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About this tracker

This note provides an update of social protection responses to the food, fuel, fertilizer, and other price shocks sparked or accelerated by the Ukraine war. The vast majority of measures were introduced in early 2022 (February-April), although some specific interventions to mitigate prices were included in late 2021. This initiative complements other two ongoing thematic trackers of country-level action on how social protection is being leveraged in crisis situations – one on Covid-19 responses (16 versions) and another one focused on displacement as a result of the Ukraine war (3 versions). As for other trackers, the issuance of subsequent versions would hinge on the level of responses observed at country level.

Data is preliminary and meant to elicit comments, additions, integration, and revisions to be incorporated in next living paper versions. Specifically, the note tracks four broad measures, namely social assistance, social insurance, labor markets, and subsidies. The latter includes five subcategories, i.e., fuel, food, fertilizers and agriculture inputs, and fees subsidies. Data and analysis are preliminary, and more information on specific measures will be provided as data becomes available. To this effect, continuous monitoring of data and responses is ongoing. Information sources for reported measures are provided as weblinks. Suggestions on materials and measures to be included in future updates are welcome and could be signaled to the team directly.

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1. Introduction

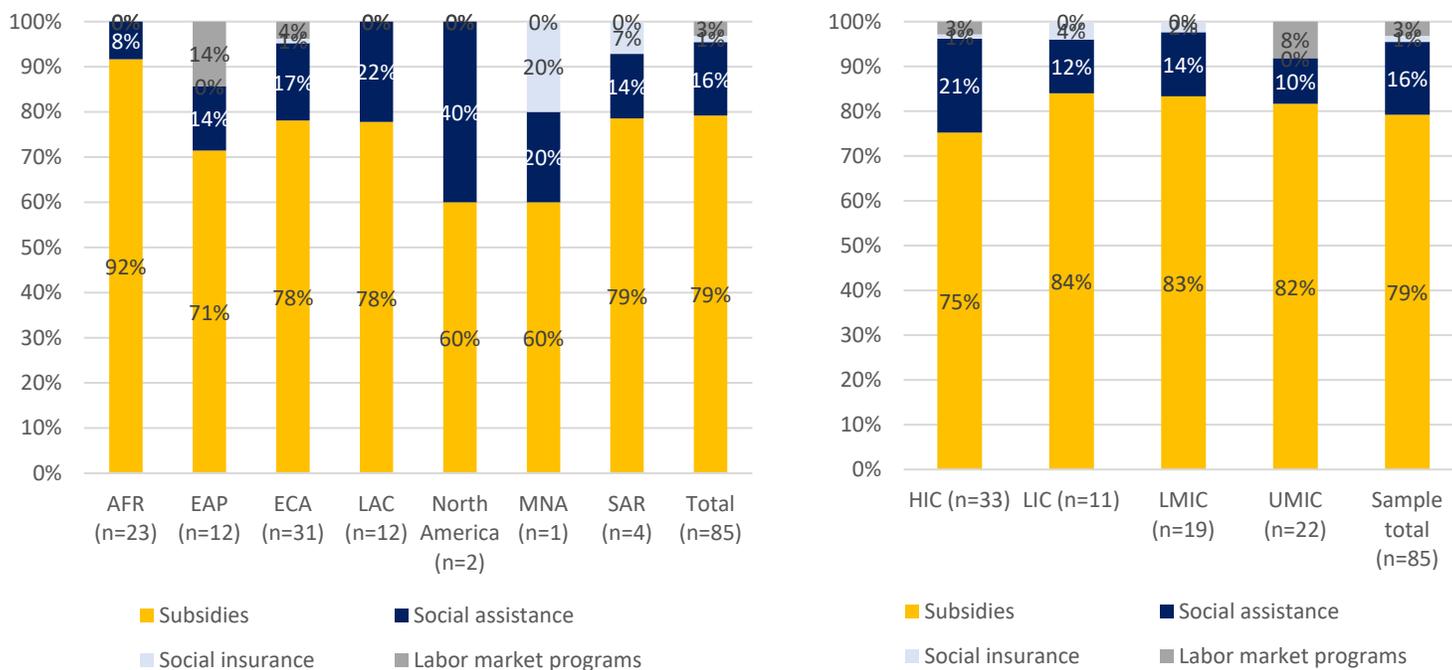
As of April 29, a total of 84 countries announced 221 social protection schemes in response to soaring prices of food, fuel, fertilizers, and other items². Subsidies, such as fuel and food subsidies, were the most widely used policy instrument by significant margin, i.e., constituting 79% of the total response. In contrast, social assistance programs, such as cash and in-kind transfers, constituted 17 percent of the response. Social insurance and labor market measures were not broadly deployed, with single-digit numbers of schemes (table 1).

Table 1. Number of measures and countries

Component	Measures	Countries
Subsidies	174	78
Social assistance	37	24
Social insurance	3	3
Labor market (active and economic inclusion)	7	4
Total	221	84

Examining regional and income group distributions, only two regions – North America and the Middle East and North Africa – have less than 70% of their subsidy response. In contrast, Sub-Saharan Africa’s response is almost entirely based on subsidies, with only 8 percent of the region’s response being social assistance. Low-and middle-income countries also were high in subsidies (above 80 percent of the total response), whereas high-income countries were slightly less than the global average (75 percent).

Figure 1. Regional and income composition of the global social protection response



² See annex 1 for a classification of measures included in the tracker.

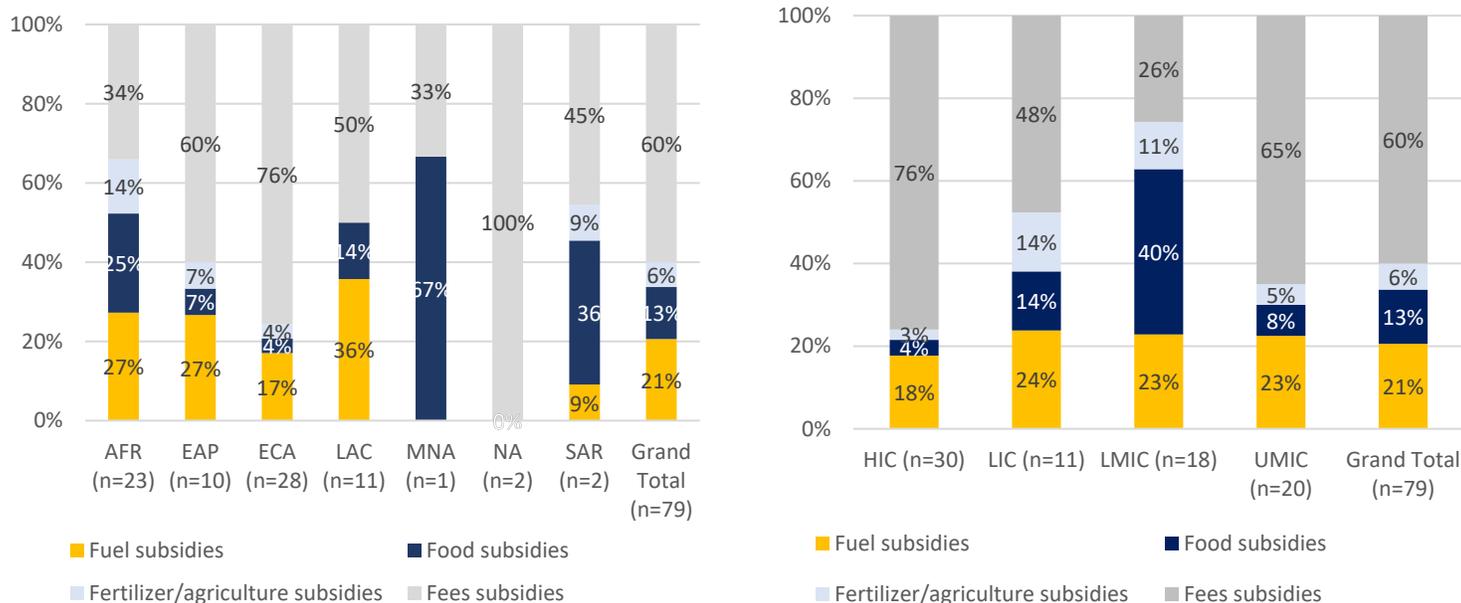
2. Subsidies

Subsidies are being put in place across four main categories, including in relation to fuel, food, fertilizers, and various forms of fees (table 2). These are discussed in the remainder of the section individually. Overall, food subsidies represent a sizable share of subsidies in MENA and South Asia, while fuel subsidies constitute a large percentage of measures in Africa, EAP and LAC. In the latter, fuel subsidies involve over on-third of subsidies. North America features fee subsidies as the sole subsidy response. Fees subsidies were the most used subsidies in all income groups except for LMICs. Their share of total subsidies was over 76% in HICs and 65% in UMICs, whereas in LICs and LMICs the measure represented 48% and 25% of the total, respectively. Food subsidies were the most common subsidies in LMICs with 40% of the response compared to LICs (13%), UMICs (8%), and HICs (only 4%), while fuel subsidies' share was roughly in line with the global share of 21% across income groups. Finally, LICs and LMICs' share of fertilizers subsidies was more than double that of HICs and UMICs (figure 2).

Table 2. Type of subsidy programs

Category	Number of measures	Number of countries
Fuel subsidies	36	30
Fuel subsidy	23	18
Price control (fuel)	13	12
Food subsidies	23	21
Food subsidy	8	6
Price control (food)	15	15
Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	10	9
Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	9	9
Price control (fertilizers)	1	1
Fees subsidies	105	50
Price control (fees)	4	4
Education (fee waivers/vouchers)	-	-
Health (fee waivers/vouchers)	-	-
Housing (rent support)	3	3
Water, electricity, telephone, internet	25	18
Transportation	4	4
Money transaction fees	-	-
Mortgages and other loans	2	2
Exemption/reduction on taxes (VAT, excise duty)	60	35
State loan and state loan guarantees for agriculture/farming	-	-
Other	7	6
Total	174	78

Figure 2. Regional and income composition of the global subsidy responses



Fuel subsidies

In general, 30 countries³ have implemented 36 measures to reduce fuel prices through price control (fixing prices) and fuel subsidies (covering for part of the fuel cost). On the latter, there are 23 measures.⁴ For example, Liberia announced on April 1, 2022, that the price of gasoline has been reduced by \$0.61, while diesel fuel is reduced by \$0.53. Some countries (e.g., Italy and Philippines) have provided vouchers to subsidize fuel. For example, Philippines has recommended additional fuel vouchers for farm producers by increasing the budget to 1.1 billion pesos from 500 million. Also, there are 13 measures⁵ which have implemented price control on fuel. For example, in Hungary the price of gasoline and diesel was capped at a max of 1.30 euros (November 2021) for a duration of three months. And, on February 12, 2022, this measure was extended for another three months.

Food subsidies

There are 23 measures across 21 countries⁶ which have reduced the prices of food either through food subsidies or price control. A total of 8 measures⁷ have been implemented for food subsidies. For example, in March 2022 Bangladesh launched a nationwide special food subsidy program for cooking oil, lentils and other staples. Mostly targeted at rural areas, the scheme provided food at

3 Argentina, Benin, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Colombia, Congo (Dem. Rep.), Croatia, Czech Republic, El Salvador, France, Gabon, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Nigeria, Philippines, Réunion (France), Romania, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Thailand, and Uruguay.

4 Argentina, Cameroon, Colombia, Congo (Dem. Rep), France, Gabon, Greece, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Liberia, Nigeria, Philippines, Réunion (France), Romania, Spain, Sri Lanka, and Suriname.

5 Benin, Cape Verde, Croatia, Czech Republic, El Salvador, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Madagascar, Slovenia, South Africa, Thailand, and Uruguay.

6 Aruba, Bangladesh, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Comoros, Congo (Rep.), Côte d'Ivoire, Czech Republic, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, India, Indonesia, Madagascar, Pakistan, Réunion (France), Tajikistan, Turkmenistan.

7 Bangladesh, Egypt, Gabon, India, Indonesia, and Pakistan.

reduced prices to 10 million poor people and will run until the end of Ramadan. Similarly, Gabon announced that it would subsidize the price of food items such as flour. Some 15 programs⁸ relate to price control on food and other essential items. For example, Comoros issued an order to limit the prices of certain food item, such as sugar, flour, condensed milk, oil, sardines, concentrated tomato, mineral water, beef, and chicken, all of which are subject to a price floor and ceiling.

Fertilizer subsidies

The fertilizer/agricultural subsidy recorded 11 measures across 9 countries⁹ to support farmers with agricultural inputs (such as seeds, fertilizers, agricultural equipment, etc.). For example, Mauritius distributed fertilizers to registered small tea planters via a voucher. The voucher indicated the quantity of fertilizers the tea planter is eligible for, and the funding for the financial year 2021-22, it was increased from Rs5 million to around Rs 12 million. Also, on April 19, Azerbaijan provided subsidies for an amount of 21.6 million manat (\$12.7 million) to 44,423 farmers for autumn crops.

Fee subsidies

Fee subsidies are the most extensively used intervention with 105 measures across 51 countries.¹⁰ Exemptions for or reduction of taxes accounted for about 60 percent of the measures. These are followed by subsidies for water, electricity, telephone, internet, etc., accounting for close to quarter of the measure (25 measures). The rest of the measures account to about 5 percent of the measures (table 3).

Table 3. Type of fee subsidies

Fee subsidies	Number of measures	Share of measures
Exemption/reduction on taxes (VAT, excise duty)	60	57%
Water, electricity, telephone, internet	25	24%
Other	7	7%
Transportation	4	4%
Price control (fees)	4	4%
Housing (rent support)	3	3%
Mortgages and other loans	2	2%
Total	105	100%

Taxes

About 60 measures from 36 countries,¹¹ such as Argentina and Estonia, have either exempted or reduced taxes. The type of exemption or reduction is applicable to both direct tax (e.g., income

⁸ Aruba, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Comoros., Congo, Rep., Côte d'Ivoire, Czech Republic, Djibouti, Dominican, Republic, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Madagascar, Réunion (France), Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan.

⁹ Azerbaijan, Burkina Faso, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Greece, India, Mali, Mauritius, and Poland.

¹⁰ Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Benin, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Cape Verde, Comoros, Congo, Rep., Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Greece, Guinea, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Malawi, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, North Macedonia, Norway, Peru, Poland, Romania, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Taiwan, Tanzania, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States, and Uruguay.

¹¹ Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Benin, Brazil, Cape Verde, Croatia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Guinea, India, Italy, Malawi, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, North Macedonia, Peru, Poland, Romania, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Tanzania, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States, and Uruguay.

tax) as well as indirect taxes (e.g., VAT, excise duty, customs duty, etc.). All the exemptions or reductions, except for a few e.g., Egypt,¹² related to indirect taxes.

Among indirect taxes, we recorded import taxes (in 4 countries¹³), VAT (in 14 countries¹⁴) and excise duty (in 25 countries¹⁵). Countries have mostly reduced import taxes, except in Gabon, and these were imposed on essential goods, including food items. Niger, for example, lowered the customs tax on food items to 3.5% for millet, 35% for flour and 17% for sugar. In terms of VAT, around 10 measures related to energy (fuel, electricity), and 11 relate to food, hygiene product, etc. For example, Poland reduced VAT on fuel from 23% to 8%, on electricity and heating to 5%, and removed VAT on natural gas and basic food items. Likewise, Turkey will lower VAT to 1% on all kinds of certified seeds and saplings. Finally, excise duty measures were exclusively imposed on electricity and fuel. For example, U.S.'s Maryland Governor announced a 30-day suspension of the gas tax with the option to extend up to 90 days, and the measure is estimated to represent \$100 million per month. Finally, South Africa has temporarily reduced the fuel levy by R1.50 per liter from 6 April 2022 until 31 May 2022.¹⁶ The measure is funded through the liquidation of a portion of the strategic crude oil reserves.

Governments have also provided tax rebates.¹⁷ For example, the state of Georgia in US announced a program to give between \$250-500 in tax refunds. Similarly, as part of its new CO2 subsidy policy, New Zealand plans to provide rebates to low-emitting vehicles.¹⁸ Countries¹⁹ have implemented tax cuts, tax rebates and reliefs. France, for example, announced plans to further cut taxes on transport costs by 10% for commuters. Similarly, Austria implemented the “commuter euro,” which reduces income tax levies by €2 per kilometer in the distance between the place of residence and workplace. This policy is expected to cost €400 million.

Subsidies on services, including energy (electricity and heating), housing, transportation

The measures under this section discuss a wide range of subsidies relating to various services ranging from energy, such as electricity and heating, to housing and transportation services. There are 25 measures across 18 countries²⁰ related to electricity subsidy, except for three²¹ on heating. Some programs have experienced vertical expansions. For example, in March 2022, Ireland announced that electricity credit payments to households doubled to €200.²² The €200 electricity

¹² Income tax exemption limit has been increased by 25 percent from EGP 24,000 to 30,000 per individual.

¹³ Thailand, Gabon, Niger, and Guinea.

¹⁴ Bangladesh, Belgium, Benin, Cape Verde, Croatia, Czech Republic, India, Malawi, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Turkey, and United Kingdom.

¹⁵ Austria, Belgium, Benin, Brazil, Croatia, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, North Macedonia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States, and Uruguay.

¹⁶ This will reduce the general fuel levy for petrol from R3.85 per litre to R2.35 per litre and reduce the general fuel levy for diesel from R3.70 per litre to R2.20 per litre for two months.

¹⁷ Austria, New Zealand, and US.

¹⁸ Also imposes levy on high emitting vehicles.

¹⁹ Austria, France, Finland, New Zealand, and US.

²⁰ Argentina, Belgium, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Guinea, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Norway, Peru, Romania, Sweden, and United Kingdom.

²¹ In Belgium and Romania.

²² will continue until end of April. The funding for the scheme had also been increased, from €15 million to €400 million.

credit would be automatically applied to domestic electricity customers' accounts and will appear either as a credit on the bill or as a top-up on the prepay meter. Other programs have experienced both horizontal and vertical expansions. For example, as part of the Warm Home Discount scheme, the UK plans to provide a rebate of £150 on their energy bills. The scheme will cost £475 million a year and will cover nearly 3 million households. Previously, the rebate was £140 and used to cover 2.2 million households. Similarly, in October 2021, Estonia announced an energy price subsidy for low-income families, where, if the price goes above EUR 60 per MWh, the difference will be compensated directly to these families.²³

Next, there are 3 measures relating to housing.²⁴ In Sweden, for example, the housing allowance for families with children will be temporarily increased from July to December 2022. Similarly, to protect the interest of tenants, Guinea has set a limit on rental advances to three months.

There are 4 measures with regards to subsidies for transportation services.²⁵ Comoros, for example, provided free and special transportation services to farmers to transport their local agricultural products to Moroni, Mutsamudu and Fomboni. On the other hand, New Zealand and Germany have subsidized public transportation services. For example, New Zealand plans to cut public transport fares by 50%.

Price control measures and loans

There are 2 measures²⁶ relating to loans and other financial obligations. In Canada, changes were made to the Advance Payments Program to support farmers ahead of planting season by allowing them to access 100 percent of their 2022 cash advances and waiving off their timed instalments. This would improve cash flow and allow farmers to purchase fuel, fertilizer, and seeds. Next, countries²⁷ have also implemented price control on electricity. For example, Bulgaria opted to freeze power regulated electricity and heating prices until the end of March.

Miscellaneous policies: energy efficiency, export and import restrictions, rationing of goods

To promote efficient energy use, a range of countries (e.g., Australia and Thailand) are subsidizing electric vehicles. For example, Thailand provides subsidies to passenger cars per Electric Vehicle (EV) unit depending on its battery capacity. Passenger cars with 10 to 30 kWh battery capacity will receive a 70,000-baht (\$2,111) and passenger cars with over 30 kWh battery capacity will receive a 150,000-baht (\$4,523) subsidy.

Another way in which governments are managing prices is through export restrictions and rationing, such as in Congo Republic, Sri Lanka, and Turkey).²⁸ For example, in March 2022 Turkey imposed temporary export bans on select products such as grains, oilseeds, cooking oil, and other

²³ Initially it expected to reach 70,000 households with funds coming from the sale of CO2 emission credits. This was extended at the end of 2021 to include a wider group of households, bringing the number of beneficiaries to 380,000 and the total cost to 79 million euros.

²⁴ Guinea, Sweden, and Taiwan.

²⁵ Belgium, Comoros, Germany, and New Zealand.

²⁶ Canada, and Spain

²⁷ Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania, and United Kingdom.

²⁸ Export restrictions and bans were one of the policy tools governments adopted to manage prices, hence their inclusion in the tracker. At the time of finalizing the report, Indonesia issued a palm oil export ban which will be included in the next update.

agricultural commodities. Finally, in mid-April Sri Lanka's state-owned petroleum corporation has announced fuel rationing for vehicles.²⁹

3. Social assistance

Social assistance includes 37 measures across 25 economies, thus representing 17% out of all social protection measures (table 4). Responses mostly comes in the form of cash transfers (79%), followed by in-kind measures (13%). A total of 19 countries have implemented 25 unconditional transfers, a level much higher than the 4 conditional cash transfers in 2 countries. At present, school feeding and social pension programs only represent a slim fraction of social assistance (8%). Overall, the balance between the establishment of new policies and the adaptation of existing measures is 59% and 41%, respectively.

