

Delinquent Payments

Voluntary Assessed Contributions to the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control

The operations of the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) are principally financed through Voluntary Assessed Contributions (VAC) required of Parties to the treaty. These assessments are based on national income using an approach common to most UN agencies.

In November 2010, at the Fourth Conference of the Parties, concern was expressed at the “present situation whereby a very large number of Parties still have outstanding voluntary assessed contributions” and “a number of Parties have never paid any of their voluntary assessed contributions.”¹ In the summer of 2011, the Secretariat to the Convention updated and made public the status of payments of these VAC.² This information is repeated in Table 2a-2f.

About 6% of the assessments (\$1.5 million) had not been paid as of July 15, 2011. An analysis of

these payments shows that, on aggregate, delinquency of payment is inversely related to the income level of the countries involved: Of the VAC assessed between 2006 and 2011,:

- Low income countries still owed 45%.
- Low middle Income countries still owed 22%.
- Upper middle income countries still owed 8%
- High Income countries still owed 5%

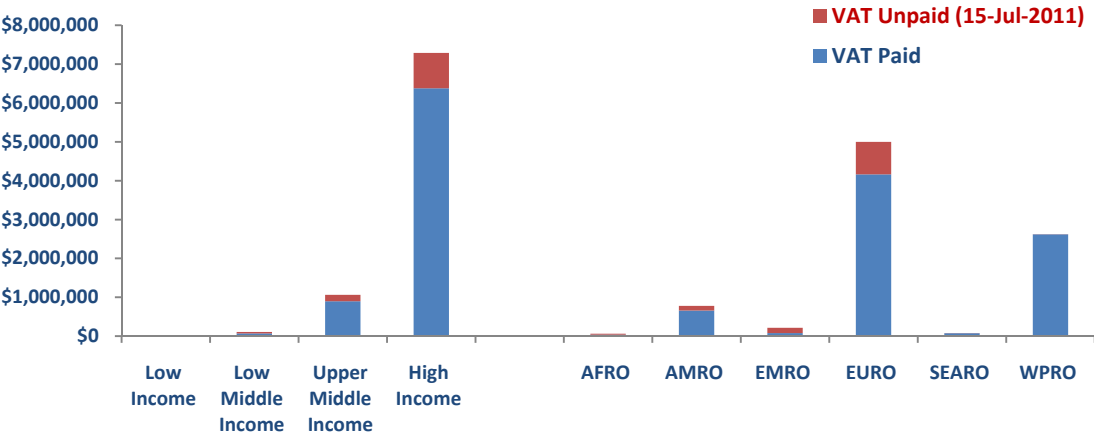
Regional and income analysis of delinquent payments is shown in Table 1 and Figure 1.

The largest amount owing was from the EURO region (\$926,000 or 62% of the unpaid total), followed by EMRO (\$372,000 or 25% of the unpaid total) and AMRO (\$147,000 or 10% of the unpaid total) . Less than 4% of the delinquent payment was owed by countries in the combined WPRO, SEARO and AFRO regions. The regional share of delinquent payments is shown in Figure 2.

Table 1: Outstanding FCTC payments by region and World Bank income level.

	2006-2007		2008-2009		2010-2011		Outstanding As of July 15, 2011
	Approved VAC	Outstanding VAC	Approved VAC	Outstanding VAC	Approved VAC	Outstanding VAC	
Low Income	9,349	3,225	7,022	2,882	7,361	4,563	10,670
Low Middle Income	120,333	16,162	108,905	18,880	109,035	39,845	74,887
Upper Middle Income	960,549	40,780	1,055,296	47,887	1,060,854	162,444	251,041
High Income	6,815,239	162,501	7,227,449	93,310	7,288,965	910,789	1,166,600
Not classified	310,531	124	283,667	113	283,713	113	350
AFRO	62,789	10,362	59,268	12,132	60,586	21,346	43,840
AMRO	855,005	13,290	777,098	13,784	779,560	119,961	147,035
EMRO	226,074	117,114	216,132	118,431	216,171	136,504	372,013
EURO	4,427,866	78,561	4,932,833	13,854	4,998,268	834,279	926,660
SEARO	84,845	2,482	77,064	3,739	77,076	4,420	10,641
WPRO	2,559,050	859	2,619,605	1,019	2,619,742	1,131	3,009
Total	8,216,001	222,792	8,682,339	163,072	8,751,742	1,117,754	1,503,548

Figure 1: Assessed contributions and outstanding payments, FCTC 2006-2001, by region and World Bank income level.



