

## **Tracking Global Social Policy Responses to High Energy Prices**

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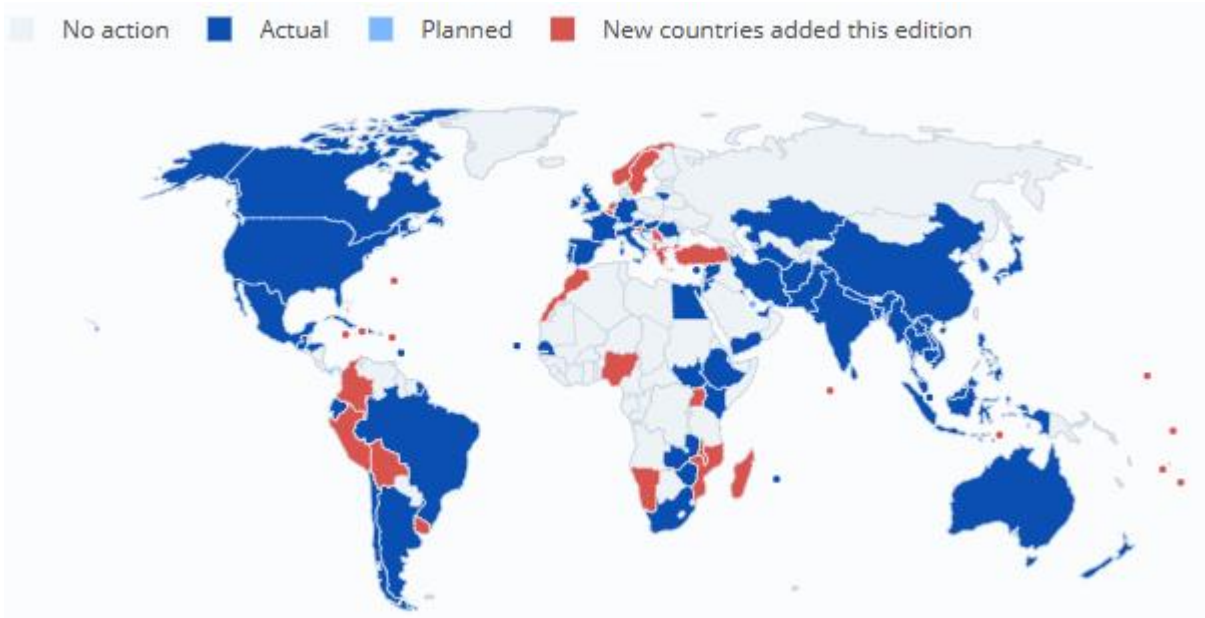
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AT A GLANCE

Global social policy actions (May 7)



Country actions as of May 7

**256** actions (planned and actual)

**247** actions (actual only)

**104** countries (planned and actual)

**93** countries (actual only)

Changes since April 24

**53** new/updated actions

**32** new countries in the database

## Overview

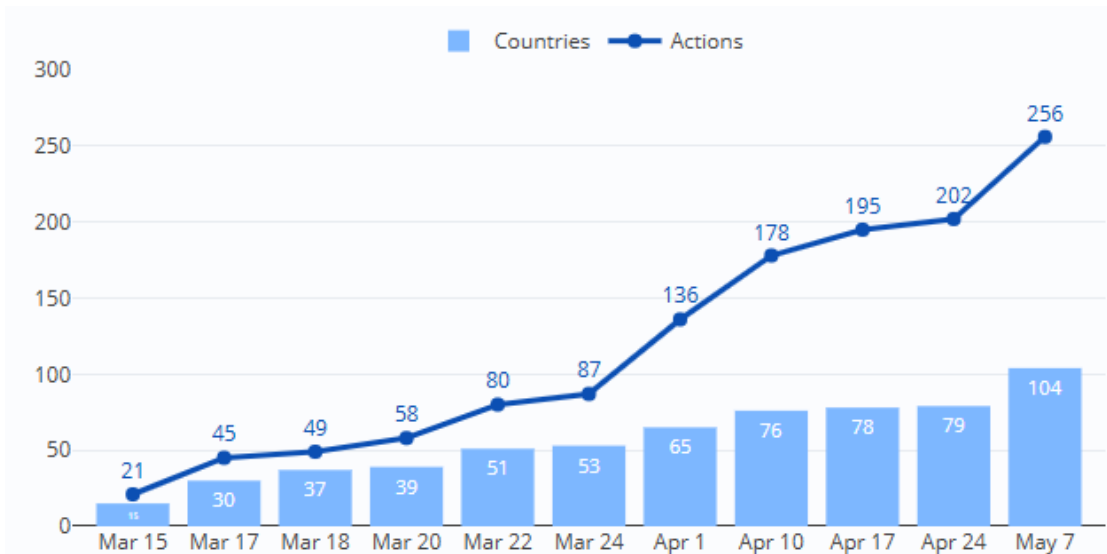
**This note presents the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of real-time tracking of global social policy responses to high energy prices sparked by the latest crisis in the Middle East.** The analysis tracks crisis-specific responses, which often complement routine programs, as of May 7, 2026. It encompasses 16 variables examined for 26 program categories and subcategories across 202 surveyed countries (box 1). We acknowledge that some categories, e.g., subsidies and tax measures, lie at the intersection of social, fiscal and economic policy. Tracking methods combine AI-powered techniques with structured manual validation updated on a continuous basis.<sup>1</sup> Possible future updates will be released pending on the evolving trajectory of the crisis.

### Box 1. Inside the tracker

The tracker's structured variables include data on program category, sub-category, action stage (actual, planned, or expired), description of the measure, implementing agency, scale metrics (beneficiary coverage, fiscal cost, and other quantitative measures such as metric tons), and verified source links. Social policy actions are classified under 10 program categories: social assistance, social insurance, labor markets, social services (covering health, education, displacement, etc.), subsidies (with a variety of subcategories), trade measures, preparedness plans, and logistics support (for repatriation and evacuation of stranded passengers — almost all now expired). Relative to last edition, two new categories were added: strategic reserves (subsidies) and support to firms (labor markets). Sub-categories provide further granularity: subsidies encompass energy, transport, agriculture/fertilizer, food, rationing, tax measures, and strategic reserves; under social assistance, cash transfers, food assistance, vouchers, and in-kind transfers; under labor markets, support to firms and other work arrangements; and under social insurance, pensions and other social insurance. Not all categories have subcategories (hence their tally is lower than the tally of categories). Note that information is verified continuously, so as data improves it may affect past inclusion and/or categorization of actions in current and previous editions. Annex 1 sets out descriptive statistics for country-level actions (n =103).

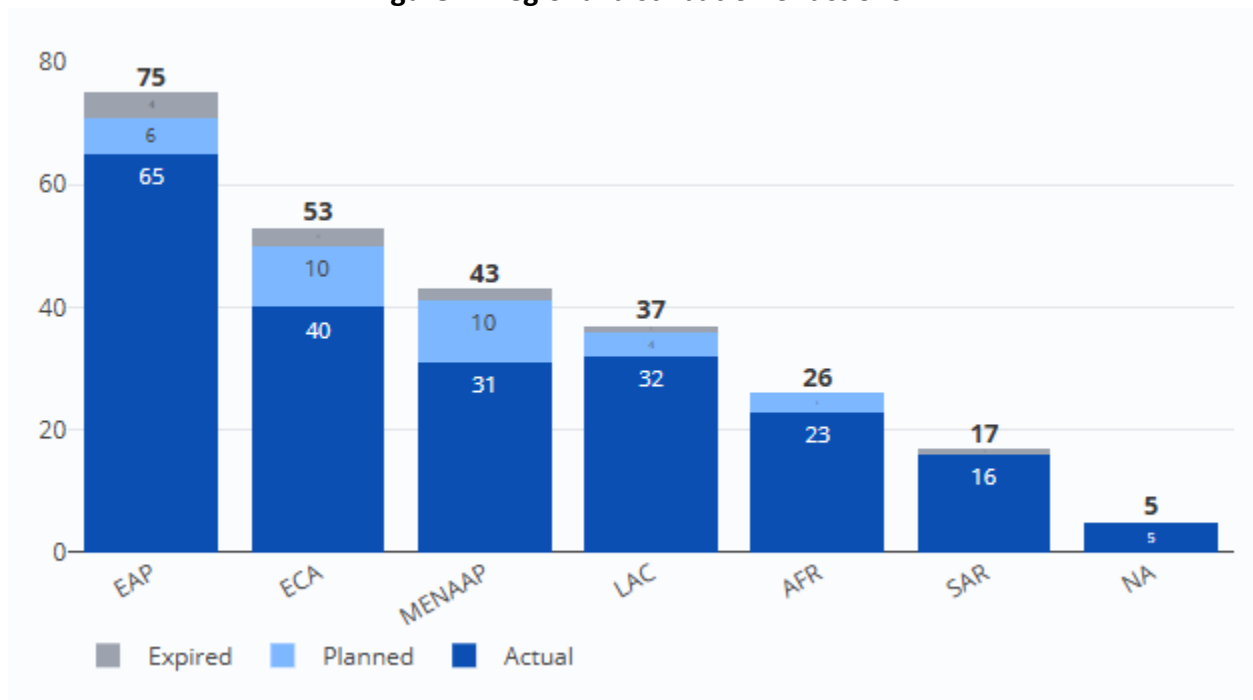
**High energy prices are triggering social policy actions globally.** Currently, 104 countries have planned or implemented 256 social policy responses to the crisis (figure 1). Compared to April 24, the database includes 32 new countries, i.e., Albania, Bahamas, Belgium, Bermuda, Bolivia, Brunei, Colombia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Greece, Haiti, Jamaica, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Peru, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Sweden, Timor-Leste, Türkiye, Tuvalu, Uganda, and Uruguay.<sup>2</sup> Most actions, or 55% of global responses, keep being concentrated in middle-income countries; high income settings claim about 36% of total actions, while low-income countries only roughly 5% of them. Fragile and conflict-affected states feature 35 actions accounting for 14% of global responses.

**Figure 1. Trends in actions and countries**



**The East Asia and Pacific (EAP) region continues leading global actions.** EAP countries exhibit 74 policy actions in response to the effect of crisis (figure 2). The Middle East, North Africa, Pakistan, and Afghanistan (MENAAP) region (43 actions) has now been surpassed by Europe and Central Asia (ECA) (53 actions). The new countries added in Sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America and Caribbean regions marked an uptick in actions in such contexts.

**Figure 2. Regional distribution of actions**

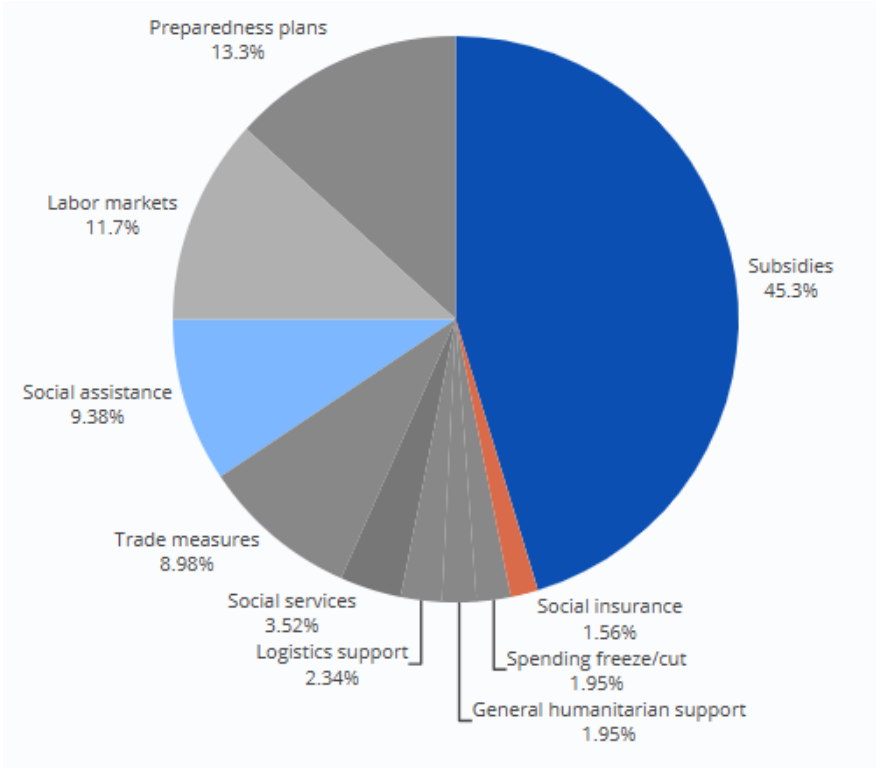


**Subsidies claim half of global responses.** Government subsidies, including energy, agriculture, food, transport and various other forms of subsidies dominate country responses (figure 3, panel a). This class of actions is followed not by non-contributory social assistance (cash, vouchers, food transfers and other in-kind measures) like in previous editions: instead, preparedness plans are now more frequent

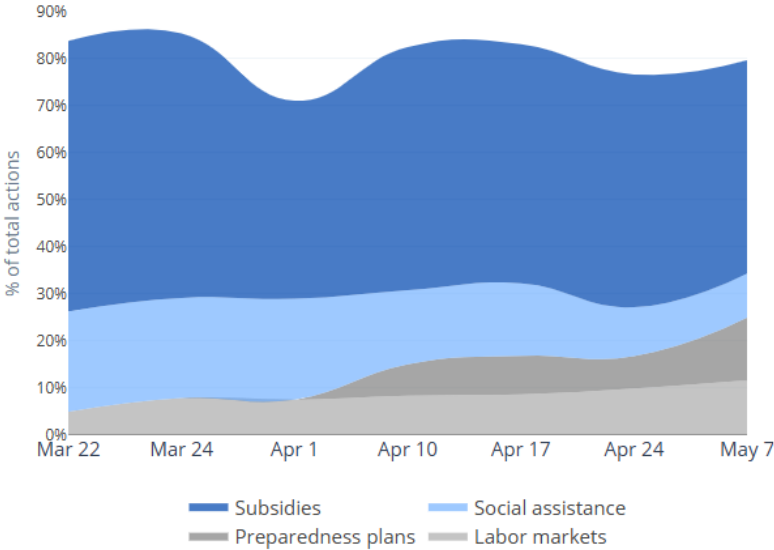
and absorb about 13% of responses, followed by a growing share of labor market measures. Social assistance represents less than 10% of responses, signaling a shift in overall composition and diversification of responses (figure 3, panel b).

**Figure 3. Share of action by program category**

Panel a. Share of categories (% of total)



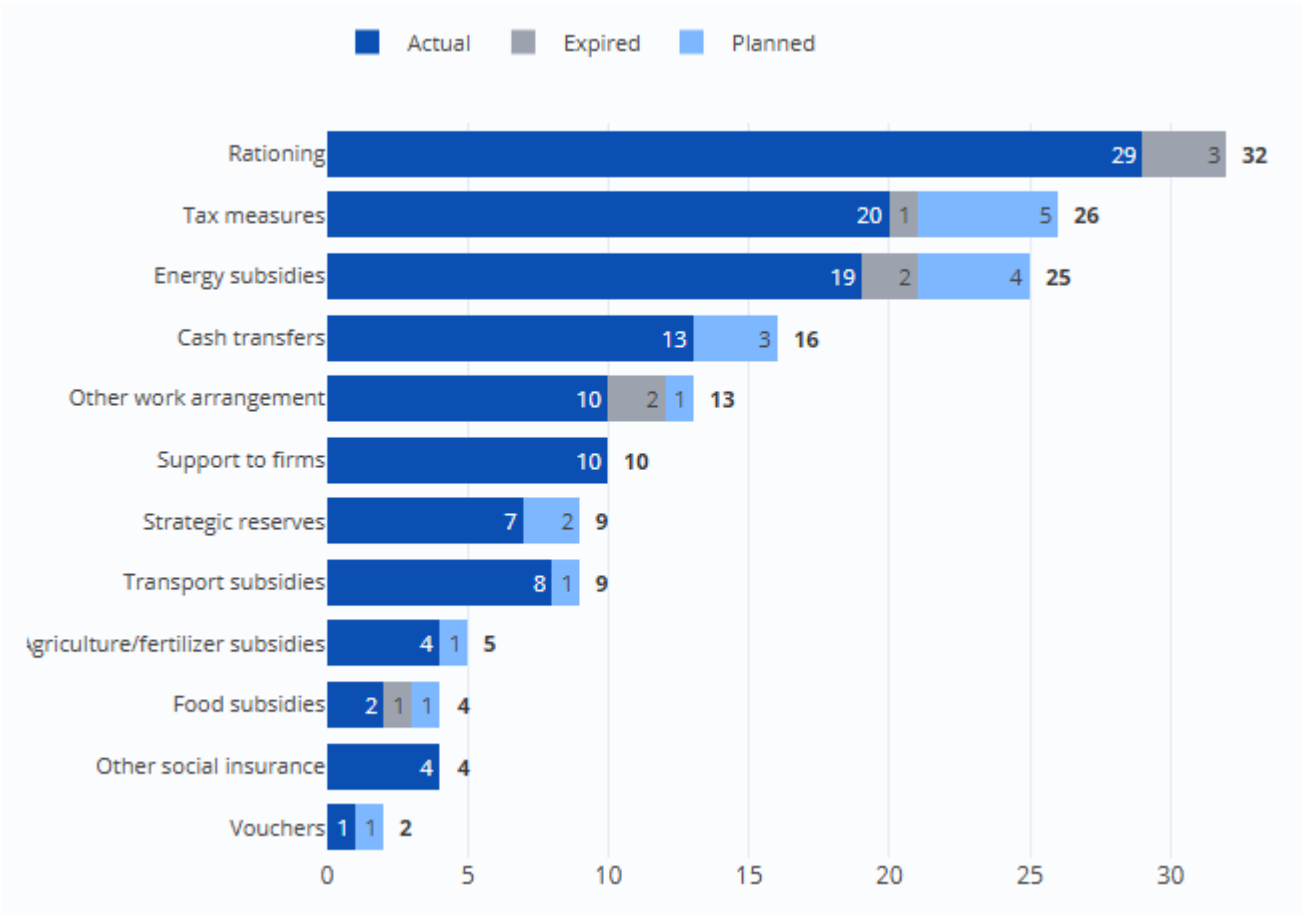
Panel b. Share of select categories over time (% of total)



**Within various program subcategories, rationing emerges as a dominant option.** This is an important development, as rationing may represent a truly “last resort” mechanism to managing price risks (figure

4). The fact that they are being used in 29 cases, including to curtail or cap prices and limit a range of practices, is noteworthy and higher than tax measures (also on the rise) and energy subsidies (now in third place).

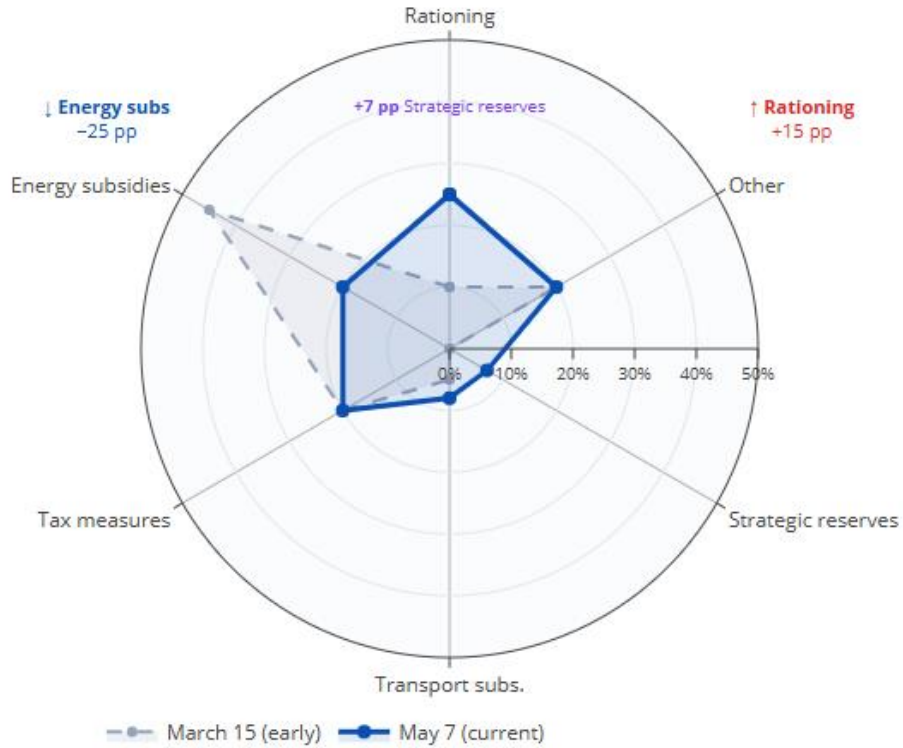
**Figure 4. Actions by program sub-categories**



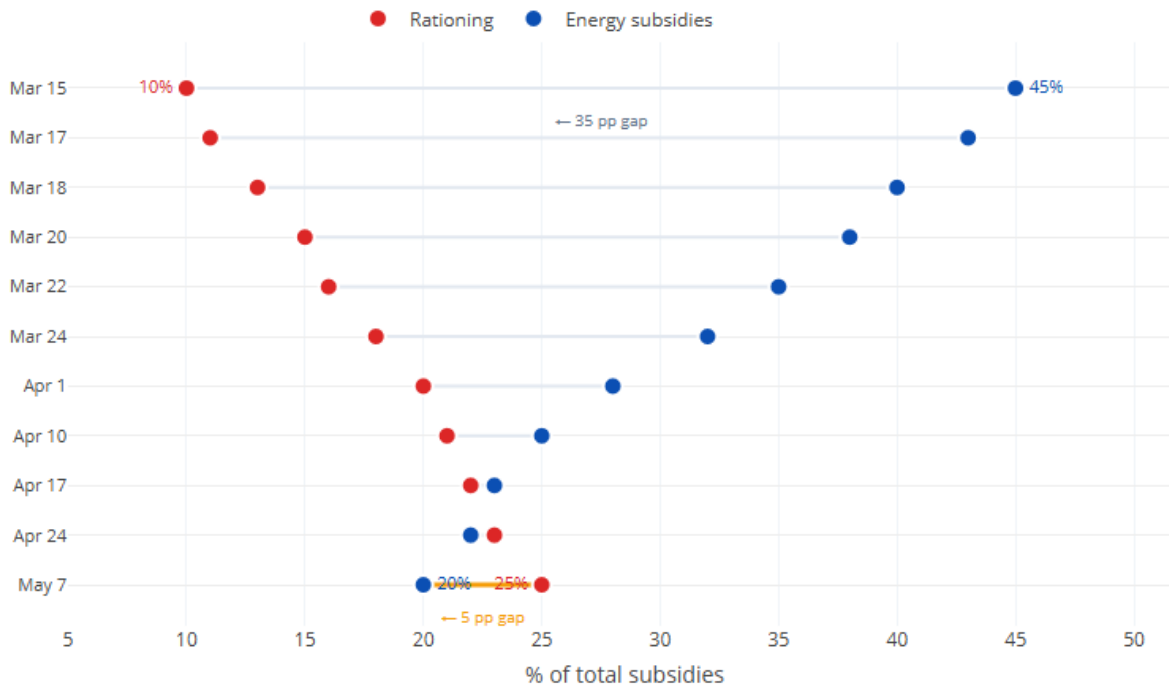
**Within the subsidy family, there have been structural changes.** This includes an initial configuration tilted toward energy subsidies, followed by a rebalancing towards rationing (figure 5, panel a). The rise of rationing relative to energy subsidies in particular is illustrated in figure 5, panel b, including gradually closing a gap of about 35 percentage points difference in shares.

**Figure 5. Evolving composition within subsidies over time**

Panel a. Share of subsidy subcategories (% of total subsidies)



Panel b. Comparative shares of energy subsidies and rationing (% of total subsidies)



**Thematic insights and country examples**

## *Subsidies*

- Rationing and price controls. Austria introduced fuel price increase frequency restriction: operators may raise prices only 3 times per week (price cuts allowed anytime); Bangladesh has fuel rationing for private motorists; Brunei limited fuel purchases for foreign-registered vehicles and for domestic vehicles leaving the country; Cabo Verde suspended automatic fuel price fixing mechanism; Croatia introduced fuel price caps: petrol capped at EUR 1.50/L, diesel at EUR 1.55/L.
- Energy subsidies. Australia fuel excise halved (reduction of 26.3 cents/liter on petrol and diesel for 3 months); Brazil has subsidies for diesel producers and importers to cushion impact of higher oil prices on transport (MP 1349, Apr 7); Cambodia fuel-pricing formula cushion is used to absorb part of the external oil-price shock; under the Chile Plan Chile Sale Adelante, paraffin price freeze (to Feb 2026 level) until end of winter, while the Oil Price Stabilization Fund replenished from US\$5M to US\$60M.
- Strategic reserve releases. Australia expanded fuel reserve releases to 762 million liters of petrol and diesel; Canada participated in IEA-coordinated strategic petroleum reserve release to stabilize global oil markets; China released fertilizers from national reserves ahead of spring planting to stabilize prices and ensure supply; the European Commission plans to require member states to hold minimum jet fuel reserves; Japan introduced national crude oil stockpile release of ~8.5 million kiloliters (~540 billion yen) from 10 stockpiling bases under Article 31 of the Oil Stockpiling Act.
- Tax measures. Argentina rescheduled some fiscal measures (e.g. planned tax updates) to ease burden of fuel price increases on consumers; Australia introduced temporary removal of 10% GST on all fuel purchases for 3 months to lower pump prices; Barbados hedged heavy fuel oil at \$92/barrel for 3 months; Belgium EUR 60M in tax credits for employers increasing mileage allowances (up to 20%, max EUR 0.10/km); EUR 5M for work-related travel allowance increase; Chile MEPCO (Fuel Price Stabilization Mechanism) absorbing the oil price shock by adjusting the specific fuel tax downward.
- Transport subsidies. Chile Plan Chile Sale Adelante included freezing public transport fares until Dec 2026; Australia road user charges scrapped for heavy vehicles (3 months); Lithuania 50% discount on domestic rail fares (April 1 to May 31) as fuel prices climb; Pakistan introduced transport sector subsidies: freight trucks up to Rs70,000 (\$252)/month, larger transport vehicles Rs80,000 (\$288)/month, public passenger buses Rs100,000 (\$360)/month; Romania fuel excise subsidy of 190 million lei (EUR 37.3M) for road transport companies Q1 2026; Singapore introduced temporary govt co-funding (13% of fare revenue) for essential bus services (school, SPED, disability, healthcare transport) Apr-Jun 2026 to prevent fare hikes for vulnerable groups.
- Agriculture and fertilizer subsidies. Dominican Republic subsidies for fertilizers up to RD\$1,000M (US\$16.8M); India 11% fertiliser subsidy hike (NBS rates): 415 billion rupees (US\$5.7B) for 6-month summer crop season (Apr-Sep); Pakistan one-time subsidy of Rs1,500 (\$5.40) per acre for small farmers to offset higher diesel costs during harvesting season; Spain direct subsidies for agricultural diesel, extraordinary fertilizer price compensation, fishing vessel aid, fresh fish fee exemption; Uruguay BROU extends summer crop loan repayment deadline by 12 months (from June 30 to 2027 harvest).
- Food subsidies. Djibouti introduced targeted subsidies and market price stabilization for essential and energy products; Egypt extended food import support program through 2027; Jordan reduced flour price by JD 7.797/ton (to JD 167.475) and wheat by JD 6.083/ton (to JD

136.238) to stabilize bread prices amid fuel-driven cost increases; in Yemen (Sana'a based authorities areas), price controls on food commodities are maintained.

- Other notable subsidy actions. Argentina allowed higher bioethanol content in gasoline blend to reduce dependence on imported petroleum and stretch domestic fuel supply; Bermuda suspended planned increase in retail fuel prices for six months; the European Commission proposed emergency state aid rule change to fast-track approval of national energy subsidies (Apr 13); also, the European Union Temporary Crisis Framework for State Aid is adopted (Apr 29, 2026): it allows member states to compensate up to 70% of increased fuel costs for agriculture, fisheries, and transport sectors.

### *Preparedness Plans*

- A number of governments have activated contingency frameworks, convened crisis committees, declared energy emergencies, or issued conservation directives in anticipation of prolonged supply disruptions. These range from formal national emergency declarations to practical fuel conservation measures and diplomatic coordination efforts.
- Australia doubled maximum fines for fuel price gouging under emergency consumer protection measures; Belgium public awareness campaign encouraging remote working, carpooling, public transport and eco-driving; Bolivia YPF launched daily public fuel distribution transparency system: it publishes volumes distributed in each commercial district; Cook Islands issued national fuel conservation directive (appeal against panic buying, household and business conservation guidance). Also South Africa issued official no-panic-buying messaging. New Zealand introduced four-level fuel contingency plan disclosed with escalating demand-reduction measures depending on supply severity. Morocco introduced energy storage infrastructure expansion plan: 1.5 billion cubic meters capacity target by 2030 (currently 3.2M m<sup>3</sup>).

### *Labor Markets*

- Labor market interventions aim to protect workers and employers from the knock-on effects of the energy shock. Governments have introduced remote work mandates and compressed work weeks to reduce commuting fuel consumption, alongside wage subsidies, employment protection measures, and targeted support for affected sectors.
- Other work arrangement. Bangladesh universities closed to save energy; EU urges to work from home where possible, reduce highway speed limits by 10km/h, encourage public transport and car sharing; Egypt mandated one day per week remote work for public sector employees to reduce fuel consumption from commuting; Indonesia 1 day/week work-from-home mandate for civil servants, regional govt employees, and private sector nationwide to cut fuel consumption by ~20%; Lao PDR mandated remote work and rotating shifts for civil servants. Bangladesh introduced office hours cut from Apr 3: govt 9am-4pm, banks 9am-3pm, malls close 6pm; Cambodia online meetings mandated for civil servants; AC limited to 24-25 degrees in public offices; Ethiopia state companies and public institutions placing non-essential staff on leave to conserve fuel; Myanmar mandatory remote work on Wednesdays for public officials; Vietnam encouraged remote work for civil servants.
- Support to firms. Colombia subsidized credit lines for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) negatively affected by Central Bank interest rate hikes linked to Middle East war inflation pressures; Fiji FJD 4M for bus operators: govt absorbs additional 10% fare increase on top of existing 10% subsidy, plus 20 cents/litre fuel rebate to all bus companies (Apr 1-Jul 31); Ireland

Road Transporters Support Scheme: direct payments to licensed hauliers and private bus/coach operators, graduated by fleet size; Philippines manila city government paying 1,000+ jeepney drivers to provide free commuter rides, absorbing fuel cost increases for public transit users.

#### Social Assistance

- Cash transfers. Belgium EUR 15M allocated to social funds at Public Centres for Social Welfare (CPAS/OCMW) to help vulnerable families pay for heating oil, gas and electricity costs; Bahrain had compensation mechanisms for citizens and businesses affected by recent hostilities; Fiji introduced temporary 50% top-up to ALL social welfare recipients for 3 months (May 1-Jul 31) to offset rising cost of living from fuel price increases; India private sector providing factory canteen meals and Rs 5,000 LPG cost allowances for migrant workers to prevent labour exodus (auto component, electronics, food companies); Iran WFP provided cash top-ups to 32,500+ Afghan refugees in settlements for food needs.
- Vouchers. Korea, Rep. officials are considering additional energy vouchers for vulnerable households if rising fuel prices lift electricity bills; Singapore \$500 CDC vouchers brought forward to Jun 2026 (from Jan 2027) for all Singaporean households; Cost-of-Living payment increased by \$200 (\$400-\$600 cash) for 2.4M Singaporeans.
- Other measures. European Union introduced EU-level measures for households: income support top-ups, social leasing schemes for energy-efficient appliances, and lower electricity taxes for vulnerable consumers. Djibouti introduced plan to strengthen social safety nets and food assistance to protect purchasing power of vulnerable households; France renewed social leasing scheme for electric vehicles for low-income individuals reliant on a private car for work; India introduced emergency PDS kerosene reallocation to 21 kerosene-free states/UTs (60-day order, up to 5,000 litres per district outlet) including Delhi, UP, Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, Gujarat, MP; Lebanon food and cash assistance in shelters and communities; WFP reached 265,000 conflict-affected people; Syria introduced emergency food assistance at border crossings; WFP distributed 40,000+ date bars to newly arriving families at Jdeidet Yabous and Jousieh crossings.