Table 4. Type of social assistance measures

Category	Number of measures	Number of countries
Cash transfers	30	21
Unconditional cash transfers	25	19
Conditional cash transfers	4	2
Social pensions (non-contributory)	1	1
Old age social pensions	1	1
Disability pensions	-	-
In-kind transfers	6	6
Food vouchers (quantity or value-based)	1	1
In-kind food distribution	3	3
Health kits and other in-kind transfers	2	2
School feeding	1	1
School meals (on-site school feeding)	1	1
Take-home rations	-	-
Public works	-	-
Cash for work	-	-
Cash for services	-	-
Food for work	-	-
Total	37	25

Unconditional cash transfers are present in countries like Poland, Austria and Denmark. The Netherlands, for instance, is disbursing Euro 2.8 billion for a one-off energy allowance for low-income populations. Cash transfers are also provided with food security objectives in the UK and Argentina, and as a form of compensation for fuel costs in Guatemala and Sweden. Governments are also conditioning cash transfers to install renewable and energy saving materials and handing out cash to purchase electric vehicles, such as in Cyprus and Sweden. Finally, some countries have also adopted measures to protect the most vulnerable, disabled and elderly people, for instance, by

²⁹ Motorcycles and other two-wheelers can purchase fuel worth up to Rs 1,000 per visit to petrol pump. Three-wheelers can buy fuel worth Rs 1,500, while cars, jeeps and vans can purchase it up to Rs 5,000. Buses, lorries and commercial vehicles have been exempted from the fuel rationing.

increasing pensions and retirees' incomes, as in the case of Argentina and Greece, where the latter planned to dedicate a budget of euro 1.1 billion.

To a lesser extent, support is also provided in the form of in-kind transfers. Countries like Mali and Djibouti are providing food assistance and livestock. In Romania and Macao, governments also provide vouchers for basic food products and medical care, respectively.

4. Social insurance

Social insurance accounts for a very limited share of current responses (table 5). Only three measures were recorded, both of which are adaptations of pre-existing benefits. In Belgium, the government supports small and medium enterprises by providing 70% of the average incomes of all workers placed on extended temporary unemployment until the end of June 2022. In Egypt, the government allocated EGP 190.5 billion (or about \$10 billion) to increase pensions by 13%, coming into effect from April 2022.

Table 5. Type of social insurance measures

Category	Number of measures	Number of countries
Pensions	2	2
Old age pensions	2	2
Disability pensions	-	-
Survivor pensions	-	-
Social security contributions	-	-
Individual retirement accounts and social contributions for individuals	-	-
Paid leave	-	-
Sickness and population at risk	-	-
Maternity/Paternity	-	-
Health insurance	-	-
Health insurance	-	-
Unemployment insurance	1	1
Out-of-work income support	1	1
Total	3	3

5. Active labor market and economic inclusion programs

Labor market programs predominately include wage subsidies (table 6), especially in Europe and Central Asia region as well as East Asia. In Romania, the government is adjusting the minimum wage of workers while covering 75% of the gross wage to employees temporarily dismissed in companies which were directly or indirectly affected by the war in Ukraine.³⁰ Similarly, Hong Kong plans to spend HK\$12 billion to revamp its support to companies that hire new employees with incomes below the threshold of HK\$30,000 per month. In order to preserve 2.96 million jobs, Malaysia planned to disburse RM20.63 billion (\$4.9 billion) in wages subsidies.

³⁰ For example, the metallurgical industry, the automotive industry, the furniture industry, industries that in turn affect the value chains horizontally and generate multiplier effects for customers and suppliers.

Table 6. Type of social insurance measures

Category	Number of measures	Number of countries
Training & intermediation	-	-
Labor market services including intermediation (PES)	-	-
Training (vocational, life skills, cash for training, others)	-	-
Wage subsidies	6	3
Wage subsidy with reduced work time	-	-
Wage subsidy without reduced work time	6	3
Subsidies for job creation that are targeted on newly created jobs	-	-
Labor regulatory adjustment and enforcement	1	1
Total	7	4

Annex 1. Classifications of measures

Policy category			
SP Areas	SP Category	SP Sub-category	
1. Social assistance	1.1. Cash transfers	1.1.1. Unconditional cash transfers	
		1.1.2. Conditional cash transfers	
	1.2. Social pensions (non-contributory)	1.2.1. Old age social pensions	
		1.2.2. Disability pensions	
	1.3. In-kind transfers	1.3.1. Food vouchers (quantity or value-based)	
		1.3.2. In-kind food distribution	
		1.3.3. Health kits and other in-kind transfers	
	1.4. School feeding	1.4.1. School meals (on-site school feeding)	
		1.4.2. Take-home rations	
	1.5. Public works	1.5.1. Cash for work	
		1.5.2. Cash for services	
		1.5.3. Food for work	
	2. Social insurance	2.1. Pensions	2.1.1. Old age pensions
			2.1.2. Disability pensions
			2.1.3. Survivors' pensions
2.2. Social security contributions waivers		2.2.1. Individual retirement accounts and social contributions for individuals	
		2.2.2. Social security contributions for firms	
2.3. Paid leave		2.3.1. Sickness and population at risk	
		2.3.2. Maternity/Paternity	
2.4. Health Insurance		2.4.1. Health insurance	
2.5. Unemployment insurance		2.5.1. Out-of-work income support	
3. Labor market and economic inclusion programs		3.1. Training & intermediation	3.1.1. Labor market services including intermediation (PES)
	3.1.2. Training (vocational, life skills, cash for training, others)		
	3.2. Wage subsidies	3.2.1. Wage subsidy with reduced work time (including zero working hours)	
		3.2.2. Wage subsidy without reduced work time (include waivers/payments of social security)	
		3.2.3. Subsidies for job creation that are targeted on newly created jobs	
	3.3. Labor regulatory adjustment and enforcement	3.3.1. Labor regulatory adjustment	
	4. Subsidies	4.1. Fuel subsidies	4.1.1. Fuel subsidy
4.1.2. Price control (fuel)			
4.2. Food subsidies		4.2.1. Food subsidy	
		4.2.2. Price control (food)	
4.3. Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies		4.3.1. Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
		4.3.2. Price control (fertilizers)	
4.4. Fees subsidies		4.4.1. Education (fee waivers/vouchers)	
		4.4.2. Health (fee waivers/vouchers)	
		4.4.3. Housing (rent support)	

		4.4.4. Water, electricity, telephone, internet
		4.4.5. Transportation
		4.4.6. Money transaction fees
		4.4.7. Mortgages and other loans
		4.4.8. Exemption/reduction on taxes (VAT, excise duty)
		4.4.9. State loan and state loan guarantees for agriculture/farming
		4.4.10. Other
		4.4.11. Price control (fees)

Annex 2. Measures by countries and territories

Argentina

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	Argentina's energy subsidies are expected to rise in 2022. These include subsidies for gas, along with electricity. Energy subsidies made up 2.3% of GDP in 2021 and are now expected to be 3% of GDP in 2022; or from USD \$11 billion in 2021 to an estimated USD \$20 billion in 2022. ¹
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	Argentina's energy subsidies are expected to rise in 2022. These include subsidies for electricity, along with gas. Energy subsidies made up 2.3% of GDP in 2021 and are now expected to be 3% of GDP in 2022; or from USD \$11 billion in 2021 to an estimated USD \$20 billion in 2022. ²
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	<p>On April 18, Argentina announced a cash transfer to help increase purchasing power to help with the rising cost of inflation. Workers included in the measure will receive 18,000 pesos (\$158) in two installments and retirees will receive 12,000 pesos (\$106) in one installment. This still needs approval from congress.³</p> <p>On April 6, the government announced an increase of 50% to the existing cash transfer program aimed at low-income families to help buy food under the Alimentar program. Before the announced increase, the program made a monthly deposit to a special Alimentar card for each qualified family of between 9,000 and 18,000 pesos (roughly USD \$76 and \$153) depending on the number of children in the family. This amount will now increase by 50%.⁴</p>
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	

Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Aruba

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	On April 14, the government announced an expansion of price controls on a variety of products, primarily food products. ⁵
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Australia

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	Electric vehicle subsidies extended in Victoria. A further \$7.2 million has been allocated to increase the uptake of electric cars in Victoria. ⁶
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Austria

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	<p>Austria has unveiled a €2 billion relief package to fight rising cost of living. The package includes a 50 per cent increase in the commuter allowance and an increase in the "commuter euro," which reduces income tax levies by €2 per kilometer distance between the place of residence and workplace.⁷</p> <p>Austria increases energy subsidies to offset high gas prices. The latest measures include a 90% cut to natural gas and electricity tariffs through mid-2023, at a cost of 900 million euros.⁸</p>
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	(Feb 2022) Austria has announced it will issue one-off payments aimed at offsetting rising inflation costs in the country. Almost every Austrian who earns no more than €5,670 per month will receive a voucher for €150 euros to cushion the increased energy bill. Pensioners on minimum incomes, long-term recipients of sickness and rehabilitation benefits, the unemployed and unemployment assistance recipients will receive €150. Separately, households that receive minimum income or social assistance and students with study grants will receive €300. For retired people receiving supplementary allowances, there will be two payments of €150. ⁹
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
Public works		
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	

	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Azerbaijan

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	Agrarian Credit and Development Agency under the Azerbaijan's Ministry of Agriculture paid subsidies in the amount of 21.6 million manat (\$12.7 million) to 44,423 farmers for autumn crops on April 19. ¹⁰
	Fees subsidies	
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Bangladesh

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	On March 20, 2022, Bangladesh launched a nationwide special food subsidy program to counter the Ukraine crisis induced rise in prices of cooking oil, lentils and other staples. It would provide food at reduced prices to 10 million poor people and will run until the end of Ramadan. ¹¹ It is mostly targeted at rural areas. ¹²
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	On March 14, 2022, Bangladesh's Cabinet has asked revenue authorities to reduce as much as possible the existing 15 per cent value added tax (VAT) on imported essentials amid their skyrocketing prices, largely triggered by the Ukraine conflict. ¹³
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Belgium

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	<p>The reduction of excise duties on diesel and gasoline will be €0.175 per liter, which means a saving of almost €10 for the consumer who is filling up with 60 liters. The reverse ratchet system will also be used from €1.7/liter.^{14, 15}</p> <p>Concerning gas, electricity and fuel oil, the government also announced VAT reductions and direct reductions on bills. The VAT on gas will be reduced to 6% from April 1 until September 30, 2022. VAT on electricity had already been reduced to 6%, a measure that will be extended until September 30, 2022.¹⁶</p> <p>The government has also announced that households that heat with fuel oil (propane or butane) will benefit from an automatic reduction of €200 on their bill.¹⁷</p> <p>On 2 October 2021, Federal Energy Minister proposed extending the social energy tariff introduced during the pandemic until the end of March 2022, costing €208 million and targeting nearly 500,000 households. On March 14, 2022, an extended social tariff benefiting one in five households was extended until 30 September 2022.¹⁸</p> <p>Trains will not become cheaper but 13 million euros will be allocated to neutralize the planned increase in fares next summer. The government will, in a way, pay for the price increase instead of the passenger.¹⁹</p>
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	

