02. United States – The Millenium Challenge Corporation (MCC)

TOTAL	SECTION A COMMITMENT TO AID TRANSPARENCY:	SECTION B PUBLICATION ORGANISATION LEVEL:	SECTION C PUBLICATION ACTIVITY LEVEL:
89.6%	**8.05/10**	**24.52/25**	**56.99/65**

Overview

Created by the U.S. Congress in 2004, the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) is an independent bilateral U.S. foreign aid agency providing large-scale, multi-year grants for global poverty reduction. The agency currently manages compacts and threshold programmes in 45 countries.

Achievements and progress

- MCC scores 89.6% placing it in the 'very good' category and second in the 2016 Index ranking. MCC remains the leading U.S. aid agency in terms of transparency.
- MCC's open aid portal allows for the free bulk export of data.
- Since the 2015 U.S. Aid Transparency Review, MCC publishes a full organisation file which includes a three year forward-looking budget and its annual report.
- At the activity-level, contracts and sub-national locations are also published to the IATI Registry.

Challenges and room for improvement

- Tenders are always published but not to the IATI Registry while current evaluations could not be found.
- Scores on sub-national locations, results data and activity budgets could all be improved by increasing the coverage of MCC's activities.
- For all U.S. agencies, aid data is published only quarterly to the IATI Registry.

Recommendations

- MCC should work towards full implementation of the IATI Standard by publishing all remaining indicators to the Registry. MCC should aim for monthly publication to the IATI Registry.
- MCC should continue to champion aid transparency and it should share best practice with other U.S. agencies.
- It should promote the use of its IATI data by developing a plan for systematic outreach to stakeholders including Millennium Challenge Accounts and local partners.

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:
VERY GOOD 89.6%

2014 Index:
VERY GOOD 89.9%

2013 Index:
VERY GOOD 88.9%

First published to IATI:
FEBRUARY 2012

Frequency of publication	Quarterly*
Indicators published to IATI	34/36
Activity budgets	IATI
Total budget	3 years – IATI
Disaggregated budgets	3 years – 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