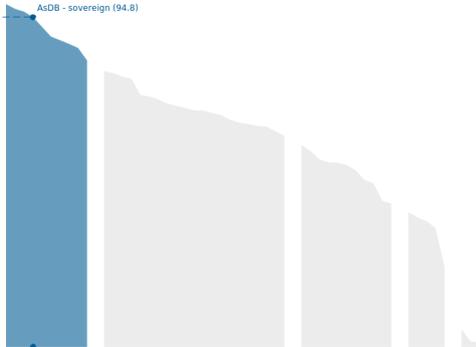


## Asian Development Bank (AsDB) – Sovereign Portfolio



SCORE:  
94.8

POSITION:  
4/50

2022  
VERY GOOD

### OVERVIEW

Asian Development Bank (AsDB) promotes resilience and sustainability across the Asia-Pacific region. Its sovereign portfolio provides non-concessional and concessional loans, grants, and technical assistance to lower and middle-income governments. It engages in projects more directly orientated towards social development and poverty alleviation. AsDB is not an IATI member but publishes to the IATI Standard. Its first publication was in November 2011.

2020  
VERY GOOD

Organisational planning and commitments  
13.4 / 15

Finance and budgets  
24.8 / 25

Project attributes  
18.8 / 20

Joining-up development data  
19.9 / 20

Performance  
18 / 20

### ANALYSIS

AsDB sovereign portfolio has remained in the 'very good' category but has dropped three places in the rankings from the 2020 Index. AsDB's private sector portfolio was assessed separately for this index. Its sovereign portfolio continues to publish in the IATI Registry monthly, a frequency it has maintained for the last three Indexes.

AsDB sovereign portfolio published data to the registry for all of the indicators that we evaluated (except the networked data organisation reference test from which it was excluded). It ranked in the top five donors in the Index for three of the five components: finance and budgets, joining-up development data, and performance.

AsDB - Sovereign Portfolio performed particularly well for the quality of its IATI data in the joining-up development data and finance and budgets components scoring nearly full points for both. It scored well for the organisational planning and commitments component. However, it lost points for the quality of FOI legislation, the accessibility indicator, and country strategies. Its access to information policy does not apply an objective harm test to confidentiality of third-party information provided, which fails one of our three criteria for this indicator. It dropped points for accessibility as bulk downloads are only available in raw IATI XML format, while up-to-date strategies were not available for all countries it works in. It also scored well for the performance indicators but failed quality checks for results data because it only published targets rather than actual results for ongoing projects.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- AsDB should improve the quality of its results data ensuring that for ongoing projects actual results are published to the IATI Registry.
- As recommended in the 2020 Index, AsDB should review the exceptions articles in its access to information policy and include an objective harm test for confidentiality of information provided by third parties.
- It should ensure the timely publication of country strategies in the IATI Registry.
- AsDB should improve the accessibility of its project data by allowing bulk downloads from its portals to help promote access and use of its aid information.
- AsDB can start to publish recognised organisation references for its partner governments using the latest guidance from the [IATI community](#).

## DEEP DIVE

### Organisational planning and commitments

Score: 13.4 / 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 published 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: 1.25
Accessibility	Score: 1.25
Organisation strategy	Score: 1.87
Annual report	Score: 1.87
Allocation policy	Score: 1.87
Procurement policy	Score: 1.87
Strategy (country/sector) or Memorandum of Understanding	Score: 1.5
Audit	Score: 1.87

# Finance and budgets

Score: 24.8 / 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.

Total organisation budget Score: 4.17



Disaggregated budget Score: 3.96



Project budget Score: 3.33



Project budget document Score: 3.33



Commitments Score: 3.33



Disbursements and expenditures Score: 3.33



Budget Alignment Score: 3.32



# Project attributes

Score: 18.8 / 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 or the sector that the project deals with, for example, education or agriculture.

Title Score: 1



Description Score: 3



Planned dates Score: 1



Actual dates Score: 1



Current status Score: 1



Contact details Score: 1



Sectors Score: 2.5



Sub-national location Score: 3.44



Conditions Score: 2.31



Unique ID Score: 2.5

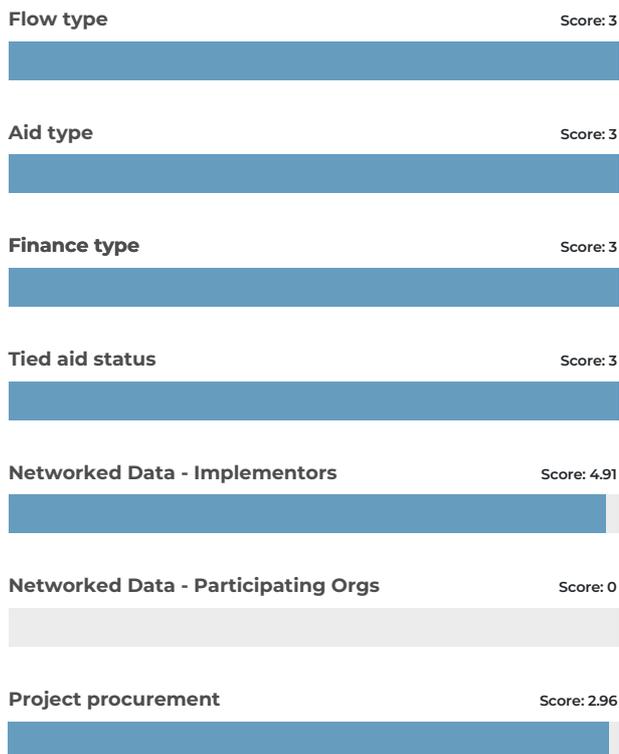


# Joining-up development data

Score: 19.9 / 20

## ABOUT COMPONENT

This component looks at how well an organisation'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 full picture for the user. This can be particularly important for partner country governments, which need to integrate information on aid with their own budgets and systems.



# Performance

Score: 18 / 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 aid organisations to account and also to share knowledge with others on what worked and what did not during a project.