	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	The federal government confirms the extension of temporary unemployment, now called "force majeure" unemployment. This measure has been decided to allow SMEs to cope with rising prices. The temporary unemployment will be active until June 30, 2022. From 01.02.2020 to 30.06.2022 inclusive, the worker receives an allowance corresponding to 70% of his or her average salary with a ceiling (from 01.03.2022, the ceiling is set at €2,955.69 per month), regardless of the reason for the temporary unemployment. From 01.03.2020 to 30.06.2022 inclusive, all workers temporarily unemployed for reasons of force majeure (except for medical force majeure) will receive, in addition to the unemployment benefit, a supplement of €5.98 per day (amount applicable from 01.03.2022) at the expense of the NEO. Until the end of June 2022, a reduced withholding tax of 15% will be deducted from the benefits. ^{20, 21}
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Benin

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	On March 23, the Council of Ministers decided on the constitution of a stock of diesel and maintenance of its sale price at the pump at 600 FCFA until June 30, 2022. ²²
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	<p>The council of ministers decided on March 23:²³</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuation of the application of a free flat rate of VAT on imported rice • Exemption from VAT on: (1) Vegetable oils imported or produced locally, (2) Wheat flour imported or produced locally • Implementation of a reduction of 50% on the price of sea freight and 2/3 for air freight for the calculation of customs duties to be liquidated. <p>On March 23, the Council of Ministers decided on the suspension of the implementation of the readjustment of electricity tariffs until the end of 2022.²⁴</p>
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	

Labor Market	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Brazil

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	On March 11, Brazil announced a change to the tax on fuel calculation from a percentage to a fixed value so as to try and reduce fuel prices for consumers. It will also freeze the ICMS state goods and services tax on refined products. The tax policy change is estimated to cost states USD \$3.2 billion in potential revenue. ²⁵
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	On March 11, Brazil has announced that under the same bill, a USD \$60 a month cash transfer subsidy will be distributed to low-income homes out of a USD \$600 million fund. This brings the total estimated cost of the bill to USD \$3.8 billion. ²⁶
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Bulgaria

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	Bulgaria's lawmakers voted to freeze power regulated electricity and heating prices until the end of March for households. The moratorium prevented the independent energy regulator from increasing power prices by an average 11.5% and heating prices by about 30%, bringing them more in line with the market prices power companies pay for electricity and natural gas. ^{27, 28}
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Burkina Faso

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	The government announced to the Transitional Legislative Assembly on April 4, the opening of show shops and the subsidy of more than 50 thousand tons of fertilizer. ²⁹
	Fees subsidies	
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Cameroon

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	The government will support 672 billion F in terms of annual subsidies for super, diesel and kerosene, and 70 billion for domestic gas. ³⁰
	Food subsidies	The Minister of Commerce signed two decrees on April 14th. One makes compulsory the prior filing of price lists for certain consumer products. The other sets the list of prices for products and services whose prices and tariffs are subject to the prior approval procedure, before any sale on the national market. ³¹
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
Public works		
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Canada

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	On April 6, the Government of Canada announces changes to the Advance Payments Program to support farmers ahead of planting season to allow farmers to access 100% of their 2022 cash advance through the waiving of timed installments. This will improve cash flow and allow farmers to purchase fuel, fertilizer, and seeds. ³²
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	<p>On March 8, Prince Edward Island announced CAD \$20 million package to address rise in cost of living for the low-income population. This package includes a one-time cash transfer payment of CAD \$150, worth a total of CAD \$1 million.³³</p> <p>Nova Scotia provincial government says it is providing \$13.2 million to help vulnerable Nova Scotians address the impact of rising fuel prices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A one-time payment of \$150 to all current income assistance recipients, including disability support program participants receiving income support. - A one-time payment of \$150 to all currently eligible recipients of the heating assistance rebate program. The payment is expected to be made by the end of April. - \$1 million to Feed Nova Scotia to distribute among its 140 food banks provincewide. \$200,000 to local food banks across the province that are not part of the Feed Nova Scotia network.³⁴
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
	Paid sick leave	

Social Insurance	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Cape Verde

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	The Multisectoral Economics Regulatory Agency updated the fuel prices that came into force in the country as of April 1st: Butane Gas, Diesel for Electricity, Fuel oil 180 and 380. ^{35, 36} The government announced the stabilization of the prices of fuel. ³⁷
	Food subsidies	The government announced the stabilization of the prices of wheat, corn, rice, cooking oil and powdered milk. ³⁸
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	Reduction of VAT on electricity from 15 to 8%; increase in the discount on the social tariff for water and electricity from 30 to 50% for the poorest families. ³⁹
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	The government announced the increase in the number of beneficiaries of the Social Inclusion Income for families in extreme poverty and absolute poverty. ⁴⁰
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	In response to the price shock, the government announced the extension of the period of offering meals in school canteens. ⁴¹
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

China

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	China's Finance Ministry has allocated an additional \$6.59 billion in agricultural subsidies. ⁴²
	Fees subsidies	
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Colombia

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	Colombia already has energy subsidy measures in place for the more vulnerable populations dating back several years. The Ministry of Energy and Mining announced on March 4 that it had already given 600 million Colombian Pesos in subsidies for energy. This shows a significant increase in the amount of subsidies so far this year. In 2021, 1.4 billion was administered as subsidies. ⁴³
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Comoros

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	The minister of Economy issued an order to limit the prices of certain food item, such as sugar, flour, condensed milk, oil, sardines, concentrated tomato, mineral water, beef, and chicken, which are subject to a floor price and a ceiling price. ⁴⁴
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	Free transportation is available for farmers to transport local agricultural products to Moroni, Mutsamudu and Fomboni. ⁴⁵
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Congo, Dem. Rep.

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	To ensure competitive supply and keep prices low, the government paid \$56 million into the oil industry to subsidize petroleum products. The government supports a little more than 60% for each liter paid at the pump. ^{46, 47}
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Congo, Rep.

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	The government announced control of the prices of necessities. ⁴⁸
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	The government announced the establishment of a resilience fund, to subsidize the import of certain basic products not manufactured in the country. ⁴⁹
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Côte d'Ivoire

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	The government capped the prices of 21 consumer products. It increased the products and services whose prices are regulated from 4 to 21, for a period of three months for both production and distribution. The products concerned are bread flour, baguette, beef, pork and mutton, refined table oil, local rice. As for consumer products for which the government has decided to cap prices for a period of three months both for production and distribution, there is rice, sugar, concentrated tomatoes, milk, pasta food, refined palm oil, beef. ⁵⁰
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	As part of the strengthening of the fight against the high cost of living, the government offered a donation of agricultural inputs to women in the agricultural sector in the Marahoué region: seeds from market gardeners and rice, fertilizer. The kits are worth more than 2 billion CFA francs. ⁵¹
	Fees subsidies	The government capped the prices of building materials, transport rates, house rents in social housing, public water and electricity tariffs and internet service access tariffs. ⁵²
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	As part of the strengthening of the fight against the high cost of living, the prime minister offered a donation of agricultural equipment to women in the agricultural sector in the Marahoué region. These kits worth more than 2 billion CFA francs comprise: tricycles, trucks, tractors, mini-harvesters, and thresher-winnowers. ⁵³
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	

	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Croatia

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	Retail price regulation for consumers: caps on price rises. Subsidies for households using gas. ⁵⁴
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	<p>In late February, the government presented a €636 million package to mitigate the growth of energy prices. The package aims to contain energy price increases to 9.6 percent for electricity and 20 percent for gas.⁵⁵</p> <p>Measures from the government include a permanent reduction in the value added tax (VAT) rate for gas and heat to 13 out of 25 percent.^{56, 57} In addition, the rate for gas will temporarily fall to five percent, in the period from the beginning of April this year to the end of March 2023.⁵⁸</p> <p>Transfers to vulnerable groups: coupons for energy to elderly poor, pensioners. The package from Croatia government aims to address the most vulnerable energy customers, estimated to be over 90,000. This extends the number of eligible people who receive vouchers for both electricity and gas bills.^{59, 60}</p> <p>The government decided to lock margins on petroleum product transactions and to temporarily reduce excise duties on diesel and gasoline in order to lower fuel prices.⁶¹</p>
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	

Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Czech Republic

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	On March 6, 2022, Czech Republic planned to cap prices for petrol, diesel and other energy. ⁶²
	Food subsidies	On March 6, 2022, Czech Republic planned to cap prices for food and other raw materials. ⁶³
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	On March 6, 2022, Czech Republic planned to reduce excise duty or VAT on the prices of petrol, diesel and other energy, food and other raw materials. ⁶⁴
		On March 6, 2022, Czech Republic planned to provide discount for the taxpayer. ⁶⁵
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Cyprus

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	The Cyprus Council of Ministers approved a 1.5 million euro subsidy scheme for purchases of solar power batteries, charging stations electric vehicles and plug-in hybrid cars and the installation of photovoltaic systems at homes. Apart from purchase of photovoltaic systems and EV charging stations, the scheme also covers the purchase of batteries to store energy generated by solar panels. Individuals who own EVs or plug-in hybrid cars are eligible. The subsidy is €750 per kilowatt covering the installation or the extension of an existing photovoltaic system, with a maximum amount of €1,500 per vehicle. The grants amount to €600 for the purchase of an EV or plug-in hybrid charging station, €450 for the upgrade of a home's electric installation, and €750/KW for the purchase or installation of a battery with a maximum amount of €2,000. ⁶⁶
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	

Labor Market	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Denmark

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	On March 30, Denmark approved one-off cash payout to families hard hit by high heating bills as a result of the energy crisis. The amount was increased from 3,750 to 6,000 DKK, and the number of households to receive it increased from 300,000 to 419,000. The 'heating cheques' are set to arrive in August or September. This is an increase from a previous similar program from February. ⁶⁷
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Djibouti

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	State subsidy on necessities, and control over the prices at which they are sold on the market. ^{68, 69}
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	Food support for the benefit of 10,000 families from the most modest community fringe of the society. ^{70, 71}
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Dominican Republic

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	On April 9, the government announced that there will be a price freeze on most food products so as to ensure everyone can afford it. ⁷²
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Egypt

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	<p>The government launched Ahlan (Welcome) Ramadan Initiative to provide key staples and food commodities at low prices nationwide. They are 160 vendors taking part in this initiative offering discounts up to 30%.⁷³</p> <p>Egypt's Armed Forces, has launched a nationwide campaign to provide low-cost food commodities to help reduce the burden of hiking prices on Egyptians ahead of the holy month of Ramadan. The food commodities are available for purchase at 1,200 mobile outlets, 212 fixed outlets and 62 major outlets across the country. The Armed Forces distributed 1.5 million food ration boxes in the market with a discount reaching up to 60 percent as part of their continued efforts to supply basic food commodities at reasonable prices to meet the demands of the Egyptian people.⁷⁴</p>
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	The income tax exemption limit has been increased by 25 percent from EGP 24,000 to 30,000 per individual. ⁷⁵
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	The government announced the expansion of Takafol and Karama social protection program coverage to include an additional 450,000 households (around 2 million people) with estimated budget of EGP2.7 billion (around US\$150 million). ⁷⁶
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	

	Pensions	The government announced on March 21, the allocation of EGP 190.5 billion to increase pensions by 13% (with a minimum of EGP 120 per pensioner). This will take effect in April instead of July. ⁷⁷
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