#### *Other Policy Responses*

- Trade measures. Albania signed USD 6 billion LNG deal with US firms to boost Balkan energy security; Australia National Fuel Security Plan activated: Exchanging LNG/coal for refined fuel from Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, Japan; Brazil introduced temporary 12% export tax on crude oil, reduced to zero if prices stabilize; Cambodia reduced import taxes for products related to electric vehicles, renewables, and electric stoves to accelerate transition away from fossil fuels; China ordered oil refineries to halt fuel exports to stabilize domestic prices.
- Social services. Afghanistan border reception and support services for returnees; Iran UNHCR USD 80 million response plan supports 2.8 million people (refugees and host communities) with protection, shelter, and services; Lebanon UNFPA reproductive health kits airlifted via EU Humanitarian Air Bridge for an estimated 13,500 pregnant displaced women; Malaysia special access pathway for critical medicines and medical devices; Spain introduced rent freeze: extraordinary 2-year extension of residential leases expiring before December 2027.
- Social insurance. Lebanon administrative changes for displaced insured persons to access hospitalization approvals and sickness and maternity benefits (e.g., waiver of Employment Certificate).

- Logistics support. Bolivia YPF (state oil company) deployed mobile fuel tankers (cisternas moviles) for direct sale to consumers in underserved areas; Fiji supported Pacific Islands Forum Troika decision to activate Biketawa Declaration for regional fuel crisis response; Haiti ministry of Commerce and Industry (MCI) deploying gas station inspectors to verify fuel availability, warn against hoarding, and sanction black market activity.
- General humanitarian support. Australia to provide AUD 30 million in targeted budget support to Fiji to assist with fuel crisis response; Cuba USD 94 million UN Plan of Action for 2 million of 4.2 million most affected; Iran IFRC CHF 40 million Emergency Appeal and CHF 1.5 million DREF; IRCS deployed 2,100 response teams (6,565 personnel) across 30 provinces; 24,000 calls to MHPSS hotline; Lebanon IFRC CHF 2 million DREF allocation; Lebanese Red Cross mobilized 12,000 volunteers and 400 staff across 32 branches for ambulance, emergency medical, relief, and PSS.
- Spending freeze/cut. Egypt cut government vehicle fuel allowances by nearly one-third; Fiji parliament voted unanimously for 20% mandatory salary cut for all 55 MPs, cabinet ministers, and the prime minister for the duration of the fuel crisis; France announced EUR 6 billion spending freeze across ministries to offset fiscal impact of energy crisis response measures; Senegal to announce further spending curb measures in response to oil price crisis.

## Annex 1. Actions by country

Country	Region	Category	Sub-category	Action	Stage	Source
Afghanistan	MENAAP	Preparedness plans		Expanded contingency response if return movements increase	Planned	<a href="#">1</a>
Afghanistan	MENAAP	Social services		Border reception and support services for returnees; ~340,000 Afghans returned from Iran since Jan 2026 (~5,000/day since Feb 28); 160,000+ from Pakistan in 2026	Actual	<a href="#">2</a>
Albania	ECA	Trade measures		Albania signed USD 6 billion LNG deal with US firms to boost Balkan energy security. Deal signed amid energy crisis triggered by Iran war and Strait of Hormuz closure.	Actual	<a href="#">3</a>
Argentina	LAC	Subsidies		Allowed higher bioethanol content in gasoline blend to reduce dependence on imported petroleum and stretch domestic fuel supply	Actual	<a href="#">4</a>
Argentina	LAC	Subsidies	Tax measures	Rescheduled some fiscal measures (e.g. planned tax updates) to ease burden of fuel price increases on consumers	Actual	5
Australia	EAP	General humanitarian support		Australia to provide AUD 30 million in targeted budget support to Fiji to assist with fuel crisis response. Announced by Foreign Minister during Suva visit. Part of upgraded Vuvale Union bilateral treaty covering security and economic cooperation....	Actual	<a href="#">6</a>
Australia	EAP	Logistics support		Government secured additional 100 million litres of jet fuel (first jet fuel secured under Strategic Reserve since conflict began) and 50 million litres of diesel, going to Brisbane, Perth and Darwin. Brings total government-secured fuel to 450+ m...	Actual	<a href="#">7</a>
Australia	EAP	Preparedness plans		Doubled maximum fines for fuel price gouging under emergency consumer protection measures	Actual	<a href="#">8</a>
Australia	EAP	Subsidies	Energy subsidies	Fuel excise halved (reduction of 26.3 cents/litre on petrol and diesel for 3 months; estimated cost AUD 2.55 billion)	Actual	<a href="#">9</a>
Australia	EAP	Subsidies	Strategic reserves	Expanded fuel reserve releases to 762 million litres of petrol and diesel; lowered fuel quality standards for 60 days to allow higher-sulphur fuel;	Actual	<a href="#">10</a>
Australia	EAP	Subsidies	Strategic reserves	Strategic Reserve powers activated: government secured ~300 million litres of additional diesel through partnerships with BP Australia, Viva Energy and other suppliers; also established price risk support for fertiliser importers (Incitec Pivot, C...	Actual	<a href="#">11</a>
Australia	EAP	Subsidies	Tax measures	Temporary removal of 10% GST on all fuel purchases for 3 months to lower pump prices	Actual	<a href="#">12</a>
Australia	EAP	Subsidies	Transport subsidies	Road user charges scrapped for heavy vehicles (3 months)	Actual	<a href="#">13</a>
Australia	EAP	Subsidies	Transport subsidies	Victoria: free public transport (trains, trams, buses)	Actual	<a href="#">14</a>
Australia	EAP	Subsidies	Transport subsidies	Tasmania: free public transport (coaches, buses, ferries, free school buses)	Actual	<a href="#">15</a>
Australia	EAP	Trade measures		National Fuel Security Plan activated: Exchanging LNG/coal for refined fuel from Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, Japan	Actual	<a href="#">16</a>
Australia	EAP	Trade measures		Bilateral energy security agreements signed with Singapore (Apr 10), Brunei (Apr 15), and Malaysia (Apr 16) to maintain open energy trade flows and supply chain resilience.	Actual	<a href="#">17</a>
Australia	EAP	Trade measures		Temporary export controls on refined petroleum products to prioritize domestic fuel supply	Actual	<a href="#">18</a>
Australia	EAP	Trade measures		Secured 250,000 tonnes of fertiliser from Indonesia through bilateral partnership to support agricultural sector during supply disruptions	Actual	<a href="#">19</a>
Australia	EAP	Trade measures		Joint Statement on Energy Security signed with Japan (May 4): commits both nations to support open trade in liquid fuels. Australia provides ~1/3 of Japan energy supply (LNG); Japan is a key supplier of refined petroleum and diesel to Australia.	Actual	<a href="#">20</a>
Austria	ECA	Subsidies	Rationing	Fuel price increase frequency restriction: operators may raise prices only 3 times per week (price cuts allowed anytime).	Expired	<a href="#">21</a>
Bahamas, The	LAC	Subsidies		Government taking steps to cushion impact of rising global oil prices on energy and food costs for consumers	Planned	<a href="#">22</a>
Bahrain	MENAAP	Social assistance	Cash transfers	Compensation mechanism for citizens and businesses affected by recent hostilities	Planned	<a href="#">23</a>
Bangladesh	SAR	Labor markets		Office hours cut from Apr 3: govt 9am-4pm, banks 9am-3pm, malls close 6pm; ban on decorative lighting (malls + weddings); foreign training missions suspended; domestic training halved; purchase freeze on govt vehicles/computers	Actual	<a href="#">24</a>

Bangladesh	SAR	Labor markets	Other arrangement work	Universities closed to save energy	Expired	<a href="#">25</a>
Bangladesh	SAR	Subsidies	Rationing	Fuel rationing for private motorists	Actual	<a href="#">26</a>
Bangladesh	SAR	Subsidies	Rationing	Planned blackouts across the nation to conserve energy	Actual	<a href="#">27</a>
Barbados	LAC	Subsidies	Tax measures	Government hedged heavy fuel oil at \$92/barrel for 3 months; plans to absorb 50% of fuel surcharge increase on electricity bills from Apr 1 (rest absorbed by households); VAT cap and excise tax reduction on gasoline/diesel	Actual	<a href="#">28</a>
Belgium	ECA	Preparedness plans		Public awareness campaign encouraging remote working, carpooling, public transport and eco-driving; public buildings to limit heating/AC to temperature thresholds	Actual	<a href="#">29</a>
Belgium	ECA	Social assistance	Cash transfers	EUR 15M allocated to social funds at Public Centres for Social Welfare (CPAS/OCMW) to help vulnerable families pay for heating oil, gas and electricity costs	Actual	<a href="#">30</a>
Belgium	ECA	Subsidies	Tax measures	EUR 60M in tax credits for employers increasing mileage allowances (up to 20%, max EUR 0.10/km); EUR 5M for work-related travel allowance increase; postponed planned excise duty increases on gas, electricity and heating oil to 1 August; self-emplo...	Actual	<a href="#">31</a>
Bermuda	LAC	Subsidies		Government suspended planned increase in retail fuel prices for six months to shield consumers from global oil price surge	Planned	<a href="#">32</a>
Bolivia	LAC	Logistics support		YPFB (state oil company) deployed mobile fuel tankers (cisternas moviles) for direct sale to consumers in underserved areas; 24,000 liters sold in San Borja; additional tankers dispatched to Mayaya despite road blockades	Actual	<a href="#">33</a>
Bolivia	LAC	Preparedness plans		YPFB launched daily public fuel distribution transparency system: publishes volumes distributed in each commercial district; opened 8 WhatsApp hotlines (one per district) for citizens to check fuel availability in their region	Actual	<a href="#">34</a>
Brazil	LAC	Subsidies	Energy subsidies	Subsidy for diesel producers and importers to cushion impact of higher oil prices on transport (MP 1349, Apr 7)	Actual	<a href="#">35</a>
Brazil	LAC	Trade measures		Temporary 12% export tax on crude oil, reduced to zero if prices stabilize	Actual	<a href="#">36</a>
Brunei	EAP	Subsidies	Rationing	Limited fuel purchases for foreign-registered vehicles and for domestic vehicles leaving the country.	Actual	<a href="#">37</a>
Cabo Verde	AFR	Subsidies	Rationing	Suspension of automatic fuel price fixing mechanism; maximum price increases set; exceptional and temporary measures Apr 1-Jun 30, 2026 (Resolucao 63/2026, Council of Ministers, Mar 30)	Actual	<a href="#">38</a>
Cambodia	EAP	Labor markets		Online meetings mandated for civil servants; AC limited to 24-25 degrees in public offices; reduced long-distance official travel and peak-hour commuting discouraged	Actual	<a href="#">39</a>
Cambodia	EAP	Subsidies	Energy subsidies	Fuel-pricing formula cushion used to absorb part of the external oil-price shock rather than passing the full increase to consumers	Actual	<a href="#">40</a>
Cambodia	EAP	Trade measures		Reduced import taxes for products related to electric vehicles, renewables, and electric stoves to accelerate transition away from fossil fuels	Actual	<a href="#">41</a>
Canada	NA	Subsidies	Strategic reserves	Participation in IEA-coordinated strategic petroleum reserve release to stabilize global oil markets	Actual	<a href="#">42</a>
Chile	LAC	Labor markets	Support to firms	Plan Chile Sale Adelante: Freezing Red public transport fares until Dec 2026; resources to contain fare rises in regions; subsidies of CLP 100,000/month for taxis, colectivos, school transport (6 months); preferential BancoEstado credit for electr...	Actual	<a href="#">43</a>
Chile	LAC	Labor markets	Support to firms	Plan Chile Sale Adelante: Subsidy for artisanal fishing vessels (CLP 100,000/month per vessel up to 12m, 6 months, ~9,000 vessels); liquefied gas subsidy (US\$225M direct support through local government)	Actual	<a href="#">44</a>
Chile	LAC	Subsidies	Energy subsidies	Plan Chile Sale Adelante: Paraffin price freeze (to Feb 2026 level) until end of winter; Oil Price Stabilization Fund replenished from US\$5M to US\$60M; suspension of differentiated credit to specific fuel tax for non-transport companies	Actual	<a href="#">45</a>
Chile	LAC	Subsidies	Tax measures	MEPCO (Fuel Price Stabilization Mechanism) absorbing the oil price shock by adjusting the specific fuel tax downward.	Actual	<a href="#">46</a>
China	EAP	Subsidies	Strategic reserves	Release of fertilizers from national reserves ahead of spring planting to stabilise prices and ensure supply	Actual	<a href="#">47</a>
China	EAP	Trade measures		Ordered oil refineries to halt fuel exports to stabilize domestic prices; raised petrol and diesel prices by 695 and 670 yuan per tonne respectively.	Actual	<a href="#">48</a>

