

33. Japan – Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

TOTAL

44.2%

**SECTION A
COMMITMENT TO
AID TRANSPARENCY:
3.33/10**

**SECTION B
PUBLICATION
ORGANISATION LEVEL:
14.17/25**

**SECTION C
PUBLICATION
ACTIVITY LEVEL:
26.66/65**

Overview

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Japan's bilateral aid agency, delivers aid in the form of technical cooperation, ODA loans and grant aid. It is under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In 2016, Japan takes on the presidency of the G7 intergovernmental forum.

Achievements and progress

- This Index sees JICA rise into the 'fair' category, having ranked in the 'poor' category for the two previous Index cycles.
- JICA began implementation of the IATI Standard in 2014 and now publishes twenty-one indicators to the IATI Registry.
- All basic activity-level indicators and all classification indicators, barring sub-national locations, are published to the IATI Registry.

Challenges and room for improvement

- JICA publishes to the IATI Registry on less than a quarterly basis.
- Fifteen indicators are not published to the IATI Registry. Of these evaluations, objectives, contracts and tenders are always published in other formats. Country strategies, Memoranda of Understanding, results, impact appraisals and conditions are only published sometimes. Sub-national locations, budget documents, activity budgets and budget identifiers are not published in any format.
- No forward-looking budgetary information is published at the organisation or activity-level.

Recommendations

- JICA should publish to the IATI Registry at least quarterly, if not monthly.
- It should publish more fields to the IATI Registry, prioritising an organisation file with forward-looking budgets. It should consistently publish more activity-level information to the IATI Registry, particularly budgets, activity-related documents and performance indicators.
- JICA should continue to champion aid transparency within the Japanese government and share best practice with other aid spending departments.

Have they met the Busan commitment on aid transparency?

yes partly no

National, regional or international commitments to aid transparency?

- 2013 G7 commitment

Donor Profile

2016 Index:
FAIR 44.2%

2014 Index:
POOR 37.2%

2013 Index:
POOR 23.5%

First published to IATI:
JULY 2014

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| Frequency of publication | Less than quarterly |
| Indicators published to IATI | 21/36 |
| Activity budgets | Not published |
| Total budget | Not published |
| Disaggregated budgets | Not published |

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.