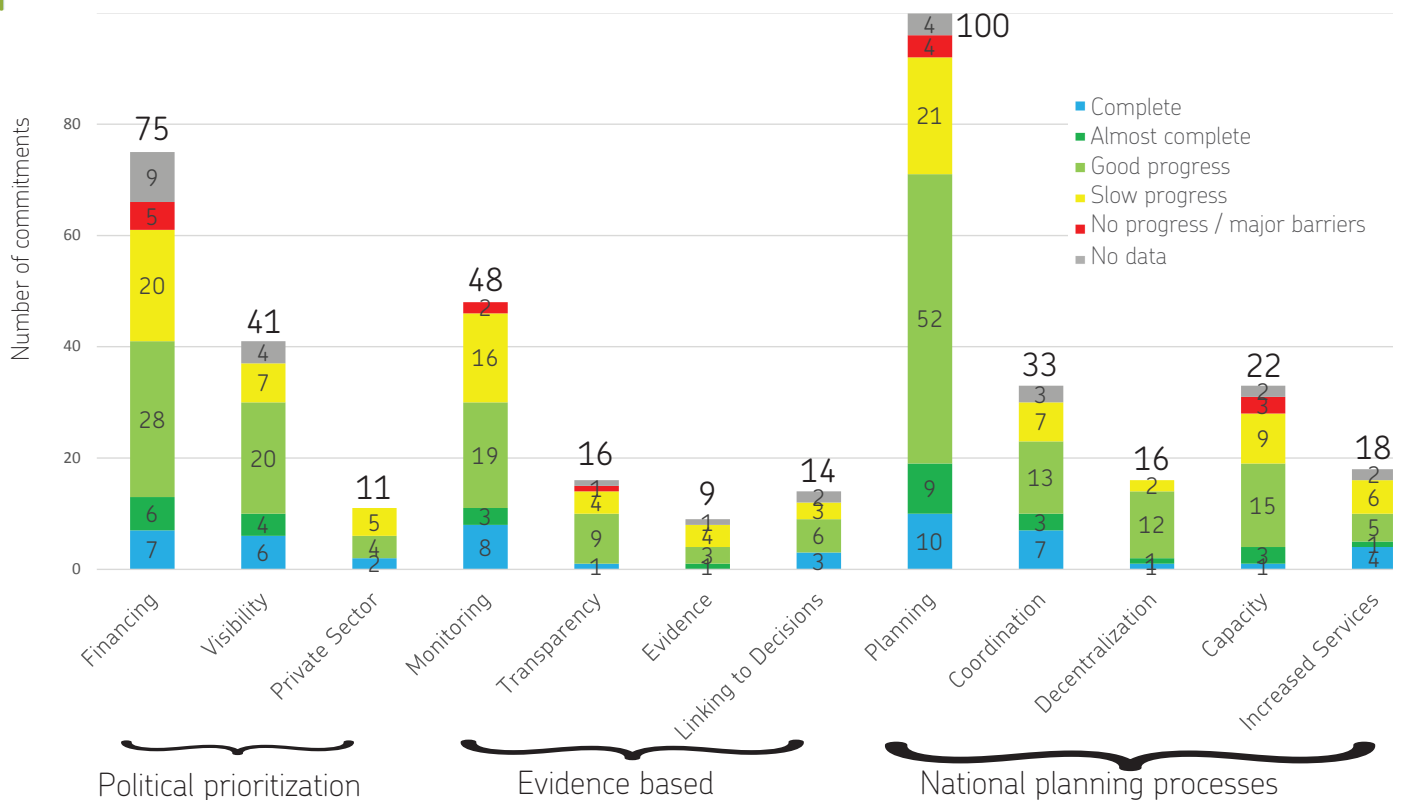
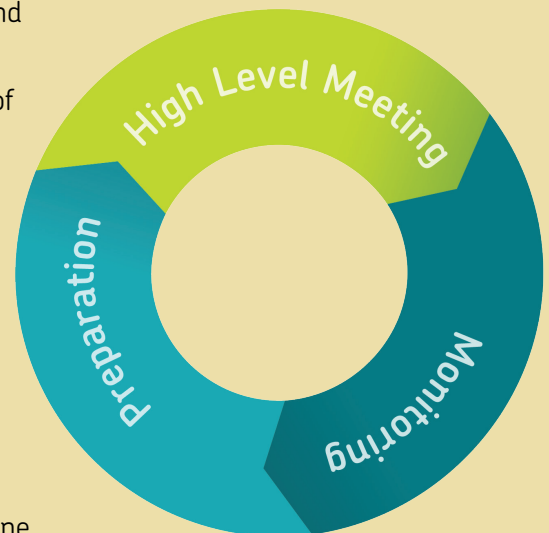


Figure 5: Overall progress status by category: Donors and Developing Countries combined

SWA High Level Commitments Dialogue (HLCD)

The High-Level Commitments Dialogue (HLCD) encompasses the preparatory process that countries and donors carry out in advance of the SWA High-Level Meeting to develop context-specific commitments, the biennial High-Level Meetings themselves, and the annual monitoring of commitments made. The HLCD is designed to encourage on-going political dialogue at the national (including sub-national) and global levels and is focused on achieving results on the ground. Country-level dialogues are strengthened – both among ministers (and parliament) and technical stakeholders, CSOs, donors and development banks and citizens – and also provide a platform to strengthen mutual accountability.

Partners are encouraged to raise WASH on the political agenda and promote solutions, demonstrate political will, strengthen mutual accountability and increase the impact of resources. Measuring commitments tabled at the SWA HLM is an essential component of the entire HLCD process and is critical to strengthening accountability in the sanitation and water sector. As such, developing country governments, donors and development banks agree to report annually on the progress made in implementing the commitments tabled at the previous SWA HLM.



The High-Level Commitments Dialogue is important because it:

- Aligns with ongoing dialogue and strengthens that dialogue where appropriate
- Raises the profile of sanitation and water politically
- Encourages multi-stakeholder processes and role a for everyone
- Encourages development partners to align behind clear plans and short term priorities
- Encourages mutual accountability by all stakeholders and by civil society organizations.

The process of developing High Level Commitments entails a preparatory dialogue that uses analytical tools to identify key barriers and to articulate the commitments.



- Joint Sector Reviews - **JSR**
- Progress report on **2012 HLM** Commitments
- Country Status Overviews - **CSOs**
- WASH Bottleneck Analysis Tools - **BATs**
- **GLAAS**



- Getting **stakeholders** together
- Analyzing **bottlenecks** and **previous progress**
- Balancing **old and new** priorities
- Aligning with **regional** processes
- Linking **Post-2015 country consultations**



- **“Communicable in 90 seconds”**: few, but focused
- **“Game changing”**: carefully ambitious
- **“Balancing”**: existing plans with new priorities
- **“Sequencing”**: short term and structural
- **“SMART”**: Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound