## Ireland, Irish Aid


Ireland-Irish Aid (42.6)

| SCORE: 42.6 | POSITION: 41/47 | 2020 FAIR |
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### OVERVIEW

Ireland-Irish Aid (Irish Aid) is the Irish government's programme for overseas development. The Development Co-operation Division of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade manages the programme. Irish Aid's priority areas include gender equality, ending hunger, HIV/AIDS and climate change. Irish Aid became an IATI member in 2008 and first published to the IATI Registry in July 2013.

| 2018 FAIR | 2016 POOR | 2014 FAIR | 2013 POOR |
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**Organisational planning and commitments**
12.8 / 15

**Finance and budgets**
8.3 / 25

**Project attributes**
11.4 / 20

**Joining-up development data**
10 / 20

**Performance**
0 / 20

### ANALYSIS

Irish Aid remained in the lower end of the 'fair' category for the 2020 Index. Its frequency of publication was still low as Irish Aid is publishing less than quarterly. It published just over half of the indicator data in the IATI format.

Irish Aid scored close to full points for all **organisational and planning** indicators. Its lack of an aid data portal and less than comprehensive country strategies documentation lowered its score. All other documentation, such as annual reports and audits, was up to date.

Irish Aid scored below average for the **project attributes** component. It fully published titles, actual dates, sectors, and implementing partners to the IATI Registry, but did not publish other key data such as descriptions, planned start dates, and sub-national locations in any format.

Irish Aid scored for four out of seven indicators in the **joining-up development data** component. It published aid type, finance type, flow type, and tied aid status to the IATI Registry. It did not make conditions data, contracts, or tenders available in other formats.

The **finance and budgets** component scored poorly in this Index. Irish Aid only made its total organisation budget and disaggregated budgets available one-year forward looking. It did not provide any project level financial data in the form of commitments, disbursements and expenditures, project budgets, or documentation.

As in 2018, Irish Aid did not score on any of the **performance** indicators and data was not available in other formats either.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Irish Aid should aim for quarterly, if not monthly, publication.
- It should prioritise the publication of more financial and budgetary data that includes project budget data and commitments in particular.
- It should make efforts to publish timely and comprehensive performance-related information, from objectives to results.
- It should include basic data such as descriptions and locations to its activities.

# Organisational planning and commitments

Score: 12.8 / 15

ABOUT COMPONENT

This component looks at the overall aims and strategy of an organisation. We check for any public commitments to aid transparency. We also make sure audits are in place and if planning documents have been published, including by parent organisations (including national governments) where applicable. We make note of any Freedom of Information laws and critically, we make sure that organisations have tried to make their information easy to access and understand. You should not have to be an expert in open data to be able to find and use this information.

**Quality of FOI legislation**  Score: 1.88

**Accessibility**  Score: 0
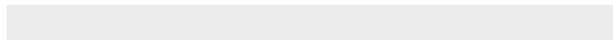
**Organisation strategy**  Score: 1.88

**Annual report**  Score: 1.88

**Allocation policy**  Score: 1.88

**Procurement policy**  Score: 1.88

**Strategy (country/sector) or Memorandum of Understanding**  Score: 1.58

**Audit**  Score: 1.88

# Finance and budgets

Score: 8.3 / 25

ABOUT COMPONENT

This component is critical to allow you and anyone else to follow the money. We expect to find the total budget of the organisation being assessed, right down to individual transactions for each development activity. In particular, forward-looking budgets from donors are important for partner country governments to be able to plan their own future finances.

**Disaggregated budget**  Score: 3.58

**Project budget**  Score: 0
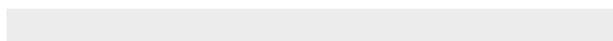
**Project budget document**  Score: 0

**Commitments**  Score: 0
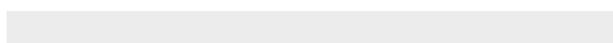
**Disbursements and expenditures**  Score: 0
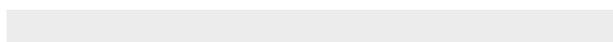
**Budget Alignment**  Score: 1.98

**Total organisation budget**  Score: 2.78

## Project attributes

Score: 11.4 / 20

ABOUT COMPONENT

This component refers to descriptive, non-financial data, including basics like the title and description of a project. Information like this is important as it is often the entry point for data users to quickly understand what a project is about. We also look for other information that helps to put a project in context, such as its sub-national location (rather than simply being pin pointed to a capital city or the centre of a country) or the sector that the project deals with, for example, education or agriculture.

**Title**                          Score: 0.75

**Description**                    Score: 0
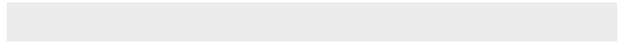
**Planned dates**                  Score: 0.63

**Actual dates**                   Score: 0.75

**Current status**                 Score: 0.75

**Contact details**                Score: 0.69

**Sectors**                        Score: 2.63

**Sub-national location**          Score: 0
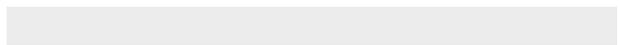
**Implementer**                    Score: 2.63

**Unique ID**                      Score: 2.63

## Joining-up development data

Score: 10 / 20

ABOUT COMPONENT

This component looks at how well a donor's data is able to be linked and connected with other bits of information. There is a diverse nature of flows, activities and actors within the development sector. Aid and development finance data needs to be effectively linked and connected with the rest to provide a

**Flow type**                      Score: 2.5

**Aid type**                       Score: 2.5

**Finance type**                   Score: 2.5

full picture for the user. This can be particularly important for partner country governments, who need to integrate information on aid with their own budgets and systems.

**Tied aid status**      Score: 2.5

**Conditions**      Score: 0
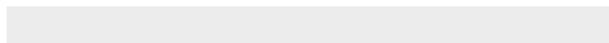
**Project procurement**      Score: 0
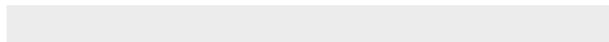
# Performance

Score: 0 / 20

ABOUT COMPONENT

This component refers to the essential data and documents that assess whether a project is on track or has been achieved. This includes things like baseline surveys, progress against targets, mid-term reviews and end of project evaluations. This information is important to hold donors to account and also to share knowledge with others on what worked and what did not during a project.

**Objectives**      Score: 0
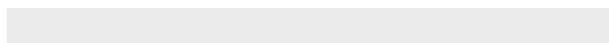
**Pre-project impact appraisals**      Score: 0
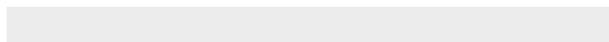
**Reviews and evaluations**      Score: 0

**Results**      Score: 0