

# 19. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

**TOTAL**

**59.1%**

**SECTION A  
COMMITMENT TO  
AID TRANSPARENCY:  
6.58/10**

**SECTION B  
PUBLICATION  
ORGANISATION LEVEL:  
21.49/25**

**SECTION C  
PUBLICATION  
ACTIVITY LEVEL:  
31.07/65**

## Overview

USAID is the lead development agency in the U.S. and is the largest bilateral aid agency in the world. It works to end extreme poverty in over 100 countries.

## Achievements and progress

- USAID scores 59.1% placing it just outside of the 'good' category where it ranked in 2015. This does, however, represent an 18% points increase relative to the 2014 Index.
- USAID publishes a complete organisation file to the IATI Registry. Since the 2015 U.S. Aid Transparency Review, actual dates for development activities have been added to the IATI Registry.
- In July 2015, USAID published a four-part Cost Management Plan with the specific goal of improving the quality of its IATI data, as well as streamlining internal reporting procedures.

## Challenges and room for improvement

- A total of eleven activity-level indicators are not published to the IATI Registry.
- USAID does not publish any activity performance data or any budgetary information for its development activities.
- Data quality on basic and mandatory information for activities published to the IATI Registry remains an issue.
- For all U.S. agencies, aid data is published only quarterly to the IATI Registry.

## Recommendations

- USAID should ensure the quality of the information published to the IATI Registry, integrate its publications into its Development Information Systems and aim for monthly publication to the IATI Registry.
- USAID should publish more comprehensive data on its development activities, including budgetary information.
- USAID should develop a plan for the internal use of its IATI data and plan for systematic outreach to stakeholders and local partners to use the data, drawing upon the recommendations of USAID's Aid Transparency Country Pilot Assessment.

## Have they met the Busan commitment on aid transparency?

yes  partly  no

## National, regional or international commitments to aid transparency?

- 2015 Third Open Government National Action Plan

## Donor Profile

2016 Index:  
**FAIR 59.1%**

2014 Index:  
**FAIR 40.3%**

2013 Index:  
**FAIR 44.3%**

First published to IATI:  
**JANUARY 2013**

<b>Frequency of publication</b>	Quarterly*
<b>Indicators published to IATI</b>	25/36
<b>Activity budgets</b>	Not published
<b>Total budget</b>	1 year – IATI
<b>Disaggregated budgets</b>	1 year – IATI

This table highlights the organisation's performance in providing timely, comprehensive and forward-looking aid data in a comparable and open format.

- Frequency of publication is measured by the IATI Dashboard.
- Comprehensiveness is measured against the indicators used in the Index at the organisation and activity levels and their publication in the open and comparable IATI Standard.
- Forward-looking budgets for the organisation and its development activities are measured by indicators 9, 10 and 33.

\*As per IATI Dashboard's methodology, frequency of publication is measured for each publisher. In the case of the United States, all U.S. agencies are under one publisher, the United States:  
<http://dashboard.iatistandard.org/publisher/unitedstates.html>