Colombia	LAC	Labor markets	Support to firms	Subsidized credit lines for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) negatively affected by Central Bank interest rate hikes linked to Middle East war inflation pressures. Aims to maintain economic growth and prevent job losses.	Actual	<a href="#">49</a>
Colombia	LAC	Trade measures		Government announced export tariffs on fertilizers produced by Colombo-Venezuelan state firm Monomeros in Barranquilla, to prevent shortages from affecting domestic food production. All domestically produced fertilizer must remain in Colombia. Sub...	Actual	<a href="#">50</a>
Colombia	LAC	Trade measures		Government announced restrictions on meat exports (primarily to China) to lower domestic food prices for Colombian families. Part of broader package to prevent Middle East war from increasing poverty through higher food costs.	Actual	<a href="#">51</a>
Cook Islands	EAP	Preparedness plans		Government issued national fuel conservation directive: appeal against panic buying, household and business conservation guidance; Aitutaki private fuel suppliers temporarily paused public petrol sales until resupply May 8	Actual	<a href="#">52</a>
Croatia	ECA	Subsidies	Rationing	Fuel price caps: petrol capped at EUR 1.50/L, diesel at EUR 1.55/L.	Actual	<a href="#">53</a>
Cuba	LAC	General humanitarian support		USD 94 million UN Plan of Action for 2 million of 4.2 million most affected	Actual	<a href="#">54</a>
Cyprus	ECA	Subsidies	Energy subsidies	Major tax cuts, tourism subsidies, and energy relief package	Actual	<a href="#">55</a>
Djibouti	MENAAP	Social assistance		Plan to strengthen social safety nets and food assistance to protect purchasing power of vulnerable households	Planned	<a href="#">56</a>
Djibouti	MENAAP	Subsidies	Food subsidies	Targeted subsidies and market price stabilization for essential and energy products	Planned	<a href="#">57</a>
Dominican Republic	LAC	Subsidies	Agriculture/fertilizer subsidies	Subsidies for fertilizers up to RD\$1,000M (US\$16.8M)	Actual	<a href="#">58</a>
Dominican Republic	LAC	Subsidies	Energy subsidies	Moderate fuel/gasoil price increase (5.2-6.7%) with subsidies reaching RD\$100/gallon	Actual	<a href="#">59</a>
Dominican Republic	LAC	Subsidies	Rationing	LPG prices frozen to protect vulnerable households	Actual	<a href="#">60</a>
EU (supranational)	ECA	Labor markets	Other work arrangement	EC urges to work from home where possible, reduce highway speed limits by 10km/h, encourage public transport and car sharing (following IEA recommendations)	Planned	<a href="#">61</a>
EU (supranational)	ECA	Subsidies		European Commission proposed emergency state aid rule change to fast-track approval of national energy subsidies (Apr 13). Separate anti-fuel-hoarding directive proposed (Apr 14).	Planned	<a href="#">62</a>
EU (supranational)	ECA	Subsidies	Strategic reserves	European Commission plans to require member states to hold minimum jet fuel reserves and to increase jet fuel imports from the United States, to address aviation fuel supply squeeze caused by Middle East war. Measures announced April 21-22, 2026.	Planned	<a href="#">63</a>
EU (supranational)	ECA	Subsidies	Tax measures	European Commission plans to amend EU rules to ensure electricity is taxed less than gas, and to allow member states to cut industrial electricity taxes to zero to curb bills during energy crisis	Planned	<a href="#">64</a>
EU (supranational)	ECA	Trade measures		Emergency change to EU carbon market (ETS) to prevent soaring compliance costs for polluting industries amid energy crisis	Actual	<a href="#">65</a>
EU (supranational)	ECA	Trade measures	Tax measures	5 countries (Austria, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Spain) formally request Brussels to impose windfall tax on energy companies profiting from crisis	Planned	<a href="#">66</a>
Ecuador	LAC	Subsidies	Energy subsidies	Monthly 'sistema de bandas' mechanism used to set retail fuel prices and cap monthly price changes to consumers	Actual	<a href="#">67</a>
Egypt	MENAAP	Labor markets	Other work arrangement	Mandated one day per week remote work for public sector employees to reduce fuel consumption from commuting	Actual	<a href="#">68</a>
Egypt	MENAAP	Spending freeze/cut		Cut government vehicle fuel allowances by nearly one-third	Actual	<a href="#">69</a>
Egypt	MENAAP	Subsidies	Food subsidies	Extended food import support program through 2027	Actual	<a href="#">70</a>
Egypt	MENAAP	Subsidies	Rationing	Cap on prices for unsubsidised bread sold in private bakeries	Actual	<a href="#">71</a>
Egypt	MENAAP	Subsidies	Rationing	Earlier closing hours for commercial establishments (9pm weekdays, 10pm Thu-Fri); reduced street lighting to minimum safety levels; government district closes at 6pm; remote work under consideration for selected government entities	Expired	<a href="#">72</a>
Ethiopia	AFR	Labor markets		State companies and public institutions placing non-essential staff on leave to conserve fuel	Actual	<a href="#">73</a>
Ethiopia	AFR	Preparedness plans		Urged public to be frugal in fuel use; prioritised essential and public service vehicles at petrol stations	Actual	<a href="#">74</a>

Ethiopia	AFR	Subsidies	Energy subsidies	Increase in fuel subsidies to cushion consumers against rising fuel prices	Actual	<a href="#">75</a>
European Union	ECA	Social assistance	Tax measures	EU-level measures for households: income support top-ups, social leasing schemes for energy-efficient appliances, and lower electricity taxes for vulnerable consumers. These do not constitute State aid and are implemented directly by member states...	Planned	<a href="#">76</a>
European Union	ECA	Subsidies		Temporary Crisis Framework for State Aid adopted (Apr 29, 2026): allows member states to compensate up to 70% of increased fuel costs for agriculture, fisheries, and transport sectors. Maximum aid per undertaking EUR 100,000 (agriculture), EUR 50,...	Actual	<a href="#">77</a>
Fiji	EAP	Labor markets	Support to firms	FJD 4M for bus operators: govt absorbs additional 10% fare increase on top of existing 10% subsidy, plus 20 cents/litre fuel rebate to all bus companies (Apr 1-Jul 31)	Actual	<a href="#">78</a>
Fiji	EAP	Labor markets	Support to firms	FJD 28M allocated to support rural economy and farmers affected by fuel price increases	Actual	<a href="#">79</a>
Fiji	EAP	Logistics support		Fiji supported Pacific Islands Forum Troika decision to activate Biketawa Declaration for regional fuel crisis response. Fiji designated as central supply and storage hub for Pacific nations	Actual	<a href="#">80</a>
Fiji	EAP	Preparedness plans		Government urged public to conserve energy amid global fuel supply disruptions.	Actual	<a href="#">81</a>
Fiji	EAP	Social assistance	Cash transfers	Temporary 50% top-up to ALL social welfare recipients for 3 months (May 1-Jul 31) to offset rising cost of living from fuel price increases	Actual	<a href="#">82</a>
Fiji	EAP	Spending freeze/cut		Parliament voted unanimously for 20% mandatory salary cut for all 55 MPs, cabinet ministers, and the prime minister for the duration of the fuel crisis. PM salary reduced from FJD 320,000 to 256,000.	Actual	<a href="#">83</a>
Fiji	EAP	Subsidies		Fuel rebates to Energy Fiji Limited (EFL): 20 cents/litre on diesel and 12 cents/litre on heavy fuel oil for 4 months to stabilize electricity generation	Actual	<a href="#">84</a>
France	ECA	Social assistance		Renewed social leasing scheme for electric vehicles for low-income individuals reliant on a private car for work.	Actual	<a href="#">85</a>
France	ECA	Spending freeze/cut		Government announced EUR 6 billion spending freeze across ministries to offset fiscal impact of energy crisis response measures	Actual	<a href="#">86</a>
France	ECA	Spending freeze/cut		Government plans EUR 4 billion additional budget cuts for 2026 to maintain fiscal targets amid prolonged energy price shock	Planned	<a href="#">87</a>
France	ECA	Subsidies	Energy subsidies	TotalEnergies capped petrol and diesel prices at its service stations until end-March	Expired	<a href="#">88</a>
Germany	ECA	Subsidies	Rationing	government confirmed one price increase per day rule	Actual	<a href="#">89</a>
Greece	ECA	Subsidies	Energy subsidies	Government diesel subsidy of 20 cents per liter for April and May 2026. Total public expenditure approximately EUR 105 million	Actual	<a href="#">90</a>
Guatemala	LAC	Subsidies	Energy subsidies	Budget restructured to fund the subsidy without raising taxes or cutting spending for social sectors	Actual	<a href="#">91</a>
Haiti	LAC	Logistics support		Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MCI) deploying gas station inspectors to verify fuel availability, warn against hoarding, and sanction black market activity	Actual	<a href="#">92</a>
Haiti	LAC	Preparedness plans		Establishment of 9-member advisory council to oversee fuel pricing, improve transparency, and manage market volatility	Actual	<a href="#">93</a>
Honduras	LAC	Subsidies	Energy subsidies	Existing subsidy covering 50% of diesel price increases renewed Jan 2026 until Apr 30, 2026; government continues to subsidize electricity for residential users (full absorption for households ≤150 kWh/month, declining subsidy for 151-300 kWh)	Expired	<a href="#">94</a>
Hungary	ECA	Subsidies	Rationing	Fuel price caps: petrol capped at 595 HUF (approx. EUR 1.54/L), diesel at 615 HUF (approx. EUR 1.59/L). Only vehicles with Hungarian plates eligible.	Actual	<a href="#">95</a>
India	SAR	Social assistance		Emergency PDS kerosene reallocation to 21 kerosene-free states/UTs (60-day order, up to 5,000 litres per district outlet) including Delhi, UP, Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, Gujarat, MP	Actual	<a href="#">96</a>
India	SAR	Social assistance	Cash transfers	Private sector providing factory canteen meals and Rs 5,000 LPG cost allowances for migrant workers to prevent labour exodus (auto component, electronics, food companies)	Actual	<a href="#">97</a>
India	SAR	Subsidies	Agriculture/fertilizer subsidies	11% fertiliser subsidy hike (NBS rates): 415 billion rupees (US\$5.7B) for 6-month summer crop season (Apr-Sep)	Actual	<a href="#">98</a>
India	SAR	Subsidies	Energy subsidies	Government absorbed more than half of LPG price increase under federal scheme to keep prices low for poor households.	Actual	<a href="#">99</a>
India	SAR	Subsidies	Energy subsidies	Commercial LPG allocation raised to 70% for priority sectors (steel, autos, textiles, chemicals, plastics); LPG booking intervals extended; active shift to PNG/electric (2.9 lakh new PNG connections in March)	Actual	<a href="#">100</a>
India	SAR	Trade measures		Excise duty cut Rs 10/litre on petrol & diesel; export levies reimposed on diesel & aviation turbine fuel (ATF) to discourage outbound shipments	Actual	<a href="#">101</a>