42 Countries have never paid their VACs.

About 1 in 4 countries (42 Parties) had not remitted any payments, representing a total delinquency of \$417,639 (or 28% of the \$1.5 million unpaid). These included:

- 5 high income countries
- 11 low income countries
- 15 low middle income countries
- 10 upper middle income countries

- 14 countries in the AFRO region
- 7 countries in the AMRO region
- 6 countries in the EMRO region
- 8 countries in the EURO region
- 2 countries in the SEARO region
- 5 countries in the WPRO region.

Figure 2: Distribution of unpaid VAC total by region.

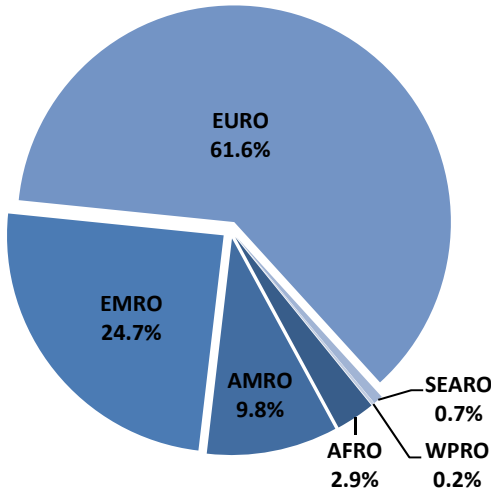


TABLE 2A. STATUS OF FCTC VAC PAYMENTS: AFRO REGION

	Income	2006-2007		2008-2009		2010-2011		Outstanding As of July 15, 2011
		Approved VAC	Outstanding VAC	Approved VAC	Outstanding VAC	Approved VAC	Outstanding VAC	
Benin	Low	248	248	113	113	113	113	474
Burkina Faso	Low	243		227		227		
Burundi	Low	124		113		113		
Central African Republic	Low	124	124	113	113	113	113	350
Chad	Low	123	123	113	113	113	113	349
Comoros	Low	124	124	113	113	113	113	350
Congo	Low	120		113		113		
Gambia	Low	120		113	113	113	113	226
Guinea	Low			113	113	113	113	226
Guinea-Bissau	Low					113	113	113
Kenya	Low	1,117		1,133		1,133		
Liberia	Low					113	113	113
Madagascar	Low	372		227	27	227	227	254
Mali	Low	248		113		113	74	74
Niger	Low	124	124	113	113	113	113	350
Rwanda	Low	124		113	25	113	113	138
Sierra Leone	Low					113	113	113
Togo	Low	124		113		113		
Uganda	Low	720		340		340	340	340
United Republic of Tanzania	Low	720		680		680	73	73
Angola	Low-Mid	120		340		340		
Cameroon	Low-Mid	908		1,020		1,020		
Cape Verde	Low-Mid	124	25	113	113	113	113	251
Côte d'Ivoire	Low-Mid							
Dem. Repub. Congo	Low-Mid	372		340		340		
Ghana	Low-Mid	496		453		453		
Lesotho	Low-Mid	124		113	113	113	113	226
Mauritania	Low-Mid	124		113		113		
Nigeria	Low-Mid	5,211		5,440		5,441	5,441	5,441
Sao Tome and Principe	Low-Mid	122	122	113	113	113	113	348
Senegal	Low-Mid	620		453	410	453	453	863
Swaziland	Low-Mid	248		227		227		
Zambia	Low-Mid			113		113	56	56
Algeria	Up-Mid	9,224	9,224	9,633	9,633	9,635	9,635	28,492
Botswana	Up-Mid	1,489		1,587		1,587	1,587	1,587
Gabon	Up-Mid					971	971	971
Mauritius	Up-Mid	1,365		1,247		1,247		
Namibia	Up-Mid	744		680	680	680	680	1,360
Seychelles	Up-Mid	248		227		227		
South Africa	Up-Mid	36,227		32,866		32,871		
Equatorial Guinea	High	248	248	227	227	227	227	702
AFRO Low		4,775	743	3,963	843	4,302	1,957	3,543
AFRO Low Middle		8,469	147	8,838	749	8,839	6,289	7,185
AFRO Upper Middle		49,297	9,224	46,240	10,313	47,218	12,873	32,410
AFRO High		248	248	227	227	227	227	702
AFRO Total		62,789	10,362	59,268	12,132	60,586	21,346	43,840