El Salvador

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	On April 4, Congress approved a new fuel subsidy aimed at creating a price control for gasoline and diesel that is set to last two months. ⁷⁸
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Estonia

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	On October 14, 2021, Estonia announced an energy price subsidy for low-income families. If the price goes above 60 euros per MWh, then that difference will be compensated directly to these families. Initially expected to reach 70,000 households with funds coming from the sale of CO2 emission credits, this was extended at the end of 2021 to include a wider group of households, bringing the number of beneficiaries to 380,000 and the total cost to 79 million euros. A third extension was announced on January 25, 2022, which extended the price cap and froze all the taxes on energy for private households and businesses. ⁷⁹
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
Public works		
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Finland

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	<p>On February 18, 2022, the Finnish government announced measures to offset high energy prices with subsidies and tax cuts. As part of it, the maximum deduction for travel expenses between home and the workplace will be temporarily increased from EUR 7,000 to EUR 8,400 in taxes for 2022.⁸⁰ This is provided in the form of tax exempt, as the commute to work will not be regarded as travel for tax purpose.⁸¹</p> <p>On February 18, 2022, the Finnish government announced measures to offset high energy prices with subsidies and tax cuts. As part of it, a mileage allowance for commuting expenses when using one's own car will be temporarily increased to EUR 0.30/km (previously EUR 0.25/km).⁸² This is provided in the form of tax exempt, as the commute to work will not be regarded as travel for tax purpose.⁸³</p>
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	

Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

France

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	<p>From Friday 1 April 2022 and for four months, a discount of €0.18 will be introduced at service stations to curb the rise in fuel prices. This aid, announced on March 12, concerns private individuals and companies and is valid on all types of fuel. In Corsica, where VAT is lower, the discount will be €0.17. In the French overseas territories, where there is no VAT on petroleum products, it will be €0.15. The cost to the state is estimated at €3 billion.⁸⁴</p> <p>Partially covering fuel costs amounting to €0.35 (\$0.39) a liter for fishermen's boats and €0.15 (\$0.17) a liter for truckers.⁸⁵</p> <p>From April 1, oil giant TotalEnergies will offer a discount of €0.10 per liter at domestic petrol stations.⁸⁶</p>
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	<p>From February 2022 to January 2023, the government also reduced the electricity tax from €22.50 per megawatt hour to €1 for households.⁸⁷</p> <p>France announced plans for a further cut of 10% in its tax on transport costs for commuters.⁸⁸</p> <p>⁸⁹</p> <p>The increase in electricity prices has been limited to 4% in 2022.^{90, 91}</p> <p>Possibility of reducing the rate of excise duty levied on natural gas for individual consumers only. This possibility applies only for those months in which the condition provided for would be met, i.e. if the natural gas supply costs for a given month of the year 2022 exceed those of October 2021. This provision completes the freezing of regulated natural gas sales tariffs at their October 2021 levels. This freeze has been in effect since November 1, 2021 and may continue to apply until a date between April 30, 2022 and December 31, 2022. The possible reduction of the excise tax levied on natural gas, which may not result in a rate lower than the European minimum set for private individuals (i.e. 1.08 €/MWh in gross calorific value), will be established by decree.^{92,93,94}</p>

		The standard excise tax rate for natural gas used as fuel has been set at €5.23/MWh since January 1, 2020 and remained the same in 2021. This rate still applies in 2022. ^{95,96}
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	On September 15, the government announced plans for a one-off €100 payment to the 5.8 million households that already receive energy vouchers. In October, the government augmented the number of beneficiaries of the voucher to everyone earning less than €2.000 per month net, that is, around 38 million people. ⁹⁷ The government is considering giving special cheques to poor households to compensate for increased food prices following the Ukraine crisis. ⁹⁸
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	On March 15, the French government announced that it will raise the salaries of civil servants to compensate for the sharp increase in inflation due to energy prices. ⁹⁹
	Wage subsidies	

Gabon

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	The government announced that the Gabonese state also subsidizes the price of fuel at the pump. ^{100, 101, 102}
	Food subsidies	The government announced that the Gabonese state also subsidizes the price of foodstuffs such as flour. ^{103, 104, 105}
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	The Gabonese government abolished taxes and customs duties on imports of necessities. ¹⁰⁶
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Germany

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	<p>Three-month reduction in the tax on fuel for vehicles by €0.30 per liter for gasoline and by €0.14 per liter for diesel was agreed on March 24.¹⁰⁷</p> <p>The “9 for 90” scheme announced by the government will offer public transport tickets for €9 per month for 90 days (so €27 in total for three months) in a bid to encourage people to opt for public transport over driving. The initiative is projected to cost transport associations in Germany around €2,5 billion, a sum that will be entirely covered by the federal government. This money will be transferred to the federal states, who are responsible for public transport, and so will be the ones to implement the scheme. It would allow people to use their local bus, tram, U-Bahn and train network at a heavily discounted price – monthly travel tickets in Germany typically cost around €80 to €100.^{108, 109}</p> <p>The government decided on March 16 to double state support towards heating bills, having earmarked a package of help last month (January 2022) for the most vulnerable in society: a € 130 million package of one-time grants to low-income households, which will be paid over the summer when households receive their bills from energy suppliers.^{110, 111}</p> <p>In 2022, the Erneuerbare-Energien-Gesetz (EEG), a levy on the price of electricity, fell from 6.5 to 3.723 cents per kilowatt hour of electricity. That is a reduction of around 43 percent. This was announced by the four transmission system operators Amprion, 50Hertz, TransnetBW and Tennet on October 15, 2021. At the start of February 2022, Germany called for a further reduction of the EEG surcharge, before 2023, which would relieve households by an average of €300.^{112, 113}</p>
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	<p>One-off energy tax-relief payment of €300 (\$330). It will be paid to people through their wages and those on social benefits will also receive a top-up of €100. Families who receive child support benefits will also see a one-off payment of €100 per child.^{114, 115}</p>

	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
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	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Greece

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	The Greek government package included a fuel rebate of 22 eurocents per liter for consumption up to 60 liters per month for those with an annual income of up to 30,000 euros. ^{116, 117}
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	The government will also support farmers and stockbreeders by reducing taxes on fertilizers and animal feed. ¹¹⁸
	Fees subsidies	Greece announced 1.1 billion euro, including power bill subsidies. ^{119, 120}
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	Taxi drivers, low-income pensioners, and disabled and uninsured elderly people will receive a one-off allowance of 200 euros in April. ¹²¹
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Guatemala

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	On April 4, a new law was introduced to provide a cash transfer of 5 Quetzal per gallon of diesel fuel and 2.5 Quetzal for regular gasoline to consumers for a period of two months. ¹²²
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
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Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Guinea

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	The government has regulated the prices of certain necessities on the market: rice, flour, sugar, oil and onion. ^{123, 124}
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	<p>The council of ministers of the transition government decided to stabilize the prices of water, electricity and domestic gas throughout the period of three months.^{125, 126}</p> <p>The limitation to three months' rent for the advance to be paid to landlords for residential rentals.¹²⁷</p> <p>The reduction of customs duties on certain essential products, including rice and consumer sugar.¹²⁸</p>
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	

Wage subsidies

Guinea-Bissau

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	The Guinean government set new prices for rice, sugar and wheat flour. The measure determines that a 50-kilogram bag of rice will cost the public 17,500 CFA francs (about 26 euros), a bag of sugar 25,000 CFA francs (about 38 euros) and a bag of wheat flour 23,000 CFA francs (around 30 euros). ¹²⁹
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
Public works		
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
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	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Hong Kong

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	Hong Kong households to get HK\$1,000 electricity subsidy from June. ¹³⁰
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	Hong Kong government to spend additional HK\$12 billion on revamped wage subsidy scheme. ¹³¹ Eligible employers will receive subsidies in the fixed amount of HK\$8,000 for each full-time employee it employs who earns less than HK\$30,000 per month. Employers will not be able to apply for subsidies in respect of employees earning more than that amount. ¹³²



Hungary

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	Price caps on gasoline and diesel at a maximum of 1.30 euros were initially announced on November 11, 2021, for a duration of three months. On February 12, 2022, the same price cap was extended for another three months. ¹³³
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

India

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	For 2022-23, India has allocated Rs 2.06 lakh crore for food subsidy. This is 97% of the budget for the Department of Food and Public Distribution, which is in charge of the India's Public Distribution System. ¹³⁴
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	On 16 March 2022, it is reported that the ongoing Ukraine conflict is likely to erode India's funds on agricultural inputs such as fertilizers and its subsidy bill is expected to increase by Rs 10,000-15,000 crore. Government, on March 14, sought the Parliament's consent for net additional spending of over Rs 1.07 lakh crore, including about Rs 15,000 crore towards fertilizer subsidy. ¹³⁵
	Fees subsidies	India had cut excise duty on November 4, 2021, to give relief from prices that had reached an all-time high level. The government had reduced the duty on petrol by ₹5 per liter and on diesel by ₹10 a liter, leading to a substantial reduction in prices of fuel. ¹³⁶ In December 2021, the Delhi government, in India, had reduced the value-added tax (VAT) on petrol from 30 per cent to 19.40 per cent. With this, petrol prices in the national capital were slashed by ₹ 8.56 per liter. ¹³⁷
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
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Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Indonesia

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	More than \$500 million had been allocated to subsidize the bulk cooking oil for the next six months, estimating about 202 million liters of distributions per month. ¹³⁸
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
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	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Ireland

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	On 7 March 2022, Ireland announced that electricity credit payment to households was doubled to €200 and will continue through to March and April. Funding for the scheme had also to increase accordingly, from €215 million to €400 million. ¹³⁹ This €200 (including VAT) electricity credit will be automatically applied to domestic electricity customers' accounts and it will appear either as a credit on the bill or as a top-up on the prepay meter. If the first billable amount, after the credit is applied to the account, is lower than the value of the credit, the credit will remain on the account and pass onto the following bill(s). The Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU) have advised that the credit is for use against electricity consumption and is not refundable. ^{140, 141}
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	

Labor Market	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Italy

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	<p>Fuel bonus for 2022: the amount of the value of petrol vouchers given free of charge by private companies to employees, up to a limit of €200 per worker, does not contribute to the formation of income.¹⁴²</p> <p>Gas social bonus: for the period April 1-December 31, 2022, the ISEE value for access to the social bonus for gas is € 12,000.^{143, 144, 145}</p> <p>Fuel bonus in Friuli: the discount on the full tank of petrol, in this region, from April 1 and for the entire month will be worth twice as much as in the rest of Italy. Those who live in zone 1, i.e. in the municipalities closest to the border, will benefit from a total discount of €0.595 cents per liter on green petrol and €0.505 on diesel, while those who live in zone 2, which includes the rest of the territory, will be able to reduce spending respectively by €0.525 and €0.465 cents per liter. Those who own a hybrid car can count on an additional discount of €0.05 cents.¹⁴⁶</p>
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	<p>Reduction in excise duty on petrol and diesel used as motor fuel of €0.25 per liter for a period of 30 days from March 22, 2022 (total discount of €0.305 cents/liter if 22% VAT is added). For LPG, excise duties decrease instead by €0.085 cents, as provided for in the ministerial decree (total discount of €0.1037 cents if VAT is added).^{147,148}</p> <p>Electricity social bonus: for the period April 1-December 31, 2022, the ISEE value for access to the social bonus for electricity is €12,000.^{149, 150, 151}</p> <p>October-December 2021: VAT on the use of natural gas will drop to 5% on supplies for "civil and industrial uses". In December 2021, the government announced the policy will continue in 2022.¹⁵²</p> <p>For around 29 million domestic customers, the rates relating to general system charges, extra costs that are part of the energy bills, are set at zero for the last quarter of 2021. In December 2021, the government announced the policy will continue in 2022.¹⁵³</p>

