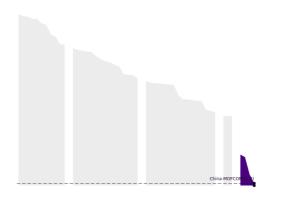


## Aid Transparency Index 2020

### China, Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM)



SCORE:	POSITION:	2020
1.2	47/47	VERY POOR
OVERVIEW		

China published its first white paper on its foreign aid policy in 2011 and a second in July 2014. According to this document, China provides grants, interest-free loans, and concessional loans to foreign countries. China's Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) is in charge of development policy and projects. At present, China-MOFCOM is not an IATI member and does not publish to the IATI Registry.

2018	2016	2014	2013
VERY POOR	VERY POOR	VERY POOR	VERY POOR

Organisational planning and commitments 1.2/15

Finance and budgets 0/25

Project attributes 0/20

Joining-up development data o/20

Performance 0/20

#### ANALYSIS

As in previous years, China-MOFCOM remains in the 'very poor' category, coming last again this year. China-MOFCOM does not publish any data to the IATI Registry and so we made a manual survey based on the websites of MOFCOM (mofcom.gov) and development aid agency (cidca.gov). We found several organisational planning documents, but they were not current and so we did not award any points China-MOFCOM scores on just one indicator—freedom of information legislation—within the organisational planning and commitments component. It does not make any comprehensive listing of all its projects publicly available. China-MOFCOM did not respond to requests for feedback on the survey.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

The majority of information on China's aid spending comes from secondary sources such as AidData's work on scraping public notices and field reports to track unreported funds. In order to avoid mis-representation, China should clarify the roles of the agency and ministry and also start to engage in external reporting systems such as the OECD DAC Creditor Reporting System and the Financial Tracking Service (FTS).

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# Organisational planning and commitments

Quality of FOI legislation	Score: 1.25
Accessibility	Score: 0

Score: 1.2 / 15

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.

Organisation strategy	Score: 0
Annual report	Score: 0
Allocation policy	Score: 0
Procurement policy	Score: 0
Strategy (country/sector) or Memorandum of Understanding	Score: 0
Audit	Score: 0

## **Finance and budgets**

Score: 0 / 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: 0
Project budget	Score: 0
Project budget document	Score: 0
Commitments	Score: 0
Disbursements and expenditures	Score: 0
Budget Alignment	Score: 0
Total organisation budget	Score: 0

#### 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.

Description	Score: 0
Planned dates	Score: 0
Actual dates	Score: 0
Current status	Score: 0
Contact details	Score: 0
Sectors	Score: 0
Sub-national location	Score: 0
Implementer	Score: 0
Unique ID	Score: O

## Joining-up development data

#### Score: 0 / 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 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.

Flow type	Score: 0
Aid type	Score: 0
Finance type	Score: 0
Tied aid status	Score: 0
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

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