

43. Japan – Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)

TOTAL

14.3%

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

**SECTION B
PUBLICATION
ORGANISATION LEVEL:
5.84/25**

**SECTION C
PUBLICATION
ACTIVITY LEVEL:
5.11/65**

Overview

The Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) plays an important role within the Japanese Government having overall responsibility for setting aid policy and holds jurisdiction over JICA. In 2016, Japan takes on the presidency of the G7 intergovernmental forum.

Challenges and room for improvement

- Japan-MOFA began publishing historical data to the IATI Registry in June 2014 but has since failed to update its files with current information. It has no longer publishes to the IATI Registry.
- Twenty-five of thirty-six organisation and activity-level indicators are not consistently published.
- At the organisation level, a total budget and disaggregated budgets for the three years ahead were not available at the time of review.
- At the activity level MOFA's publication is even more sporadic. Fourteen of the twenty-eight indicators are not published at all, including actual dates, budget documents, contracts and tenders.
- No information relating to any of the twenty-two indicators that are scored graduated on the basis of format are published in a machine-readable format.
- Japan-MOFA's aid portal does not allow for the free bulk export of data under an open licence.

Recommendations

- Japan-MOFA should start publishing to the IATI Registry to provide aid information on its projects that is timely, comprehensive and forward-looking.
- MOFA should work with its counterparts in JICA and other Japanese aid providers to ensure that Japan's publication provides a full picture of all development cooperation activities.

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:
VERY POOR 14.3%

2014 Index:
VERY POOR 17.0%

2013 Index:
VERY POOR 17.2%

First published to IATI:
JUNE 2014

Frequency of publication	Does not publish to IATI
Indicators published to IATI	0/36
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.