		<p>Increase in the social bonus (the discount on bills for economically disadvantaged families or those with serious health conditions) to compensate for new price increases. In December 2021, the government announced the policy will continue in 2022. The Italian government also introduced the possibility for consumers to pay their energy bills in multiple instalments for the whole of 2022.¹⁵⁴</p> <p>Energy bonus of €300 in Lazio. This is a deduction of €300 in favor of those with a taxable income for the purposes of the regional income tax surcharge ("Irpef") between €35 thousand and €40 thousand.¹⁵⁵</p>
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Jamaica

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	On March 17, Jamaica announced an electricity support subsidy to an estimated 460,000 customers of the Jamaica Public Service Company. The subsidy will be 20% for households consuming 200 kilowatt hours per month or less (roughly 81% of the customers). It will last from April to July of 2022. ¹⁵⁶
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Japan

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	Japan's industry ministry raised on Wednesday its gasoline subsidy for oil distributors to the upper limit of 25.0 yen (\$0.21) a liter for the week starting March 31, up from 18.6 yen a week earlier. ¹⁵⁷
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
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	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Kazakhstan

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	On January 1, the government lifted a price cap on fuel, setting off a sudden and steep increase in the cost of liquefied petroleum gas. On January 6, Kazakhstan's government is restoring vehicle fuel price caps for six months, after days of deadly unrest. Petrol and diesel prices will also be capped for the same period. ^{158, 159}
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
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	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Kenya

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	Kenya plans to pay subsidy arrears to fuel sellers. The government signed a supplementary budget for the fiscal year which allocated an additional 35 billion shillings (roughly €250 million) for the country's fuel subsidy program. ¹⁶⁰
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
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	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Liberia

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	The Government through the Ministry of Commerce and Industries and the Liberia Petroleum Refinery Company, announced on April 1, 2022, that the price of gasoline has been reduced by USD 0.61 cents, while diesel fuel is reduced by USD 0.53 cents. ^{161, 162, 163}
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Macao SAR, China

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	Macau residents will receive planned cash handouts of 10,000 patacas for permanent and 6,000 patacas for non-permanent residents. ¹⁶⁴
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	A medical voucher worth 600 patacas will be available to Macau's permanent residents from May, to be used over the next two years. ¹⁶⁵
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Madagascar

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	The Ministry of Industry, Trade and Consumption announced on April 5, 2022, that the Malagasy State has just set ceiling prices for the sale of several necessities and everyday consumables, including gas. The price-fixing decree should be taken on April 6 in the Council of Ministers, for a period of three months, renewable. ^{166, 167, 168}
	Food subsidies	The Ministry of Industry, Trade and Consumption announced on April 5, 2022, that the Malagasy State has just set ceiling prices for the sale of several necessities and everyday consumables, including sugar, flour, rice, oil or cement. The price-fixing decree should be taken on April 6 in the Council of Ministers, for a period of three months, renewable. ^{169, 170, 171}
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	

Wage subsidies

Malawi

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	The government removed the 16.5 per cent VAT on cooking oil in a bid to force cooking oil manufacturers lower the prices. It has since released the Value Added Tax (VAT) bill which will facilitate the removal of a 16.5 percent tax on cooking oil and other commodities. ¹⁷²
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Malaysia

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	To preserve 2.96 million local jobs, the government has disbursed RM20.63 billion (US\$4.9 billion) in wage subsidies as of March 18 this year. ¹⁷³

Mali

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	<p>The High Council of Agriculture decided that the producer's share in the price of a 50 kg bag of mineral fertilizer be set at 12,500 CFA francs. And 25,000 CFA francs for the 50 kg bag of organic fertilizer.¹⁷⁴</p> <p>The High Council of Agriculture earmarked 54.9 billion FCFA for subsidizing cotton production inputs.¹⁷⁵</p>
	Fees subsidies	
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	The government plans measures to strengthen livelihoods with the purchase of 4,990 tonnes of livestock, poultry and fish feed which will be distributed to 2,997,103 people to strengthen their livelihoods through the African Risk Capacity (ARC) project in 2022. ¹⁷⁶
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	

Wage subsidies

Mauritius

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	The government has increased the funding voted for financial year 2021-22 from Rs 5 million to some Rs 12 million for the provision of fertilizers to be distributed to registered small tea planters. The Scheme is being operated through a voucher system whereby the registered tea planter will be provided with a voucher indicating the quantity of fertilizers he/she is eligible for and which he/she will have to present to the supplier, as selected by the Small Farmers Welfare Fund, to take possession of the corresponding fertilizers. ¹⁷⁷
	Fees subsidies	
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
Public works		
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Mexico

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	On March 6, an announcement was made to further reaffirm efforts by the government to make sure it is meeting its promise of not allowing the price of gasoline and diesel to rise above the rate of inflation. Mexico already had measures in place of highly discounted taxes on gasoline and diesel (IEPS) to try to reduce the price dating back several years. Recently it has further discounted the IEPS tax rate and it has enacted a subsidy to help gas station companies cover up to 100% of the remaining tax and any other additional rise in price to maintain level prices. Mexico looks to offset the cost of the subsidy with increased sales in exports of its oil and gas from the state-owned enterprise, Pemex. ¹⁷⁸
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	

Wage subsidies

Moldova

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	To support those most at risk of the energy crisis, direct cash transfer of 1,000 lei is given to each individual household selected by the NGO "People in Need Moldova" and it is distributed in collaboration with the government and Moldovan Post. The funds come from the EU and will go to 40,000 households. They will be eligible to pick up cash at any post office with a valid ID. ¹⁷⁹
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
Public works		
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Netherlands

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	The government lowered the rate of value-added tax (VAT) on energy from 21% to 9% and cut the excise duty on petrol and diesel by 21% from 1 April 2022 until the end of the year. ^{180, 181}
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	On March 21, the government agreed to raise the one-off energy allowance (energietoelage) for people on incomes around the level of social assistance to €800 (previously €200). ¹⁸² The government set aside 200-euro payments for the poorest households in the country to help them continue to pay their energy bills. ^{183, 184}
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

New Zealand

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	<p>New Zealand announced that the country would cut public transport fares by 50% amid a suite of other changes to try to ease sharp increases in the cost of living.¹⁸⁵</p> <p>The government is also cutting petrol exercise duties and road user charges by 25c a liter – effective Monday 21 March.¹⁸⁶</p> <p>New Zealand introduces new CO2 subsidy policies. Starting from 1 April 2022, charges will be imposed on high emitting vehicles, and rebates given to low-emitting ones.¹⁸⁷</p>
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	

Wage subsidies

Niger

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	<p>The government announced several tax and customs relief measures, including a drop from 3.5% to 17%, depending on the product. The reduction is in the customs clearance and tax costs of certain consumer products.^{188, 189}</p> <p>The government decided to lower the customs tax of around 3.5% on millet, 35% on flour and 17% on sugar.¹⁹⁰</p>
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Nigeria

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	In the second week of April, the Senate approved N4 trillion for petrol subsidy in 2022. Nigeria plans to tap 2 billion euros (\$2.2 billion) from its eurobond sale last year to help fund its petrol subsidies as oil prices rise. In doing so, the federal government has extended the subsidy that was due to expire in June 2022 by 18 months. ^{191, 192, 193}
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

North Macedonia

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	North Macedonia's government said it will remove VAT on basic food products, as well as reduce VAT and lower excise duties on fuels within a set of measures worth 400 million euro (\$441.9 million). ¹⁹⁴
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Norway

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	On March 10, 2022, the Norwegian government announced that it is proposing an extension of the financial support in the form of subsidy it provided in December 2021 to help households cope with unusually high electricity prices. The amendment to the budget allowed for increased support to households in response to high electricity costs. The financial support for energy costs runs through March 31, 2022, with the law automatically expiring on July 1, 2022. The new government proposal would extend the legislation until March 31, 2023. The current law requires the state to compensate households for 55% of electricity costs that exceed the market price of NOK0.07 per kWh, excluding monthly VAT, with the basis for the compensation being the mean market price and not the actual price paid by the consumer. In addition, electricity companies must, monthly, send to the Norwegian Energy Regulatory Authority an overview of the sum paid as support to customers. ¹⁹⁵
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	

Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Pakistan

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	<p>On 7 March 2022, Pakistan launched a food subsidy program, Ehsaas Riyayat Ration Scheme, to provide a monthly subsidy of 30 percent on daily use commodities to 20 million households. Under the targeted subsidy for the middle and lower middle class, the prices of flour, cooking oil among others will be considerably reduced.¹⁹⁶</p> <p>On April 20, 2022, Pakistan's Punjab government has announced to reduce by Rs100 the price of a 10kg flour bag, making the cost fall from Rs 550 to Rs 450, dubbing it a big relief for the people hit hard by rampant inflation. The government has implemented a uniform system till Eid.¹⁹⁷</p>
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	

Wage subsidies

Peru

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	<p>On December 15, 2021, Peru announced an additional subsidy (on top of existing subsidies) directed at low-income households that will reduce energy and electricity bills by 15%, using the taxes paid by the upper and middle classes.¹⁹⁸</p> <p>On April 4, Peru announced it would exempt fuel from being charged a tax in order to try to reduce prices of gasoline. This is set to last until June 30, with the possibility to extend until December.¹⁹⁹</p>
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	

Wage subsidies

Philippines

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	A total of P569 million in fuel subsidy has been distributed by the state-run Land Bank of the Philippines to cushion the impact of oil prices hikes on public utility vehicle (PUV) drivers. ²⁰⁰ Manila has doubled to 5 billion pesos (\$95.88 million) a fuel subsidy program for public transport and recommended additional fuel vouchers for farm producers by increasing the budget to 1.1 billion pesos from 500 million, to cut input costs. ²⁰¹
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	On March 16, the president approved P200 monthly subsidy for poor households amid fuel price hikes. Upon feedback that the PHP200 monthly cash aid was “too small” and could not sustain a family of three to five members, the Government has hiked monthly subsidies to poor households from P200 up to P500 on March 21. ²⁰²
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	

