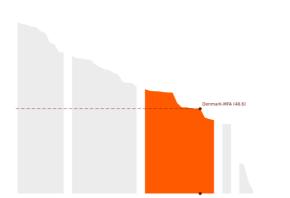


Aid Transparency Index 2020



Denmark, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA)



OVERVIEW

Denmark's Ministry of Foreign Affairs is responsible for the country's development cooperation which it refers to as Danida. Denmark became an IATI member in 2008 and started publishing to the IATI Registry in March 2012.

2018	2016	2015	2014	2013
FAIR	GOOD	GOOD	FAIR	FAIR

Organisational planning and commitments 4.7/15

Finance and budgets 17.7/25

Project attributes 11.2/20

Joining-up development data 15/20

Performance 0/20

ANALYSIS

Denmark-MFA remained in the 'fair' category. It publishes to the IATI Registry on a monthly basis. It is the lowest scoring donor in the 'monthly' publication frequency category.

Denmark-MFA published data for six out of the seven indicators from the **finance and budgets** component to the IATI Registry. The project budget document indicator failed because we could not find disaggregated project budgets in other formats. Denmark-MFA did not make the IATI data for organisational disaggregated budgets available for 76 percent of its activities or provide forward-looking project budget data for 55 percent of activities. For the budget alignment indicator, capital spend was not present for any activities.

For the **joining-up development data** component Denmark-MFA published data for four out of the seven indicators to the IATI Registry. It did not publish conditions, contracts, or tenders to the IATI Registry. It disclosed contracts and tenders in other formats and we scored them as such.

Denmark-MFA scored for seven out of the ten indicators in the **project attributes** component. The IATI data for descriptions did not score because samples failed when they did not provide meaningful descriptions or repeated the title. We could not find data for the sub-national location and implementer indicators with the manual checks. For data published to the IATI registry, planned or actual start and end dates were missing from many activities. The titles were also missing for 31 percent of activities published to the IATI Registry.

Denmark-MFA scored poorly for the **organisational planning and commitments** component because only a current allocation policy was disclosed to the IATI Registry. It published the organisation strategy in another format, and so we scored it according to this. Denmark-MFA did not publish a procurement policy, an up-to-date audit, a recent annual report, or up-to-date and complete country/sector strategies. Denmark-MFA's portal scored poorly for accessibility because it did not provide a bulk download option and did not publish the data under an open license. In addition, Denmark-MFA displays a warning on their aid portal that their data is no longer being updated.

It did not score any points for the **performance** component. It published results to the IATI Registry but the data failed our quality checks. Data on objectives failed the manual checks because we only sometimes found them in other formats. We did not find pre-project impact appraisals or evaluations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Denmark-MFA should start publishing all performance-related data to the IATI Registry.
- It should focus on improving the comprehensiveness of its publication. It should start publishing data for the indicators where data was missing in this assessment.
- It should also improve its budgets and financial data, including disaggregated budget and budget alignment. It should provide all dates across all activities, including the planned start and end dates, as well as actual start and end dates.
- It should ensure that titles are present for all activities and have at least ten characters and that descriptions are meaningful and do not simply repeat the titles.
- Denmark-MFA can improve the accessibility of its aid data portal by making it possible to download bulk data, putting the data under an open license, and regularly updating the data.

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Organisational planning and commitments

Score: 4.7 / 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: 1.25
Accessibility	Score: 0.62
Organisation strategy	Score: 0.94
Annual report	Score: 0
Allocation policy	Score: 1.88
Procurement policy	Score: 0
Strategy (country/sector) or Memorandum of Understanding	Score: 0
Audit	Score: 0

Finance and budgets

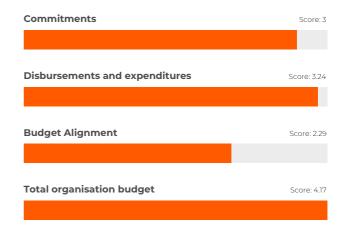
Score: 17.7 / 25

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

Disaggregated budget	Score: 2.58
Project budget	Score: 2.41
Project budget document	Score: 0

finances.



Title

Project attributes

Score: 11.2 / 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.

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Description	Score: 0
Planned dates	Score: 0.63
Actual dates	Score: 0.87
Current status	Score: 1
Contact details	Score: 1
Sectors	Score: 3.39
Sub-national location	Score: 0
Implementer	Score: 0
Unique ID	Score: 3.5

Score: 0.85

Joining-up development data

Score: 15 / 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: 3.33
Aid type	Score: 3.33
Finance type	Score: 3.33
Tied aid status	Score: 3.3
Conditions	Score: 0
Project procurement	Score: 1.67

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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