India	SAR	Trade measures		Nationwide fertiliser supply assurance and anti-hoarding enforcement; Kharif 2026 stock at 180 LMT	Actual	<a href="#">102</a>
Indonesia	EAP	Labor markets	Other work arrangement	1 day/week work-from-home mandate for civil servants, regional govt employees, and private sector nationwide to cut fuel consumption by ~20%. Implementation scheduled post-Eid al-Fitr.	Actual	<a href="#">103</a>
Indonesia	EAP	Preparedness plans		National Energy Council crisis meeting; contingency measures under Presidential Reg. No. 41/2016	Planned	<a href="#">104</a>
Iran	MENAAP	General humanitarian support		IFRC CHF 40 million Emergency Appeal + CHF 1.5 million DREF; IRCS deployed 2,100 response teams (6,565 personnel) across 30 provinces; 24,000 calls to MHPSS hotline	Actual	<a href="#">105</a>
Iran	MENAAP	Social assistance	Cash transfers	WFP provided cash top-ups to 32,500+ Afghan refugees in settlements for food needs	Actual	<a href="#">106</a>
Iran	MENAAP	Social assistance	Cash transfers	NRC targeting 50,000 Iranians and Afghans across 9 provinces with cash assistance, shelter support, education, protection/legal aid, and WASH	Actual	<a href="#">107</a>
Iran	MENAAP	Social services		UNHCR USD 80 million response plan supporting 2.8 million people (refugees and host communities) with protection, shelter, and services	Actual	<a href="#">108</a>
Iran	MENAAP	Social services		IDP temporary accommodation and psychosocial hotlines activated across 20+ provinces (3.2 million estimated displaced; number receiving support not confirmed)	Actual	<a href="#">109</a>
Iran	MENAAP	Social services		UNICEF health supplies deployment: mobile health units, PHC tents, emergency health kits, vaccines, and MHPSS for approximately 226,000 people in affected areas	Actual	<a href="#">110</a>
Ireland	ECA	Labor markets	Support to firms	Road Transporters Support Scheme: direct payments to licensed hauliers and private bus/coach operators, graduated by fleet size.	Actual	<a href="#">111</a>
Ireland	ECA	Labor markets	Support to firms	Farm Fuel Subsidy Scheme: direct payments to farmers, fishers, and forestry operators for fuel costs, March-July 2026.	Actual	<a href="#">112</a>
Ireland	ECA	Subsidies	Tax measures	Excise duty cuts: diesel reduced by 32c/L total, petrol by 27c/L, green diesel by 7.4c/L. Carbon tax increase deferred from May to November 2026. Effective April 14 to July 31, 2026.	Actual	<a href="#">113</a>
Italy	ECA	Subsidies	Rationing	Jet fuel restrictions at 4 airports (Bologna, Milan Linate, Treviso, Venice) due to limited Air BP Italia supply. Priority to ambulance/state flights and flights >3hrs	Actual	<a href="#">114</a>
Italy	ECA	Subsidies	Tax measures	Plans to use extra VAT revenue from higher fuel prices to compensate low-income consumers	Planned	<a href="#">115</a>
Jamaica	LAC	Preparedness plans		Energy minister announced possible movement-reduction measures and warned of further fuel price increases amid global oil supply crisis	Planned	<a href="#">116</a>
Jamaica	LAC	Subsidies		State-owned refinery Petrojam absorbed approximately J.3 billion in oil price hikes over four weeks, limiting weekly consumer price increases to J.50/litre cap. Government considering move to multi-tier cap system.	Actual	<a href="#">117</a>
Japan	EAP	Preparedness plans		Government established task force to ensure supply of naphtha-based critical medical products (syringes, gloves, dialysis equipment)	Actual	<a href="#">118</a>
Japan	EAP	Subsidies	Energy subsidies	Emergency fuel-price stabilisation measures using the Fuel Oil Price Stabilization Fund	Actual	<a href="#">119</a>
Japan	EAP	Subsidies	Strategic reserves	National crude oil stockpile release of ~8.5 million kiloliters (~540 billion yen) from 10 stockpiling bases under Article 31 of the Oil Stockpiling Act, distributed to ENEOS, Idemitsu Kosan, Cosmo Oil, and Taiyo Oil; released sequentially from Ma...	Actual	<a href="#">120</a>
Jordan	MENAAP	Labor markets	Rationing	Government directive: ban on non-official government vehicle use; suspension of foreign travel and delegations for 2 months; ban on air conditioners in government offices; expenditure rationalization across all institutions	Actual	<a href="#">121</a>
Jordan	MENAAP	Preparedness plans		Contingency scale-up readiness if displacement increases	Planned	<a href="#">122</a>
Jordan	MENAAP	Subsidies	Food subsidies	Government reduced flour price by JD 7.797/ton (to JD 167.475) and wheat by JD 6.083/ton (to JD 136.238) for April to stabilize bread prices amid fuel-driven cost increases	Expired	<a href="#">123</a>
Kazakhstan	ECA	Subsidies	Rationing	Fuel price freeze moratorium (originally Oct 2025-Mar 2026) extended; no immediate plan to lift; lowest EAEU gasoline price at USD 0.46/L	Actual	<a href="#">124</a>
Kenya	AFR	Preparedness plans		Anti-hoarding measures	Actual	<a href="#">125</a>
Kenya	AFR	Subsidies	Tax measures	VAT on fuel cut from 16% to 8% for 90 days (starting April 15)	Actual	<a href="#">126</a>
Korea, Rep.	EAP	Labor markets	Rationing	Public institution vehicle restrictions	Actual	<a href="#">127</a>
Korea, Rep.	EAP	Preparedness plans		National energy-saving campaign: shorter showers, weekend-only washing machines, turn off lights, unplug appliances	Actual	<a href="#">128</a>

Korea, Rep.	EAP	Social assistance	Vouchers	Officials are considering additional energy vouchers for vulnerable households if rising fuel prices lift electricity bills	Planned	<a href="#">129</a>
Korea, Rep.	EAP	Subsidies	Rationing	Temporary cap on fuel prices ordered to ease anxiety over rising oil prices	Actual	<a href="#">130</a>
Kuwait	MENAAP	Trade measures		Temporary ban on exports of key food items including rice, sugar, cooking oil, and wheat flour to prevent domestic shortages amid supply chain disruptions	Actual	<a href="#">131</a>
Lao PDR	EAP	Labor markets	Other work arrangement	Mandated remote work and rotating shifts for civil servants; shortened school week from five to three days to reduce fuel consumption from transport	Actual	<a href="#">132</a>
Lao PDR	EAP	Subsidies	Tax measures	Slashed EV registration and service fees by 30% and raised petrol vehicle registration fees by 30% as emergency energy transition measures	Actual	<a href="#">133</a>
Lao PDR	EAP	Trade measures		Reduction in import tax on premium petrol and use of the Fuel Subsidy Fund for targeted fuel-price stabilisation	Actual	<a href="#">134</a>
Lebanon	MENAAP	General humanitarian support		IFRC CHF 2 million DREF allocation; Lebanese Red Cross mobilized 12,000 volunteers and 400 staff across 32 branches for ambulance, emergency medical, relief, and PSS	Actual	<a href="#">135</a>
Lebanon	MENAAP	General humanitarian support		Shelter support and emergency supplies	Actual	<a href="#">136</a>
Lebanon	MENAAP	Social assistance		Food and cash assistance in shelters and communities; WFP reached 265,000 conflict-affected people; two interagency convoys to southern Lebanon delivered food/relief for 6,200 people	Actual	<a href="#">137</a>
Lebanon	MENAAP	Social assistance	Cash transfers	Emergency one-off cash support through the National Disability Allowance	Actual	<a href="#">138</a>
Lebanon	MENAAP	Social assistance	Cash transfers	Cash transferred to approximately 50,000 households	Actual	139
Lebanon	MENAAP	Social assistance	Cash transfers	Additional 11,000 households supported through existing datasets (SRSN2024 + WFP IK) based on new evacuation orders	Actual	140
Lebanon	MENAAP	Social assistance	Cash transfers	Approximately 80,000 households to be supported with MPCA through WFP and CWG partners	Planned	141
Lebanon	MENAAP	Social insurance	Other social insurance	Administrative changes for displaced insured persons to access hospitalization approvals and sickness and maternity benefits (e.g., waiver of Employment Certificate)	Actual	142
Lebanon	MENAAP	Social insurance	Other social insurance	Request to all regional and local branch office heads that remain operational to process transactions for employers and insured persons from closed NSSF offices	Actual	143
Lebanon	MENAAP	Social insurance	Other social insurance	Deadline for submitting the nominative annual wage declaration for establishments for 2025 extended to 30 June 2026	Actual	144
Lebanon	MENAAP	Social insurance	Other social insurance	Hotline to coordinate between hospitals and insured persons to follow up on emergency hospitalization approval requests outside regular working hours	Actual	145
Lebanon	MENAAP	Social services		UNFPA reproductive health kits airlifted via EU Humanitarian Air Bridge for an estimated 13,500 pregnant displaced women	Actual	<a href="#">146</a>
Lebanon	MENAAP	Social services		UNICEF reached 167,200 with rapid-response supplies; 140,271 children with education; 101,369 with WASH; USD 48.3 million appeal (82% funding gap)	Actual	<a href="#">147</a>
Lithuania	ECA	Subsidies	Transport subsidies	50% discount on domestic rail fares (April 1 to May 31) as fuel prices climb	Actual	<a href="#">148</a>
Madagascar	AFR	Preparedness plans		Declared nationwide state of energy emergency for 15 days.	Actual	<a href="#">149</a>
Malawi	AFR	Logistics support		Government negotiating USD 120 million loan to finance emergency fuel imports as reserves severely reduced	Planned	<a href="#">150</a>
Malawi	AFR	Preparedness plans		Government spokesperson formally warned the nation is dangerously exposed as fuel crisis deepens; admitted empty reserves and attributed directly to Middle East conflict; appealed for calm	Actual	<a href="#">151</a>
Malaysia	EAP	Labor markets	Energy subsidies	RM 4 billion/month government subsidy absorption for fuel prices	Actual	<a href="#">152</a>
Malaysia	EAP	Labor markets	Other work arrangement	Public sector, statutory bodies, and government-linked companies work-from-home from April 15 to reduce fuel consumption	Actual	<a href="#">153</a>
Malaysia	EAP	Social services		special access pathway for critical medicines and medical devices	Actual	<a href="#">154</a>
Malaysia	EAP	Subsidies	Rationing	RON95 petrol price capped at RM1.99/litre, confirmed sustainable until May	Actual	<a href="#">155</a>
Maldives	SAR	Subsidies	Rationing	Temporarily half-filled LPG cylinders for cooking to extend available supply.	Actual	<a href="#">156</a>
Marshall Islands	EAP	Preparedness plans		RMI became co-chair of Coalition on Phasing Out Fossil Fuel Incentives Including Subsidies (COFFIS), using Gulf crisis to advocate for Pacific energy transition	Actual	<a href="#">157</a>