Wage subsidies

Poland

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	The "Anti-Putin" Shield, amongst other measures, envisions the support from the state budget to cover farmers who are in danger of losing financial liquidity. The aid will concern fertilizers that agricultural producers bought between September 1, 2021 and May 15, 2022. The subsidy will cover up to 50 hectares of land and will amount to PLN 500 per hectare of agricultural land and 250 PLN per hectare of meadows, pastures and grassland on arable land. Aid for farmers has been designed so that on the basis of invoices for purchases of fertilizers, compensation can be paid. It will be a compensation of around PLN 1,500 to one ton of fertilizer. ²⁰³
	Fees subsidies	<p>Poland's Anti-Inflation Shield 2.0 is a bundle of measures that will lower or temporarily remove VAT on food, petrol, electricity, or fertilizers starting from February until 31 July 2022. The reduced VAT rate on electricity will also apply for several more months. After lowering VAT as part of the first Shield, the time has come for further beneficial solutions such as:^{204,205}</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reduction of VAT on fuel from 23% to 8%, • reduction of VAT on natural gas from 8% to 0%, • reduction of VAT on basic foodstuffs to 0%, • reduced 5% VAT rate on electricity to remain in effect for longer, • reduction of VAT on system heat to 5%, • reduction of VAT on natural gas from 8% to 0%. <p>The first Anti-Inflation Shield introduced in December 2021 included amongst its solutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • inflation allowance for households, • waiver of excise duty on electricity, • reducing VAT on electricity from 23% to 5%, • reduction of VAT on natural gas from 23% to 8%, • lowering fuel prices by reducing excise duty as far as possible,

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> reduction of VAT on system heat (provided by district heating networks) from 23% to 8%.
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	<p>As part of the Anti-Inflation Shield 2.0, the government extends until 2027 the protection against uncontrolled increase in gas prices to benefit about 7 million households. The electricity allowance to help households struggling with energy bills is determined based on the number of people in the household, income and whether or not coal heating is used. The first instalment is paid out at the end of March 2022, while the second will be sent out in December 2022.^{206, 207, 208}</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> people who live alone will receive a maximum of PLN 400 per year; households with 2 or 3 people will receive a maximum of PLN 600 per year farms with 4 or 5 people will receive a maximum of PLN 850 per year; households with 6 or more people will receive a maximum of PLN 1150 per year. <p>More money will be given to people who heat their premises with coal. The cover allowance in their case will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 person in the household - maximum PLN 500 per year; 2-3 people in the household - maximum PLN 750 per year; 4-5 people in the household - maximum PLN 1062.50 per year; 6 or more people in the household - maximum PLN 1,437.50 per year.
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	<p>The government announced the payment of the 13th pension in April 2022. The funds allocated to the thirteenth retirement pension for all those entitled are to counteract inflation indirectly. ZUS will pay it to nearly 10 million old-age and disabled pensioners. In 2022, it will be paid in 6 terms along with the April pensions. The amount of the benefit will be PLN 1,338.44 and will be PLN 87.56 higher than in the previous year. No income tax will be charged on the amount of the 13th pension, but only a health insurance fee of PLN 120.46.^{209,210}</p>
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	<p>Some five million families in Poland - which have welcomed in at least 1.8 million fleeing Ukrainians - are also to receive a package of aid to help them cope with rising food prices.²¹¹</p>

	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Réunion (France)

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	The State set up an exceptional discount of 15 centimes per liter from April 1, 2022. This aid has a duration of 4 months. It limits the increase to 3 cents per liter for unleaded and 5 cents per liter for diesel. ²¹²
	Food subsidies	The prices of 153 products are blocked for one year in Reunion. A basket of 153 products cannot exceed an overall price of 348 euros until February 28, 2023. There is a majority of food products, from local production or imported, but also nappies and potties for babies, hygiene and cleaning products. ²¹³
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
Public works		
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Romania

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	On 4 October 2021, the Minister of Energy announced compensation for gas bills. The measures are expected to last from 1 November 2021 to 31 March 2022 and affect approximately 6 million families or 85% of the Romanian population (this also includes compensation on electricity bills). ²¹⁴
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	<p>The Romanian government has decided to cap electricity and natural gas prices for households and small businesses. The measure will apply from April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023, after a similar scheme that was in force since November. On 20 March 2022 the Romanian government imposed a one-year ceiling on electricity and natural gas prices. Household customers who do not consume more than 100 kW per month will pay 14 cents per kilowatt, and if their consumption exceeds 300 KW, then they will be charged a maximum of 16 cents per kilowatt. Industrial customers will pay up to 20 cents per kilowatt. As for natural gas, its price for domestic consumers will be a maximum of 6 cents, and for industrial customers no more than 7 cents per kilowatt.^{215, 216}</p> <p>The Capital City Hall in Bucharest will come with a subsidy of approximately 650 lei, to cover the total cost of the heating prices, which amounts to 980 lei per month. General councilors PNL and USR PLUS have reached an agreement on the price of a gigacalorie in the Capital, the people of Bucharest will pay the remaining 330 lei, compared to the 164 lei they currently pay.²¹⁷</p> <p>On 7 September 2021, the Romanian Parliament passed a law to shield vulnerable consumers from the energy price increases from 1 November 2021, with subsidies to be used for home-heating assistance, energy consumption, energy-efficient house equipment and the purchase of products and services improving the energy performance of buildings or connection to the energy network.²¹⁸</p> <p>On 4 October 2021, the Romania's Minister of Energy announced compensation for electricity bills. The measures are expected to last from 1 November 2021 to 31 March</p>

		<p>2022 and affect approximately 6 million families or 85% of the Romanian population (this also includes compensation on fuel bills).²¹⁹</p> <p>On 11 January 2022, the government announced a new protection scheme for household consumers with a monthly consumption of up to 300 kWh, including a VAT reduction to 5%.²²⁰</p>
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	As part of the above subsidy, 4.7 million pensioners and other low-income families will receive vouchers for basic food products worth 50 euros every two months. ²²¹
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	<p>The Romanian Government has prepared a draft emergency ordinance (OUG) that provides subsidies in the amount of 75% of the gross wage to employees of companies directly or indirectly affected by the war in Ukraine, sent temporarily home by their employer.²²²</p> <p>The minimum statutory wage will increase by RON200 per month.²²³</p>

		A minimum statutory wage of RON3,000 will be introduced for the agriculture sector. ²²⁴
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Slovenia

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	The Slovenian government set the maximum retail price of gasoline. The maximum price of 95-octane gasoline was set at 1.503 euros (about 1.6491 U.S. dollars) per liter and that of diesel at 1.541 euros (about 1.6908 U.S. dollars) per liter. The set prices will be valid for 30 days. ²²⁵ On April 1, price control on fuel price was extended, and set at wholesale prices (which is lower than the previously set price). The wholesale prices were frozen at €1.483 per litre of petrol and €1.521 per litre of diesel, wholesalers will have a two-cent profit margin. ²²⁶
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

South Africa

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	The Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy proposes additional measures to be introduced after the expiry of the temporary measures from Wednesday 1 June 2022: a reduction in the Basic Fuel Price of 3c/l; the introduction of a price cap on 93 octane petrol, allowing retailers to sell at a price below the regulated price. ²²⁷
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	The government agreed a temporary reduction in the general fuel levy to be funded by a liquidation of a portion of the strategic crude oil reserve. The general fuel levy is temporarily reduced by R1.50 per litre from 6 April 2022 to 31 May 2022. This will reduce the general fuel levy for petrol from R3.85 per litre to R2.35 per litre and reduce the general fuel levy for diesel from R3.70 per litre to R2.20 per litre for two months. ²²⁸
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	

Wage subsidies

South Korea

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	Seoul has extended tax cut until the end of July 2022. These rates took effect from last November 12, 2021, cutting taxes of 164 won, 116 won and 40 won off every liter of gasoline, diesel fuel and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), respectively. ²²⁹
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Spain

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	Within a larger package, there will be a subsidy of 20 cents (euro) per liter of gasoline, of which 15 cents will be subsidized by the government and 5 cents by the gasoline companies. ²³⁰
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	Spain announced 16 billion euros in direct aid, tax cuts, and soft loans to help companies and households weather high energy prices. Of the total, 6 billion euros will go to direct aid and to expand upon an existing tax cut program related to Covid-19. ²³¹ Spain announced 16 billion euros in direct aid, tax cuts, and soft loans to help companies and households weather high energy prices. Within that package, 10 billion euros will go towards subsidized loans. ²³²
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	

Labor Market	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Sri Lanka

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	<p>On 14 April 2022, Sri Lanka's state-owned petroleum corporation (Ceylon Petroleum Corporation) announced fuel rationing for vehicles with effect as a historic economic crisis roils the country. It said that motorcycles and other two-wheelers can purchase fuel worth up to Rs 1,000 per visit to petrol pumps. Three-wheelers can buy fuel worth Rs 1,500, while cars, jeeps and vans can purchase it up to Rs 5,000. Buses, lorries and commercial vehicles have been exempted from the fuel rationing.²³³</p> <p>Due to increase in cost of living, on 2 January 2022, Sri Lanka exempted all food and medicine items from taxes starting January 2022.²³⁴</p>
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	<p>Due to increase in cost of living, on 2 January 2022, Sri Lanka increased civil servants' salaries by Rs. 5,000 per month starting from January 2022.²³⁵</p> <p>Due to increase in cost of living, on 2 January 2022, Sri Lanka decided to provide additional Rs. 1,000 per month to Samurdhi beneficiaries starting from January 2022.²³⁶</p>
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
Public works		

Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	Due to increase in cost of living, on 2 January 2022, Sri Lanka increased pensions income by Rs. 5,000 per month starting from January 2022. ²³⁷
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Suriname

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	On April 8, the government announced a temporary fuel subsidy to fight the rising price of gasoline and diesel for consumers. They will use the increased profits from the oil sector due to the rise in the price of oil to fund this subsidy. ²³⁸
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Sweden

