

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)



SCORE:
92.9

POSITION:
6/47

2020
VERY GOOD

OVERVIEW

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is the United Nations agency responsible for children's welfare. It operates offices in over 190 countries. UNICEF became an IATI member in 2012 and first published IATI data in 2013. UNICEF has been on the IATI governing board since 2016.

2018
GOOD

2016
VERY GOOD

2014
GOOD

2013
FAIR

Organisational planning and commitments
13.7 / 15

Finance and budgets
25 / 25

Project attributes
19.1 / 20

Joining-up development data
20 / 20

Performance
15 / 20

ANALYSIS

UNICEF moved from 'good' to 'very good' in the 2020 Index with an improvement of 14 points. It now ranks sixth in the Index. UNICEF continued to publish to the IATI Registry on a monthly basis. It published over ninety-five percent of all indicators in the IATI format.

UNICEF was one of only three donors to score full points for the **finance and budgets** component with full three-year forward-looking and disaggregated data on organisational and project budgets.

UNICEF also scored full points for the **joining-up development data** component with full IATI publication across all data sets. It improved on its 2018 data score by adding full procurement data to the IATI Registry.

It also performed well in **project attributes** indicators, scoring 96 percent of the available points with full IATI Registry publication. It only lost points for sub-national locations because it published narratives while omitting coordinates/points.

UNICEF performed well for all the indicators within the **organisational planning** component, namely organisation strategy, annual report, allocation policy, audit, procurement policy, and country strategies, which we found to be current and up to date in its IATI organisational file. We only scored down its FOI policy due to a lack of an independent appeals process and because third party information is included in its list of exceptions without an objective harm test.

UNICEF received 75 percent of the points within the **performance** component. It started publishing full objectives, results, and reviews and evaluations to the IATI Registry. However, we only sometimes found information on pre-project impact appraisals in other formats through its open aid data portal.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- UNICEF should focus on providing subnational location coordinates/points information for its development projects.
- It should start publishing consistent updated and detailed pre-project impact appraisals.
- It should improve its FOI policy to ensure it aligns closer with the FOI standards, particularly with regards to an independent appeals process.

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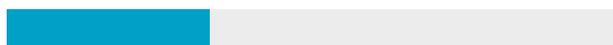
Organisational planning and commitments

Score: 13.7 / 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: 0.62



Accessibility Score: 1.88



Organisation strategy Score: 1.88



Annual report Score: 1.88



Allocation policy Score: 1.88



Procurement policy Score: 1.88



Strategy (country/sector) or Memorandum of Understanding Score: 1.88



Audit Score: 1.88



Finance and budgets

Score: 25 / 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: 4.17



Project budget Score: 3.33



Project budget document Score: 3.33



Commitments Score: 3.33



Disbursements and expenditures Score: 3.33



Budget Alignment Score: 3.33



Total organisation budget Score: 4.17



Project attributes

Score: 19.1 / 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: 1



Description Score: 1



Planned dates Score: 1



Actual dates Score: 1



Current status Score: 1



Contact details Score: 1



Sectors Score: 3.5



Sub-national location Score: 2.63



Implementer Score: 3.5



Unique ID Score: 3.5



Joining-up development data

Score: 20 / 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

Flow type Score: 3.33



Aid type Score: 3.33



Finance type Score: 3.33



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.

Tied aid status

Score: 3.33



Conditions

Score: 3.33



Project procurement

Score: 3.33



Performance

Score: 15 / 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.

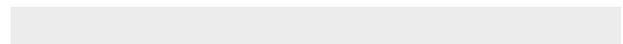
Objectives

Score: 5



Pre-project impact appraisals

Score: 0



Reviews and evaluations

Score: 5



Results

Score: 5

