28. United States – Department of Defense (DOD)

TOTAL	**SECTION A** COMMITMENT TO AID TRANSPARENCY:	**SECTION B** PUBLICATION ORGANISATION LEVEL:	**SECTION C** PUBLICATION ACTIVITY LEVEL:
46.7%	**6.58/10**	**12.36/25**	**27.79/65**

Overview

The Department of Defense (DOD) works to encourage and enable international partners to work with the United States to achieve strategic objectives, a number of which are foreign assistance-related in approach, whereby Congress has authorised DOD to train, equip, and support foreign defense and security establishments under a discrete set of circumstances.

Achievements and progress

- After sliding in the last three assessments, DOD is now in the 'fair' category for the first time having made an improvement of 16% relative to the 2014 Index.
- Since the 2015 U.S. Aid Transparency Review, Defense has published nine new fields at the activity-level to the IATI Registry (actual dates; aid type; collaboration type; commitments; disbursements and expenditure; finance type; flow type; implementer; tied aid status) and three new fields at the organisational level (annual report; audit; procurement policy).

Challenges and room for improvement

- DOD does not publish a complete organisation file to the IATI Registry. An organisation strategy and an allocation policy are always published but not to the IATI Registry.
- Fourteen activity-level indicators are not published to the IATI Registry. Planned dates and titles, previously published to the IATI Registry, are no longer available in that format. Eight indicators are not published at all including sub-national locations, Memoranda of Understanding, evaluations, activity budgets, budget identifiers and all activity performance indicators.
- For all U.S. agencies, aid data is published only quarterly to the IATI Registry.

Recommendations

- DOD should aim for full implementation of the IATI Standard prioritising a complete organisation file with disaggregated budgets.
- It should then work to improve the depth and breadth of its activity level publication to the IATI Registry paying specific attention to activity-related documents, financial and performance information.
- DOD should publish timely data to the IATI Registry throughout the year.

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 46.7%

2014 Index:
POOR 30.8%

2013 Index:
POOR 33.7%

First published to IATI:
MAY 2013

Frequency of publication	Quarterly*
Indicators published to IATI	17/36
Activity budgets	Not published
Total budget	3 years – PDF
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.

*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