Mauritius	AFR	Preparedness plans		Energy emergency declared	Actual	<a href="#">158</a>
Mauritius	AFR	Subsidies	Energy subsidies	Solar home production scheme with potential incentives	Planned	<a href="#">159</a>
Mauritius	AFR	Subsidies	Rationing	Energy emergency declared; consumption restrictions	Actual	<a href="#">160</a>
Mauritius	AFR	Subsidies	Rationing	Electricity usage restrictions for non-residential customers May 1 to Nov 1	Actual	<a href="#">161</a>
Mauritius	AFR	Subsidies	Tax measures	CEB electricity tariff increased 15% for non-exempt customers from May 1	Actual	<a href="#">162</a>
Mexico	NA	Subsidies	Tax measures	Government deployed fuel subsidies across all fuel types (gasoline and diesel) via the IEPS tax mechanism to shield consumers from international price increases	Actual	<a href="#">163</a>
Mexico	NA	Subsidies	Tax measures	Extended agreement with fuel retailers to keep regular gasoline below 24 pesos/ltr; PEMEX fixed national wholesale price for regular gasoline	Actual	<a href="#">164</a>
Morocco	MENAAP	Preparedness plans	Strategic reserves	Energy storage infrastructure expansion plan: 1.5 billion cubic meters capacity target by 2030 (currently 3.2M m3). Investment of 6 billion dirhams (~), one-third in 2026. New projects for butane (+400,000 m3) and aviation fuel (+100,000 m3)	Planned	<a href="#">165</a>
Mozambique	AFR	Preparedness plans		Asked public to ration fuel and promoted public transport and remote work to reduce fuel consumption.	Actual	<a href="#">166</a>
Myanmar	EAP	Labor markets		Mandatory remote work on Wednesdays for public officials	Actual	<a href="#">167</a>
Myanmar	EAP	Subsidies	Energy subsidies	ICE vehicle to EV trade-in scheme introduced, tying EV imports to scrapping fossil-fuelled vehicles	Actual	<a href="#">168</a>
Myanmar	EAP	Subsidies	Rationing	Authorities introduced alternate-day driving policy for private vehicles to conserve fuel supplies.	Actual	<a href="#">169</a>
Namibia	AFR	Trade measures		USD 220M Angola-Namibia Interconnector signed, funded through National Energy Fund, linking Angola to Southern African Power Pool for first time; 300MW firm power capacity	Actual	<a href="#">170</a>
Nepal	SAR	Subsidies	Rationing	State-run Nepal Oil Corporation rationing cooking gas (cylinders filled to half capacity ~7.1 kg to stretch supplies). Authorities urging households to switch to induction cookers.	Actual	<a href="#">171</a>
Netherlands	ECA	Preparedness plans		Government activated Phase 1 of the National Oil Crisis Plan, signaling formal emergency coordination for fuel supply management.	Actual	<a href="#">172</a>
Netherlands	ECA	Subsidies		Introduced targeted efficiency package for households and businesses, including solar PV subsidies, replacement of gas boilers with heat pumps, and home retrofits.	Actual	<a href="#">173</a>
Netherlands	ECA	Subsidies		Accelerated trade-in programme of internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles for electric vehicles (EVs).	Actual	<a href="#">174</a>
New Zealand	EAP	Preparedness plans		EECA fuel conservation campaign ("Stretch every tank 20%"); National Fuel Plan Phase 1 activated (monitoring + conservation)	Actual	<a href="#">175</a>
New Zealand	EAP	Preparedness plans	Energy subsidies	Four-level fuel contingency plan disclosed with escalating demand-reduction measures depending on supply severity	Planned	<a href="#">176</a>
New Zealand	EAP	Social assistance	Cash transfers	NZD 50/week support for low- and middle-income working families via in-work tax credit, announced March 24, available from April 7; targets households earning below USD 120,000/year with children	Actual	<a href="#">177</a>
New Zealand	EAP	Trade measures		Signed Agreement on Trade in Essential Goods with Singapore to protect movement of fuel and food during energy crisis	Actual	<a href="#">178</a>
Nigeria	AFR	Subsidies		Accelerated rollout of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) vehicle conversion kits as cheaper alternative to petrol	Actual	<a href="#">179</a>
Norway	ECA	Logistics support		Government agreed to reopen three old gas fields in North Sea to bolster European supply, with production resuming in 2028	Actual	<a href="#">180</a>
Pakistan	MENAAP	Labor markets	Other work arrangement	Four-day workweek for government employees, rotating work-from-home for private sector, school closures in major cities	Actual	<a href="#">181</a>
Pakistan	MENAAP	Subsidies	Agriculture/fertilizer subsidies	One-time subsidy of Rs1,500 (\$5.40) per acre for small farmers to offset higher diesel costs during harvesting season	Planned	<a href="#">182</a>
Pakistan	MENAAP	Subsidies	Energy subsidies	Targeted fuel subsidy for motorbike users: Rs100 (\$0.36) per liter, capped at 20 liters per month, for an initial period of three months	Planned	<a href="#">183</a>
Pakistan	MENAAP	Subsidies	Transport subsidies	Transport sector subsidies: freight trucks up to Rs70,000 (\$252)/month, larger transport vehicles Rs80,000 (\$288)/month, public passenger buses Rs100,000 (\$360)/month	Planned	<a href="#">184</a>
Panama	LAC	Subsidies	Energy subsidies	Planning progressive increases in subsidies for electricity, cooking gas and public transit	Planned	<a href="#">185</a>
Peru	LAC	Labor markets	Other work arrangement	Encouraged public and private sector to work remotely to reduce fuel consumption.; Shifted schools to online classes to reduce transport fuel demand.	Actual	<a href="#">186</a>

Philippines	EAP	Labor markets	Other work arrangement	Four-day working week for most public offices as an energy-saving measure; reduced ferry services to conserve fuel	Actual	<a href="#">187</a>
Philippines	EAP	Labor markets	Support to firms	Manila city government paying 1,000+ jeepney drivers to provide free commuter rides, absorbing fuel cost increases for public transit users.	Actual	<a href="#">188</a>
Philippines	EAP	Preparedness plans		National energy emergency declared (1-year); committee for orderly distribution of fuel, food, medicines	Actual	<a href="#">189</a>
Philippines	EAP	Social assistance	Cash transfers	Cash transfers of 5,000 pesos per transport driver to offset soaring fuel costs	Actual	<a href="#">190</a>
Philippines	EAP	Social assistance	Cash transfers	Government cash assistance to fishermen and farmers to offset rising fuel costs.	Actual	<a href="#">191</a>
Philippines	EAP	Subsidies	Tax measures	Government considering suspension of excise taxes on fuel products to cushion consumers from oil price surge	Planned	<a href="#">192</a>
Portugal	ECA	Subsidies	Tax measures	Temporary and extraordinary reduction of EUR 3.55 cents/L on automotive diesel tax. Returns extra VAT revenue from price rises to taxpayers. Triggered when fuel prices exceeded a pre-set 10-cent increase threshold.	Actual	<a href="#">193</a>
Romania	ECA	Subsidies	Transport subsidies	Fuel excise subsidy of 190 million lei (EUR 37.3M) for road transport companies Q1 2026	Actual	<a href="#">194</a>
Senegal	AFR	Preparedness plans		Government issued public call to adapt energy consumption habits in response to global fuel supply disruptions	Actual	<a href="#">195</a>
Senegal	AFR	Spending freeze/cut		Government to announce further spending curb measures in response to oil price crisis	Planned	<a href="#">196</a>
Senegal	AFR	Subsidies	Rationing	Government banned all non-essential ministerial foreign travel	Actual	<a href="#">197</a>
Serbia	ECA	Subsidies		Government reduced excise taxes on fuel as a temporary measure to cushion price shock from Middle East energy crisis. Latest extension runs until May 8.	Expired	<a href="#">198</a>
Serbia	ECA	Subsidies	Rationing	Fuel price cap regulation (Uredba o ogranicenju cena goriva) in force since 2022, extended due to crisis. Weekly maximum prices set for diesel and BMB 95 gasoline. Government sets caps to prevent price gouging during energy crisis.	Actual	<a href="#">199</a>
Singapore	EAP	Preparedness plans		Convened Homefront Crisis Ministerial Committee to coordinate national energy crisis response. Updating contingency plans for prolonged supply disruption.	Actual	<a href="#">200</a>
Singapore	EAP	Social assistance	Vouchers	\$500 CDC vouchers brought forward to Jun 2026 (from Jan 2027) for all Singaporean households; Cost-of-Living payment increased by \$200 (\$400-\$600 cash) for 2.4M Singaporeans; \$200 cash for platform workers, private-hire and taxi drivers	Actual	<a href="#">201</a>
Singapore	EAP	Subsidies	Energy subsidies	Enhanced U-Save electricity rebates for households to offset higher energy costs. Postponed green jet fuel levy originally due April 2026. Government announced further targeted support for severely affected sectors.	Actual	<a href="#">202</a>
Singapore	EAP	Subsidies	Transport subsidies	Temporary govt co-funding (13% of fare revenue) for essential bus services (school, SPED, disability, healthcare transport) Apr-Jun 2026 to prevent fare hikes for vulnerable groups	Actual	<a href="#">203</a>
Singapore	EAP	Trade measures		Protocol on Economic Resilience and Essential Supplies concluded with Australia under the Singapore-Australia Free Trade Agreement (SAFTA) to ensure mutual supply of essential goods during crises	Actual	<a href="#">204</a>
Slovak Republic	ECA	Subsidies	Rationing	Capped fuel purchases per vehicle; introduced higher fuel prices for foreign-registered number plates to prioritize domestic supply	Actual	<a href="#">205</a>
Slovenia	ECA	Subsidies	Rationing	Temporarily capped fuel purchases to manage supply.	Actual	<a href="#">206</a>
South Africa	AFR	Preparedness plans	Tax measures	Official no-panic-buying messaging	Actual	<a href="#">207</a>
South Africa	AFR	Subsidies		Extension of temporary fuel levy reduction: 300 c/l for petrol and 393 c/l for diesel, effective 6 May to 2 June 2026. Announced alongside monthly fuel price adjustment reflecting Brent crude rise from .67 to /barrel due to Iran conflict and Strai...	Actual	<a href="#">208</a>
South Sudan	AFR	Subsidies	Rationing	Electricity rationing: rotational daily power cuts in Juba (off 16:00-04:00)	Actual	<a href="#">209</a>
Spain	ECA	Labor markets	Other work arrangement	Anti-layoff clause for aided companies until June 2026	Actual	<a href="#">210</a>
Spain	ECA	Social assistance	Cash transfers	Increased thermal social bonus (bono social termico) cash payment to vulnerable households for heating costs	Actual	<a href="#">211</a>
Spain	ECA	Social services	Rationing	Rent freeze: extraordinary 2-year extension of residential leases expiring before December 2027	Actual	<a href="#">212</a>
Spain	ECA	Subsidies	Agriculture/fertilizer subsidies	Direct subsidies for agricultural diesel, extraordinary fertilizer price compensation, fishing vessel aid, fresh fish fee exemption	Actual	<a href="#">213</a>

