Health
Fact Sheet

Improving health outcomes continues to be an important shared global goal. As the root cause of so many development issues, health policy is essential to ensuring more inclusive and sustainable growth. Through better data and greater participation and accountability, OGP countries are working to strengthen both systems as well as approaches to specific health challenges.

KEY TAKEAWAYS[1]

➔ **A quarter of OGP members are currently implementing health commitments.**
- Most commitments focus on citizen-input on policy creation.

➔ **Health commitments are often more ambitious than commitments in other sectors, but are less successful in significantly improving government openness in the health sector.**

➔ **OGP governments should put citizens at the center of health policy creation. This could mean:**
- Engaging citizens in health policy creation
- Encouraging public participation in the rollout of major health policies
- Creating systems where citizens can hold health service providers accountable

HEALTH COMMITMENT UPTAKE

140	**97**	**46**
health commitments have been included in OGP action plans since 2011.	health commitments have been assessed by OGP's Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM).	OGP members have made health commitments. 26 members are currently implementing health commitments.

1 This fact sheet analyzes OGP commitment data as of March 2019. For a deeper gap analysis and strategic discussion, please refer to the Health section of the OGP Global Report, available at opengovpartnership.org/campaigns/global-report.

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NOTABLE COMMITMENTS

Mongolia
Accountability for Better Government
In Mongolia, newly-trained social accountability activists are engaging with the government to improve public services, like healthcare, in their communities. Trainees identified potential savings equivalent to ten percent of the health budget.

Buenos Aires, Argentina
Making Access to Reproductive Health Services Inclusive
In Buenos Aires, the #Dónde digital platform shares georeferenced information on the availability of reproductive and sexual healthcare services throughout the city, allowing citizens to better locate centers, rate their experience and lodge complaints on clinics performing poorly or violating women's rights.

Uruguay
At Your Service System
In Uruguay, the A Tu Servicio platform publishes vital healthcare information, empowering citizens to take control of their healthcare. Citizens can now track healthcare costs, compare providers, and view treatment wait times online to make more informed decisions.
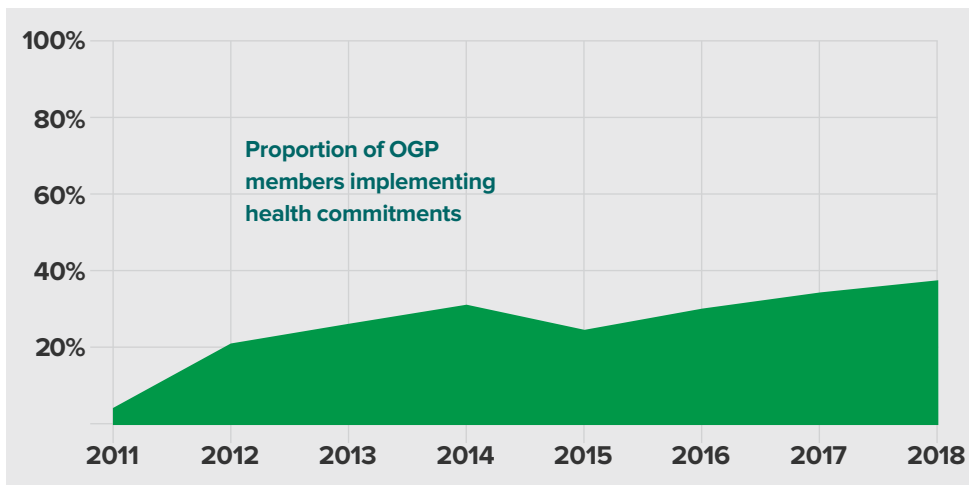
Denmark
Digital My Log Increases Health System Transparency
In Denmark, the My Log digital registry allows patients to retrieve important health information, like lab results and prescriptions, and monitor which healthcare providers have accessed their records.

HEALTH COMMITMENT PROGRESS
Health has steadily grown as a policy area in OGP.

Proportion of OGP members implementing health commitments

Chart axis: 100%, 80%, 60%, 40%, 20%
Years: 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

WHAT ARE OGP MEMBERS DOING ABOUT HEALTH?

✓ Advisory councils and citizen policy creation

✓ Public monitoring of performance

✓ Budget and expenditure tracking

✓ Policies to address conflicts of interest

✓ Social accountability

QUICK STATS ON PROGRESS
Out of all IRM-assessed health commitments:

9% are starred[2]

53% have been substantially completed

20% have significantly opened government[3]

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2 Exemplary commitments that have high specificity, transformative potential impact, significant completion at the time of assessment, and are relevant to OGP values.

3 This variable measures how much government practice has changed as a result of a particular commitment. Major and outstanding scores indicate the commitment made significant improvements to government openness.