TABLE 2B. STATUS OF FCTC VAC PAYMENTS: AMRO REGION

	Income	2006-2007		2008-2009		2010-2011		Outstanding As of July 15, 2011
		Approved VAC	Outstanding VAC	Approved VAC	Outstanding VAC	Approved VAC	Outstanding VAC	
Belize	<i>Low-Mid</i>	124		113		113		
Bolivia	<i>Low-Mid</i>	1,117	1,117	680	680	680	680	2,477
Guatemala	<i>Low-Mid</i>	3,722		3,627		3,627	3,520	3,520
Guyana	<i>Low-Mid</i>	124		113		113		
Honduras	<i>Low-Mid</i>	620	620	567	567	567	567	1,754
Nicaragua	<i>Low-Mid</i>			227	227	227	227	454
Paraguay	<i>Low-Mid</i>	1,443		567		567		
Antigua and Barbuda	<i>Up-Mid</i>	366		227		227	227	227
Brazil	<i>Up-Mid</i>	188,949		99,290		99,306	99,306	99,306
Chile	<i>Up-Mid</i>	27,666		18,246		18,249		
Colombia	<i>Up-Mid</i>			11,870		11,902		
Costa Rica	<i>Up-Mid</i>			3,244	3,244	3,627	3,627	6,871
Dominica	<i>Up-Mid</i>	121		113		113		
Ecuador	<i>Up-Mid</i>	2,305		2,380		2,380	2,380	2,380
Grenada	<i>Up-Mid</i>	120	120	113	113	113	113	346
Jamaica	<i>Up-Mid</i>	993		1,133		1,133		
Mexico	<i>Up-Mid</i>	233,612		255,812		255,853		
Panama	<i>Up-Mid</i>	2,357		2,607		2,607		
Peru	<i>Up-Mid</i>	11,414	11,414	8,840	8,840	8,841	8,841	29,095
Saint Lucia	<i>Up-Mid</i>	248	19	113	113	113	113	245
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	<i>Up-Mid</i>							
Suriname	<i>Up-Mid</i>					113	113	113
Uruguay	<i>Up-Mid</i>	5,955		3,060		3,060		
Venezuela	<i>Up-Mid</i>	20,788		22,666		22,670		
Bahamas	<i>High</i>					1,814		
Barbados	<i>High</i>	1,241		1,020		1,020	247	247
Canada	<i>High</i>	348,991		337,410		337,465		
Trinidad and Tobago	<i>High</i>	2,729		3,060		3,060		
AMRO Low								
AMRO Low Middle		7,150	1,737	5,894	1,474	5,894	4,994	8,205
AMRO Upper Middle		494,894	11,553	429,714	12,310	430,307	114,720	138,583
AMRO High		352,961		341,490		341,545	247	247
AMRO Total		855,005	13,290	777,098	13,784	777,746	119,961	147,035

TABLE 2C. STATUS OF FCTC VAC PAYMENTS: EMRO REGION

Income	2006-2007		2008-2009		2010-2011		Outstanding As of July 15, 2011
	Approved VAC	Outstanding VAC	Approved VAC	Outstanding VAC	Approved VAC	Outstanding VAC	
Afghanistan	<i>Low</i>						
Djibouti	<i>Low-Mid</i>	124	124	113	113	113	113
Egypt	<i>Low-Mid</i>	14,888		9,973		9,975	9,975
Iraq	<i>Low-Mid</i>			1,699		1,700	
Pakistan	<i>Low-Mid</i>	6,824	6,824	6,687	6,687	6,688	6,688
Sudan	<i>Low-Mid</i>	993	993	1,133	1,133	1,133	1,133
Syrian Arab Republic	<i>Low-Mid</i>	4,714		1,813		1,814	1,814
Yemen	<i>Low-Mid</i>	721	721	793	793	793	793
Iran	<i>Up-Mid</i>	19,478		20,400	20,400	20,403	20,403
Jordan	<i>Up-Mid</i>	1,365		1,360		1,360	
Lebanon	<i>Up-Mid</i>	2,976	17	3,853		3,854	19
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	<i>Up-Mid</i>	16,376	16,376	7,027	782	7,028	7,028
Tunisia	<i>Up-Mid</i>						
Bahrain	<i>High</i>	3,602	3,602	3,740	3,740	3,741	3,741
Kuwait	<i>High</i>	19,777		20,626		20,630	
Oman	<i>High</i>	8,684		8,273		8,275	
Qatar	<i>High</i>	7,940		9,633		9,635	
Saudi Arabia	<i>High</i>	88,457	88,457	84,783	84,783	84,797	84,797
United Arab Emirates	<i>High</i>	29,155		34,226		34,232	
EMRO Low		28,264	8,662	22,211	8,726	22,216	20,516
EMRO Low Middle		40,195	16,393	32,640	21,182	32,645	27,450
EMRO Upper Middle		157,615	92,059	161,281	88,523	161,310	88,538
EMRO High		226,074	117,114	216,132	118,431	216,171	136,504
EMRO TOTAL		226,074	117,114	216,132	118,431	216,171	136,504

TABLE 2D. STATUS OF FCTC VAC PAYMENTS: SEARO REGION

Income	2006-2007		2008-2009		2010-2011		Outstanding As of July 15, 2011
	Approved VAC	Outstanding VAC	Approved VAC	Outstanding VAC	Approved VAC	Outstanding VAC	
Bangladesh	<i>Low</i>	1,241	1,241	1,133	1,133	1,133	1,133
DPR Korea	<i>Low</i>	1,241	1,241	793	793	793	793
Myanmar	<i>Low</i>	1,241		567		567	567
Nepal	<i>Low</i>	481		340		340	
Bhutan	<i>Low-Mid</i>	124		113		113	
India	<i>Low-Mid</i>	52,231		50,999		51,007	
Sri Lanka	<i>Low-Mid</i>	2,109		1,813	1,813	1,814	1,814
Timor-Leste	<i>Low-Mid</i>	124		113		113	
Maldives	<i>Up-Mid</i>	124		113		113	113
Thailand	<i>Up-Mid</i>	25,929		21,080		21,083	
SEARO Low		4,204	2,482	2,833	1,926	2,833	2,493
SEARO Low Middle		54,588		53,038	1,813	53,047	1,814
SEARO Upper Middle		26,053		21,193		21,196	113
SEARO High							
SEARO Total		84,845	2,482	77,064	3,739	77,076	4,420