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	<p>On March 14, 2022, Sweden announced a \$1.45 billion (€1.32 billion, or 14 billion kronor) in fuel and power subsidies to help Swedes cope with soaring prices resulting from the Ukraine conflict. As part of it, tax on diesel and petrol will be temporarily reduced to the lowest level permitted under EU regulations from 1 June to 31 October 2022. The price of petrol and diesel at the pump will be just over SEK 1.30 lower per liter in addition to the tax reduction of SEK 0.50 that will be introduced in May. The total cost of this measure is estimated at SEK 3.7 billion.²³⁹</p> <p>On March 14, 2022, Sweden announced a \$1.45 billion (€1.32 billion, or 14 billion kronor) in fuel and power subsidies to help Swedes cope with soaring prices resulting from the Ukraine conflict. As part of it, the housing allowance for families with children will be temporarily increased from July to December 2022.²⁴⁰</p> <p>On March 14, 2022, Sweden announced a \$1.45 billion (€1.32 billion, or 14 billion kronor) in fuel and power subsidies to help Swedes cope with soaring prices resulting from the Ukraine conflict. As part of it, the compensatory payment for electricity costs will be extended for another month in southern and central Sweden. The compensatory payment will be extended with lower payment levels for the month of March in electricity price areas 3 and 4 in southern and central Sweden, where prices have increased the most. Reimbursement will be provided to households whose electricity consumption is from 400 kWh to 2,000 kWh per month. The lower limit will be reduced in comparison with the earlier compensatory payment so as to include households with lower electricity consumption. The compensatory payment will be from SEK 100 to SEK 1,000 and include approximately 2 million households. The total cost of this measure is estimated at SEK 900 million.²⁴¹</p> <p>On March 14, 2022, Sweden announced a \$1.45 billion (€1.32 billion, or 14 billion kronor) in fuel and power subsidies to help Swedes cope with soaring prices resulting from the Ukraine conflict. As part of it, the GDP indexing of diesel and petrol will be</p>

		suspended. The annual indexation of diesel and petrol tax rates was suspended in 2021 and 2022. It is proposed that this also apply in 2023. The Government will circulate a proposal for consultation with the goal that it enter into force on 1 January 2023. The cost of this measure is estimated at SEK 900 million for 2023. ²⁴²
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	<p>On March 14, 2022, Sweden announced a \$1.45 billion (€1.32 billion, or 14 billion kronor) in fuel and power subsidies to help Swedes cope with soaring prices resulting from the Ukraine conflict. As part of it, a new compensatory payment for fuel costs will be introduced to private individuals who own a car. The support will amount to SEK 1,000 per car owner. On top of it, people who own a car and live in municipalities located in regional policy support areas 1, 2 and 3 will receive an additional compensatory payment of SEK 500. For the most part, this applies to sparsely populated and rural areas where distances travelled are long. The basic premise is that the compensatory payment is paid automatically. The total cost of this measure is estimated at SEK 4 billion.²⁴³</p> <p>On March 14, 2022, Sweden announced a \$1.45 billion (€1.32 billion, or 14 billion kronor) in fuel and power subsidies to help Swedes cope with soaring prices resulting from the Ukraine conflict. As part of it, additional funds will be allocated to the appropriation for the climate bonus. To continue to promote the transition to environmentally friendly vehicles, reduce dependency on fossil fuels and meet rapidly increasing sales of climate bonus cars (primarily electric), the appropriation for the climate bonus will be increased by SEK 3.9 billion. Therefore, a person who buys an electric car will continue to receive SEK 70,000 in financial support.²⁴⁴</p> <p>To particularly protect households in financial difficulties from dramatic price increases, a temporary extra child allowance will be introduced for families with children that are, or later this year will be, eligible for housing allowance. The extra child allowance will be equivalent to 25 per cent of the preliminary housing allowance and</p>

		will at most amount to SEK 1,325 per month. The total cost is estimated at SEK 500 million. ²⁴⁵
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Taiwan, China

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	Taiwan's Cabinet approved a NT\$30 billion (US\$1.05 billion) which expanded housing rent subsidy program for the 2022 fiscal year. It will increase the availability and amount of rent subsidies and is expected to benefit 500,000 applicants. ²⁴⁶
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Tajikistan

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	During March 14-16, 2022, in order to stabilize prices, the Tajikistan's Agency for State Material Reserves has established mobile sales outlets in the market and has been selling a fixed amount of staple food to the public at relatively low prices. This was observed in Dushanbe, Khujand, Bokhtar, Rasht, Khorog, Kulob and Kushoniyon. ²⁴⁷
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
Public works		
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Tanzania

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	On February 28, 2022, the government through the ministry of energy announced the abolition of the Sh100 levy per liter of petrol, diesel and kerosene for three months from March. ²⁴⁸
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Thailand

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	The Energy Ministry reported to the cabinet, the state Oil Fund paid an average of 7.25-7.6 billion baht per month in subsidies to maintain the retail price of diesel at 30 baht per liter from January to February 2022. ²⁴⁹
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	<p>In February 2022, Thailand released new government incentives for its electric vehicles (EV) industry as part of its ambitious plan to transform 50 percent of its total auto production to EVs by 2030 and become a production base for cleaner vehicles in Southeast Asia. The new incentive package includes a significant exemption in import duty and excise tax for a wide range of EV models, in addition to previous subsidies announced in February.²⁵⁰</p> <p>Subsidies are provided to passenger cars per EV unit depending on its battery capacity for completely knocked-down (CKD) and CBU units. Passenger cars with 10 to 30 kWh batter capacity will receive a 70,000-baht (US\$2,111) and passenger cars with over 30 kWh batter capacity will receive a 150,000-baht (US\$4,523) subsidy. Similarly, an 18,000-baht subsidy will be provided for electric motorcycles from eligible car producers between 2022-2023.²⁵¹</p>
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	

	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Turkey

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	<p>On March 15, 2022, it was reported that in the last couple weeks, Turkey has imposed temporary export bans on select agricultural products to stabilize local market conditions and keep prices from running higher. The Ministry of Trade recently halted shipments of grains, oilseeds, cooking oil, and a few other agricultural commodities – sourced from third countries – that are currently being held in bonded warehouses at Turkish seaports.²⁵²</p> <p>Turkey’s Ministry of Agriculture & Forest (MinAF) stopped direct exports of cooking oil, bulk olive oil shipments, margarine, red lentils, and dry beans from Turkey. MinAF may also block exports of other agricultural goods at any time.²⁵³</p> <p>On 12 February 2022, Turkey, under its VAT System Simplification Program, reduced the VAT on basic food products from 8% to 1%. The decision, published in the Official Gazette, went into effect on February 14, 2022. The cut includes staples such as flour, rice, pasta, meat, fish, tea, coffee, water, milk and dairy products, cheese, eggs, oils, sugar, fruits, vegetables, nuts, and legumes.²⁵⁴</p> <p>On 28 March 2022, the VAT rate in Turkey will be lowered to 1 percent on all kinds of certified seed and saplings.²⁵⁵</p>

		<p>On February 12, 2022, Turkey reduced the tax on electricity used for residential and agricultural irrigation purposes from 18% to 8%.²⁵⁶</p> <p>On 28 March 2022, Turkey reduced taxes on several items, including hygiene products and medical equipment, to counter inflation in the country. It reduced the VAT on products such as detergent, soap, toilet paper, napkins and baby diapers from 18% to 8%.²⁵⁷</p> <p>On 28 March 2022, Turkey reduced the VAT charged on catering services, including in restaurants and hotels, from 18 to 8 percent.²⁵⁸</p> <p>On 28 March 2022, the VAT in Turkey has been set at 8 percent in the sales of houses that are smaller than 150 square meters in size.²⁵⁹</p>
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	

	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Turkmenistan

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	On March 4, 2022, Turkmenistan announced to keep prices of consumer goods and food products under control in the market and stores. ²⁶⁰
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

United Kingdom

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	<p>The government will cut the duty on petrol and diesel by £0.05 per liter for 12 months. This will take effect from 6pm on 23 March on a UK-wide basis. This cut represents savings for households and businesses worth around £2.4 billion in 2022-23. Where practical, a proportionate cut will also apply to fuel duty rates which are lower than the main rates for petrol and diesel, including red diesel.²⁶¹</p> <p>The government will reverse a Court of Justice of the European Union ruling that restricted the application of VAT relief on the installation of energy saving materials (ESMs). This will mean that wind and water turbines will be added to the list of ESMs and the complex eligibility conditions will be removed. The government will also increase the relief further by introducing a time-limited zero rate for the installation of ESMs. The changes will take effect from April 2022.²⁶²</p> <p>The government is providing a package of support worth £9.1 billion in 2022 to 2023 which includes the Energy Bills Support Scheme. Through the scheme, domestic electricity customers in Great Britain will receive a £200 reduction in their electricity costs from this October. The costs of the reduction will be spread as widely as possible, so that no one pays more than £40 per year through the levy. Therefore, all domestic electricity consumers will pay a charge in future years. It is a grant now with a levy on future bill payers. This scheme will help over 28 million households.^{263, 264}</p> <p>As part of its targeted response to rising energy bills, the government has introduced a £150 council tax rebate starting April 1, 2022. This will mean that council tax costs will not rise for the majority of people, including those on the lowest incomes.^{265, 266}</p> <p>As part of the Warm Home Discount scheme, 2.2 million low-income households receive a £140 rebate on their energy bills. From 2022, proposed changes will see the scheme be worth £475 million a year with nearly 3 million households receiving a £150 rebate.^{267, 268}</p>

Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	To help households with the cost of essentials such as food, clothing and utilities, the government is providing an additional £500 million for the Household Support Fund from April, on top of the £500 million already provided since October 2021, bringing total funding to £1 billion. Local Authorities will determine how to best use the remainder of the fund within the scope set out by ministers. Previous funding has supported households with food, clothing, energy and water costs, and this extension will ensure that this support continues through to the autumn. The extension will run for six months to the end of September 2022. ^{269, 270}
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
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	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

United States

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	<p>Georgia announced the suspension of the gas tax which was signed on March 18.²⁷¹</p> <p>Maryland announced a 30-day suspension of the gas tax with the option to extend 90 days. Estimated to cost USD \$100 million a month.²⁷²</p> <p>Florida announced USD \$1 billion in temporary gas tax relief for residents. State lawmakers also approved a one-month hiatus of the gas tax.²⁷³</p> <p>Connecticut announced the suspension of the gas tax from April 1 to June 30. This is expected to cost USD\$ 90 million in lost revenue.²⁷⁴</p> <p>Georgia announced a program to give between USD \$250 and \$500 in tax refunds to Georgians.²⁷⁵</p>
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	<p>California announced that it will be handing out debit cards with USD \$400 to California drivers. This measure is a USD \$9 billion proposal.²⁷⁶</p> <p>Maine has proposed an USD \$850 check to qualified tax payers in Maine.²⁷⁷</p>
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	

	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions waiver	
Labor Market	Training (vocational, life skills, others)	
	Labor market regulations	
	Wage subsidies	

Uruguay

Subsidies	Fuel subsidies	Starting April 1st, Uruguayan government has put a price control on gasoline. ²⁷⁸
	Food subsidies	
	Fertilizer/agriculture subsidies	
	Fees subsidies	Beginning May 1st, the discount on the IMESI tax will be increased up to 30%. ²⁷⁹
Social Assistance	Unconditional cash transfers	
	Conditional cash transfers	
	Social pensions	
	Unconditional in-kind transfers (food, vouchers, others)	
	Conditional in-kind transfers (school feeding)	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
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	Pensions	
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This note provides an update of social protection responses to the food, fuel, fertilizer, and other price shocks sparked or accelerated by the Ukraine war. The vast majority of measures were introduced in early 2022 (February-April), although some specific interventions to mitigate prices were included in late 2021. This initiative complements other two ongoing thematic trackers of country-level action on how social protection is being leveraged in crisis situations – one on Covid-19 responses (16 versions) and another one focused on displacement as a result of the Ukraine war (3 versions). Data is preliminary and meant to elicit comments, additions, integration, and revisions to be incorporated in next living paper versions. Specifically, the note tracks four broad measures, namely social assistance, social insurance, labor markets, and subsidies. The latter includes five subcategories, i.e., fuel, food, fertilizers and agriculture inputs, and fees subsidies. Data and analysis are preliminary, and more information on specific measures will be provided as data becomes available.

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