

## Aid Transparency Index 2020

## Sweden, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)



SCORE:	POSITION:	2020
63.7	23/47	GOOD

### OVERVIEW

Development cooperation in Sweden is overseen by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and implemented by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida). Sida was a founding member of IATI in 2008 and has co-hosted the IATI Secretariat since 2013 as part of a consortium with the United Nations Development Program, United Nations Office for Project Services, and Development Initiatives. It was one of the first organisations to publish IATI data in November 2011.

2018 GOOD	2016 VERY G	OOD	2015 VERY GOOD	2014 VERY GOOD	2013 GOOD
Organisational p and commitme 8.4/15	0	<b>ANALYSIS</b> Sida remained in the 'good' category, however it has lost ground since 2018 with a reduction score of seven points. Sida published to the IATI Registry on a monthly basis.			
Finance and bud 15.1/25	dgets	it gained point budgets, and l	ts for project-level information budget documents, but lost	of the Index, SIDA's performation on such as commitments, disl points at the organisational le pets, SIDA scored better than	bursements, project evel, specifically with
Project attribute 15.9/20	2S	regards to disaggregated and overall budgets. SIDA scored better than average for <b>joining-up</b> <b>development data</b> only dropping points for conditions documents, contracts, and tenders. For <b>organisational planning and commitments</b> SIDA performed lower than average, in large part because it did not publish data for a number of indicators (allocation policy, procurement policy, country, and organisational strategies) to the IATI			
Joining-up deve data 17.6/20	lopment	Registry. Regarding <b>performance</b> , SIDA gained points for both objectives and results, but failed to score for pre-project impact appraisals, and reviews and evaluations. SIDA scored against most indicators in the <b>project attributes</b> component but dropped some points for the planned dates indicator, and then all points for sub-national locations.			
Performance 6.8/20		Specifically, SIDA dropped points for total organisation budget and disaggregated budget because instead of publishing them in an open data format or to the IATI Registry, it provided them as PDFs. Nevertheless, they did provide three years of forward-looking data. SIDA made sub-national location information available but the inconsistency with which it provided it resulted in us awarding no points for this indicator. SIDA did not provide pre-project impact appraisals. It made reviews and evaluations available but not consistently enough to meet the indicator definition.			

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- SIDA should prioritise the identification and publication of sub-national location data to enable stakeholders to determine where it is undertaking interventions within a country's borders.
- To improve impact transparency, SIDA should commence publication of pre-project impact appraisals and improve publication of reviews and evaluations to ensure that they are available for all relevant projects consistently.

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 To improve transparency regarding organisational planning and commitments, SIDA should endeavour to provide allocation and procurement policies, as well as country and organisational strategies, via the IATI Registry.

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# Organisational planning and commitments

Score: 8.4 / 15

#### ABOUT COMPONEN

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

## **Finance and budgets**

Score: 15.1 / 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: 0.69
Project budget	Score: 2.35
Project budget document	Score: 1.69
Commitments	Score: 3.3
Disbursements and expenditures	Score: 3.25

# **Project attributes**

Score: 15.9 / 20

ABOUT COMPONEN

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: 1
Description	Score: 0.98
Planned dates	Score: 0.56
Actual dates	Score: 0.98
Current status	Score: 1
Contact details	Score: 1
Sectors	Score: 3.5
Sub-national location	Score: 0
Implementer	Score: 3.34
Unique ID	Score: 3.5

# Joining-up development data

Score: 17.6 / 20

ABOUT COMPONENT

Flow type	Score: 3.33
Aid type	Score: 3.33

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.

Finance type	Score: 3.33
Tied aid status	Score: 3.31
Conditions	Score: 2.5
Project procurement	Score: 1.82

## Performance

Score: 6.8 / 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: 3.58
Pre-project impact appraisals	Score: 0
Reviews and evaluations	Score: 0
Results	Score: 3.17

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