TABLE 2E. STATUS OF FCTC VAC PAYMENTS: EURO REGION

	Income	2006-2007		2008-2009		2010-2011		Outstanding As of July 15, 2011
		Approved VAC	Outstanding VAC	Approved VAC	Outstanding VAC	Approved VAC	Outstanding VAC	
Kyrgyzstan	Low	122		113	113	113	113	226
Armenia	Low-Mid	248		227		227		
Georgia	Low-Mid	367		340		340		
Republic of Moldova	Low-Mid					113	113	113
Ukraine	Low-Mid	4,757	4,757	5,100	5,100	5,101	5,101	14,958
European Union	NA	310,159		283,328		283,374		
Albania	Up-Mid	610	28	680	680	680	680	1,388
Azerbaijan	Up-Mid	620	620	567	567	567	567	1,754
Belarus	Up-Mid	2,233	2,233	2,267	2,267	2,267	2,267	6,767
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Up-Mid					680	680	680
Bulgaria	Up-Mid	2,109		2,267		2,267		
Kazakhstan	Up-Mid	3,004		3,287		3,287	34	
Latvia	Up-Mid	1,861		2,040		2,040		
Lithuania	Up-Mid	2,978		3,513		3,514		
Montenegro	Up-Mid	122		113		113		
Romania	Up-Mid	7,353		7,933		7,934		
Russian Federation	Up-Mid			132,793		136,031		
Serbia	Up-Mid	2,327		2,380		2,380	2,380	2,380
Macedonia	Up-Mid	729	729	567	567	567	567	1,863
Turkey	Up-Mid	46,152		43,179		43,186		
Austria	High	106,571		100,536		100,553		
Belgium	High	132,624		124,903		124,923		
Croatia	High			5,072		5,667		
Cyprus	High	4,838		4,987		4,987		
Denmark	High	89,078		83,763		83,777	83,777	83,777
Estonia	High	1,489		1,813		1,814		
Finland	High	66,126		63,919		63,929		
France	High	748,117		714,158		714,273	149,978	149,978
Germany	High	1,074,677		972,123		972,280		
Greece	High	64,955		67,545		67,556		
Hungary	High	15,632		27,653		27,657		
Iceland	High	4,218	4,218	4,193	4,193	4,194	4,194	12,605
Ireland	High	43,422		50,432		50,441		
Israel	High	57,938		47,486		47,494		
Italy	High			515,631		575,749	575,749	575,749
Luxembourg	High	9,553		9,633		9,635		
Malta	High	1,737		1,927		1,927		
Netherlands	High	209,668		212,281		212,315		
Norway	High	84,239		88,636		88,651		
Poland	High	55,431	55,431	56,779		56,788		55,431
Portugal	High	58,310		59,726		59,735	1,895	1,895
San Marino	High	372	372	340	340	340	340	1,052
Slovakia	High	6,327		7,140		7,141		
Slovenia	High	10,173	10,173	10,880	27	10,882	5,844	16,044
Spain	High	312,641		336,390		336,445		
Sweden	High	123,816		121,389		121,409		
United Kingdom	High	760,163		752,804		752,925		
EURO Low		122		113	113	113	113	226
EURO Low Middle		5,372	4,757	5,667	5,100	5,781	5,214	15,071
EURO Upper Middle		70,098	3,610	201,586	4,081	205,513	7,175	14,832
EURO High		4,042,115	70,194	4,442,139	4,560	4,503,487	821,777	896,531
Other		310,159		283,328		283,374		
EURO Total		4,427,866	78,561	4,649,505	13,854	4,714,894	834,279	926,660

TABLE 2F: STATUS OF FCTC VAC PAYMENTS: WPRO REGION

	Income	2006-2007		2008-2009		2010-2011		Outstanding As of July 15, 2011
		Approved VAC	Outstanding VAC	Approved VAC	Outstanding VAC	Approved VAC	Outstanding VAC	
Cambodia	Low	248		113		113		
Fiji	Low-Mid	496		340		340		
Kiribati	Low-Mid	124		113	113	113	113	226
Lao PDR	Low-Mid	121	121	113	113	113	113	347
Marshall Islands	Low-Mid	124		113	113	113	113	226
Micronesia	Low-Mid	124	124	113	113	113		237
Mongolia	Low-Mid	124	124	113	113	113	113	350
Papua New Guinea	Low-Mid	366	366	227	227	227	227	820
Philippines	Low-Mid	11,786		8,840		8,841		
Samoa	Low-Mid	124		113		113		
Solomon Islands	Low-Mid	124		113		113		
Tonga	Low-Mid	124		113		113	113	113
Tuvalu	Low-Mid	124		113	113	113	113	226
Vanuatu	Low-Mid	124	124	113	113	113	113	350
Viet Nam	Low-Mid	2,605		2,720		2,720		
Cook Islands	NA	124	124	113	113	113	113	350
Nauru	NA	124		113		113		
Niue	NA	124		113		113		
China	Up-Mid	254,703		302,277		302,326		
Malaysia	Up-Mid	25,185		21,533		21,536		
Palau	Up-Mid	124		113	1	113	113	114
Australia	High	197,509		202,534		202,567		
Brunei Darussalam	High	4,218		2,947		2,947		
Japan	High	1,762,200		1,762,200		1,762,200		
New Zealand	High	27,418		29,013		29,018		
Republic of Korea	High	222,818		246,292		246,332		
Singapore	High	48,137		39,326		39,332		
WPRO Low		248		113		113		
WPRO Low Middle		16,490	859	13,257	1,018	13,258	1,018	2,895
WPRO Upper Middle		280,012		323,923	1	323,975	113	114
WPRO High		2,262,300		2,282,312		2,282,396		
WPRO other		372	124	339	113	339	113	350
WPRO Total		2,559,422	983	2,619,944	1,132	2,620,081	1,244	3,359

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