

23. United States – Department of State

TOTAL

53.9%

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

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

**SECTION C
PUBLICATION
ACTIVITY LEVEL:
25.78/65**

Overview

The U.S. Department of State is responsible for the implementation of U.S. foreign policy and supports U.S foreign assistance programs including those of USAID and PEPFAR. It leads on the design and implementation of the Foreign Assistance Dashboard (foreignassistance.gov).

Achievements and progress

- State has improved by 15% points relative to the 2014 Index, seeing it rise from the 'poor' to the 'fair' category.
- State publishes a full organisation file in the IATI Standard.
- Since the 2015 U.S. Aid Transparency Review, State added seven new activity-level indicators in the IATI Standard (actual dates; aid type; collaboration type; finance type; flow type; tied aid status; implementer) and three new organisation-level indicators (procurement policy; annual report; country strategy).
- At the end of 2015, State released its Foreign Assistance Data Review, a roadmap to an integrated system solution to improve the Department's ability to track and report on its foreign assistance programs and funds.

Challenges and room for improvement

- Fifteen out of the twenty-eight activity-level indicators are not currently published in the IATI Standard.
- State does not score on twelve of these indicators. Titles and descriptions are not published.
- Planned dates are no longer published to the IATI Registry.
- For all U.S. agencies, aid data is published only quarterly to the IATI Registry.

Recommendations

- State should prioritize the quality of its data starting with titles and descriptions.
- State should aim for monthly publication to the IATI Registry and ensure that its new system developed under the FADR includes State's publications to the IATI Registry.
- State 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.

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 53.9%

2014 Index:
POOR 38.8%

2013 Index:
POOR 22.1%

First published to IATI:
JUNE 2014

Frequency of publication	Quarterly*
Indicators published to IATI	21/36
Activity budgets	Sometimes – PDF
Total budget	1 year – IATI
Disaggregated budgets	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>