Spain	ECA	Subsidies	Strategic reserves	Release of 11.5 million barrels from strategic petroleum reserves as part of IEA-coordinated 400 million barrel collective action	Actual	<a href="#">214</a>
Spain	ECA	Subsidies	Tax measures	Comprehensive energy tax cuts: VAT on fuels reduced from 21% to 10%; electricity special tax cut from 5.1% to 0.5%; VAT on electricity for severely vulnerable consumers reduced from 21% to 10% (contracts up to 10 kW); enhanced bono social electric...	Actual	<a href="#">215</a>
Spain	ECA	Subsidies	Transport subsidies	EUR 0.20/liter fuel aid for professional road freight transport until June 2026; maritime transport subsidies for cabotage routes	Actual	<a href="#">216</a>
Sri Lanka	SAR	Labor markets	Other work arrangement	Four-day working week for state institutions, schools and universities, with work-from-home where possible, to save fuel and gas	Actual	<a href="#">217</a>
Sri Lanka	SAR	Labor markets	Other work arrangement	Private sector work-from-home mandates: Chamber of Commerce urged members to follow government energy conservation guidelines; WSO2 (software company) mandatory work-from-home Tuesday and Thursday for 500 staff	Actual	<a href="#">218</a>
Sri Lanka	SAR	Subsidies	Energy subsidies	Government spending ~US\$200M on fuel subsidies after raising retail fuel prices by one-third in line with global trends.	Actual	<a href="#">219</a>
Sri Lanka	SAR	Subsidies	Rationing	Second fuel price hike of 25% (petrol to 398 LKR/L, diesel to 382 LKR/L); electricity consumption cut 25% target (street lamps off, civil servants table fans only, EV daytime charging only)	Actual	<a href="#">220</a>
St. Kitts and Nevis	LAC	Subsidies	Tax measures	Government cut excise tax on gasoline by 50% from EC\$1.95 to EC\$0.98 per gallon, effective until July 31, 2026	Actual	<a href="#">221</a>
St. Kitts and Nevis	LAC	Subsidies	Tax measures	Customs Service Charge on gasoline halved from 6% to 3%, effective until July 31, 2026	Actual	<a href="#">222</a>
Sweden	ECA	Subsidies	Energy subsidies	Spring mini-budget allocates 7.7 billion SEK (~USD 750M) in extra spending: 2.4B SEK for temporary electricity subsidies to households, 1.6B SEK for fuel tax cuts, remainder for other energy crisis mitigation	Actual	<a href="#">223</a>
Syria	MENAAP	Social assistance		Emergency food assistance at border crossings; WFP distributed 40,000+ date bars to newly arriving families at Jdeidet Yabous and Jousieh crossings	Actual	<a href="#">224</a>
Thailand	EAP	Labor markets	Other work arrangement	All government agencies ordered to work from home	Expired	<a href="#">225</a>
Thailand	EAP	Preparedness plans		Preparing shorter petrol station hours (10pm-5am closure after Apr 20); new Centre for Administration and Monitoring of Middle East Conflict; reviewing energy pricing structures	Planned	<a href="#">226</a>
Thailand	EAP	Subsidies	Rationing	Air conditioning set to 26-27C in government buildings	Actual	<a href="#">227</a>
Thailand	EAP	Subsidies	Rationing	Government implemented a 15-day diesel cap/freeze at 29.94 baht per litre through 17 March	Expired	<a href="#">228</a>
Timor-Leste	EAP	Preparedness plans		Asked citizens to reduce vehicle use to conserve fuel supplies.	Actual	<a href="#">229</a>
Tonga	EAP	Preparedness plans		Government preparedness plan for energy/fuel supply; press release on current status of energy and fuel supply with staged response plans	Planned	<a href="#">230</a>
Turkiye	ECA	Trade measures		AKP submitted bill to parliament granting 20-year income tax exemption for foreign earnings brought into Turkiye, corporate tax cut to 9% on export earnings for manufacturers, and asset amnesty until July 2027	Planned	<a href="#">231</a>
Turkmenistan	ECA	Preparedness plans		IFRC DREF allocation for border preparedness and contingency planning for potential displacement from Iran	Actual	<a href="#">232</a>
Tuvalu	EAP	Preparedness plans		Declared two-week state of emergency on one island due to fuel supply shortage.	Expired	<a href="#">233</a>
UAE	MENAAP	Social services		Extension of remote/distance learning at all higher education institutions until April 17, with weekly review	Actual	<a href="#">234</a>
Uganda	AFR	Preparedness plans		Government secured alternative fuel import routes and diversified sourcing channels; confirmed forward import pipeline of 163 million litres petrol, 200+ million litres diesel, 22.4 million litres jet fuel through mid-June	Actual	<a href="#">235</a>
United Kingdom	ECA	Preparedness plans		Plug-in solar panels promoted as household energy crisis response	Actual	<a href="#">236</a>
United Kingdom	ECA	Social assistance	Cash transfers	Targeted financial support for low-income households facing heating oil price spikes	Planned	<a href="#">237</a>
United Kingdom	ECA	Subsidies		GBP 53M support package for households affected by higher heating oil costs (Northern Ireland and rural areas).	Actual	<a href="#">238</a>
United Kingdom	ECA	Subsidies		Increased the grant for households to switch from LPG- or oil-based heating to heat pumps and other home retrofit measures.	Actual	<a href="#">239</a>

United States	NA	Subsidies	Strategic reserves	Released millions of barrels from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to boost global oil supply and ease prices	Actual	<a href="#">240</a>
United States	NA	Trade measures		Relaxed Jones Act shipping rules to ease domestic shipments of oil and commodities between US ports	Actual	<a href="#">241</a>
Uruguay	LAC	Labor markets	Support to firms	ANDE subsidized credit instrument through microfinance institutions for agriculture sectors (cereals, oilseeds, legumes, rice, winter crops, dairy): max USD 30,000 per beneficiary, up to 50% interest rate subsidy (cap 350 bps), 6-month term	Actual	<a href="#">242</a>
Uruguay	LAC	Subsidies	Agriculture/fertilizer subsidies	BROU extends summer crop loan repayment deadline by 12 months (from June 30 to 2027 harvest); partial payment at original date, balance deferred to next season	Actual	<a href="#">243</a>
Uruguay	LAC	Subsidies	Energy subsidies	Government caps fuel price increases below reference levels for May 2026: Nafta +7% (ref. 11%), Gasoil +14% (ref. 46%), GLP +7% (ref. 12%); government absorbs the gap to cushion consumers from full oil price pass-through	Actual	<a href="#">244</a>
Uruguay	LAC	Subsidies	Support to firms	SIGA Agro guarantee extended to crisis-affected sectors with reduced commission of 0.6% (vs. standard 2-3%); BROU exonerates commission costs for SIGA beneficiaries	Actual	<a href="#">245</a>
Uruguay	LAC	Subsidies	Tax measures	DGI extends gasoil VAT refund period to 12 months for IMEBA taxpayers (agricultural sector)	Actual	<a href="#">246</a>
Uruguay	LAC	Subsidies	Tax measures	IMESI fuel tax reduction extended from May 1: border zone fuel stations within 20-60km of land borders receive 50% of the reduction already applied to stations within 20km radius	Actual	<a href="#">247</a>
Vietnam	EAP	Labor markets		Encouraged remote work for civil servants; limited travel by public officials; directed local governments to implement energy saving; discouraged private vehicle use and promoted public transport and carpooling	Actual	<a href="#">248</a>
Vietnam	EAP	Subsidies	Tax measures	Government scrapped certain fuel taxes until mid-April 2026, reducing fuel prices by approximately 20%.	Expired	<a href="#">249</a>
Vietnam	EAP	Subsidies	Transport subsidies	Ho Chi Minh City proposes free bus rides on all 135 city routes from May 2026; 930 billion dong (US\$45M) for 8 months; submitted to People's Committee Apr 6	Actual	<a href="#">250</a>
Vietnam	EAP	Trade measures		Government issued a decree cutting import tariffs on several fuel products and petroleum inputs to 0% to stabilise supply and prices	Actual	<a href="#">251</a>
West Bank and Gaza	MENAAP	Social assistance	Cash transfers	FAO conditional cash assistance scaled to 1,000 additional farmers in Gaza (estimated 5,000 MT vegetables, feeding approximately 95,000 people per year)	Actual	<a href="#">252</a>
Yemen	MENAAP	Subsidies	Food subsidies	Sana'a Based authorities areas: price controls on food commodities maintained	Actual	<a href="#">253</a>
Yemen	MENAAP	Subsidies	Rationing	IRG areas: bank withdrawals limited to 100-200 YER only	Actual	<a href="#">254</a>
Zambia	AFR	Subsidies	Tax measures	Zero-rated VAT and suspended excise duties on petrol and diesel for 3 months; national energy emergency declaration	Actual	<a href="#">255</a>
Zimbabwe	AFR	Subsidies	Tax measures	Fuel import tax reduced	Actual	<a href="#">256</a>

## Endnotes

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<sup>1</sup> Monitoring is powered by an AI-assisted architecture assessing primary government sources, UN agency reports, and major news outlet services. The AI architecture includes GitHub, Claude-Opus 4.6, combining large language model agents and automated cross-referencing against data sources. Cross checks were also conducted with mAI as an extra layer of validation of Claude coding. An evolving series of guiding procedures were produced over the course of the analysis, allowing for more comprehensive and accurate information over time. Strict data quality protocols enforce source traceability, institutional attribution standards, and quantitative claim verification. Data is further validated by expert advice, including staff and select partner agencies. In some cases, countries have provided data and information directly to the team (e.g., Austria and Lebanon).

<sup>2</sup> Note that 8 countries were removed as their measures were mostly limited to support of stranded passengers or evacuations in the early days of the crisis, so were not a response to high energy prices per se. As made clear in past editions, some of Iran's domestic measures were included, but their verification proved increasingly challenging given protracted limited internet access. As such, those measures will be reinstated when the validation process resumes. For the moment, only measures for refugees/displaced populations (especially from Afghanistan) made verifiable by the UN are included.