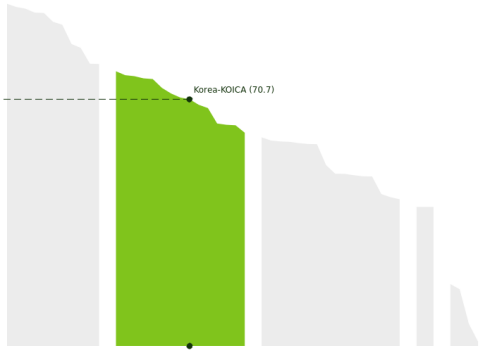
Korea, International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)



SCORE: 70.7	POSITION: 20/47	2020 GOOD

OVERVIEW

Established by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) implements South Korea's grant aid and technical assistance programmes. KOICA became an IATI member in January 2016 and first published IATI data in August of the same year.

2018	2016	2014	2013
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Organisational planning and commitments
13.4 / 15

Finance and budgets
12.3 / 25

Project attributes
17.4 / 20

Joining-up development data
14.2 / 20

Performance
13.4 / 20

ANALYSIS

KOICA ranked as our fourth-best improver in the 2020 Index. It improved by 33 points, which moved it into the 'good' category for the 2020 Index.

It started publishing to the IATI Registry for the first time in 2018 and now publishes on a quarterly basis.

KOICA published all **project attribute** indicators to the IATI Registry, thus scoring 80 percent of the available points for this component. It passed our data quality checks for descriptions, titles, and sub-national location and scored nearly full points here. However, for sub-national location, it only published the narrative locations.

Joining-up development data was KOICA's second-best performing component, with only procurement and conditions data missing from the IATI Registry. We found procurement data in other formats on its website or other data portals. We did not find any project terms and conditions data.

Apart from audit documentation, KOICA published all **organisational planning** indicators in its IATI organisational file with current and searchable documents, a big jump from the data it made available in the 2018 Index. KOICA also updated its aid data portal and scored nearly full points for the accessibility indicator.

Since 2018, KOICA had published several **finance and budget** indicators in the IATI format including total organisational budget, which was three years forward looking, as well as funding commitments and disbursements and expenditures. It did not make disaggregated budget data or data on project budgets available either to IATI or on its website.

For the **performance** component, KOICA scored for objectives and results, which it made available on the IATI Registry. KOICA made both reviews and evaluations and pre-project impact appraisals available on its website.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- KOICA should publish the coordinates/points of its sub-national locations to the IATI Registry.
- KOICA should include functionality to allow bulk downloads from its aid data portal to make this more accessible.
- KOICA should publish total project budgets and project budget line items to the

IATI Registry.

- KOICA should improve the frequency of its publication and publish on a quarterly, if not monthly, basis.
- We encourage KOICA to publish results data across all of its activities on the IATI Registry and to start publishing reviews and evaluations and pre-project impact appraisals to the IATI Registry.

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Organisational planning and commitments

Score: 13.4 / 15

ABOUT COMPONENT

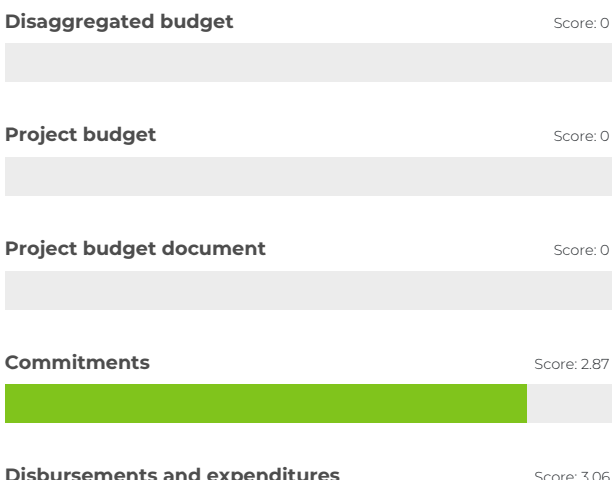
This component looks at the overall aims and strategy of an organisation. We check for any public commitments to aid transparency. We also make sure audits are in place and if planning documents have been published, including by parent organisations (including national governments) where applicable. 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.

Finance and budgets

Score: 12.3 / 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.



Budget Alignment Score: 2.21

Total organisation budget Score: 4.17

Project attributes

Score: 17.4 / 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: 0.95

Description Score: 0.95

Planned dates Score: 0.95

Actual dates Score: 0.95

Current status Score: 0.95

Contact details Score: 0.95

Sectors Score: 3.33

Sub-national location Score: 2.54

Implementer Score: 3.33

Unique ID Score: 2.54

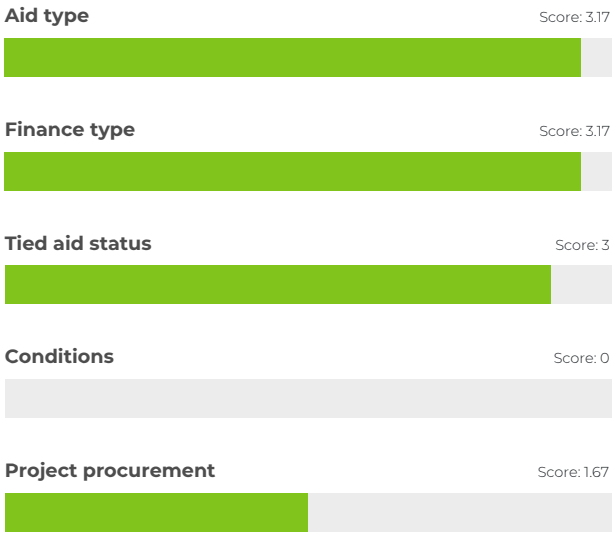
Joining-up development data

Score: 14.2 / 20

Flow type Score: 3.17

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.

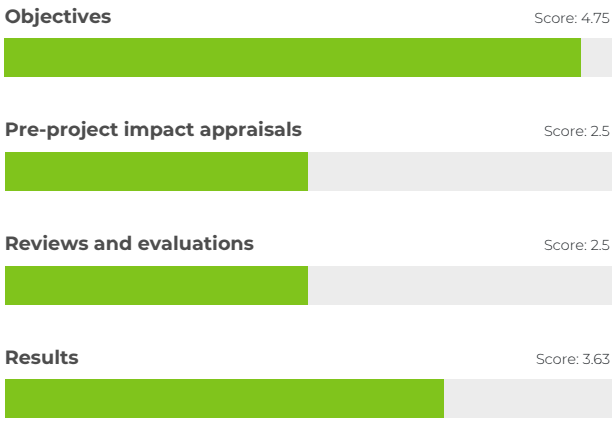


Performance

Score: 13.4 / 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.



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