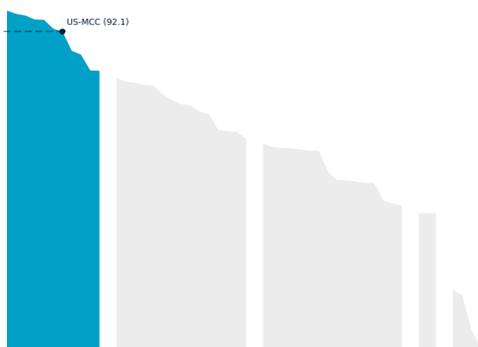


United States, Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC)



SCORE:
92.1

POSITION:
7/47

2020
VERY GOOD

OVERVIEW

Created by the US Congress in 2004, the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) is an independent bilateral US foreign aid agency. It provides large-scale, multi-year 'compacts' to eligible countries for economic growth in focused sectors. As part of the US government, MCC became an IATI member in 2011 and first published IATI data in January 2013. It started publishing as a stand-alone publisher in 2018.

2018

VERY GOOD

2016

VERY GOOD

2015

VERY GOOD

2014

VERY GOOD

2013

VERY GOOD

Organisational planning and commitments

14.4 / 15

Finance and budgets

23.3 / 25

Project attributes

19 / 20

Joining-up development data

18.6 / 20

Performance

16.8 / 20

ANALYSIS

As in previous years, MCC remained in the 'very good' category and is currently the top performing US agency and the highest performing bilateral donor in the 2020 Index. MCC began reporting directly to the IATI Registry in 2018 and now publishes over 90 percent of the data searched for in the Index to the IATI Registry. It continued to publish on a quarterly basis, which is consistent with its 2018 frequency.

More than any other donor, MCC made extensive use of hierarchies in its data with three levels of publication for its country compacts, components, and subcomponents.

MCC scored above average in the **finance and budgets** component, its top-ranking component, in which it achieved over 95 percent of the indicator scores available. MCC lost minor points for only having a two-year forward-looking total organisational budget.

MCC also scored well on **project attributes**, for which it published to IATI across all the indicators such as descriptions, locations, titles, and dates. Where sampled, these data were of a high quality. We did not award full scores due to frequency of publication.

MCC scored highly for IATI data on nearly all of the **joining-up development data** indicators. These included conditions, aid types, and procurement (but not tenders). MCC provided data such as conditions, aid and flow types in a comparable format. In a manual search, we consistently found tenders available in other formats on the MCC website.

MCC published all **organisational planning** indicators in the comparable IATI format including country strategies, which were always available for all the countries where MCC works.

Finally, MCC scored lowest in the **performance** component. It published to the IATI Registry across all four indicators, but failed sampling for reviews and evaluations largely due to the fact that the documents reviewed in sampling did not contain in-depth evaluations. We found sampling of results, objectives, and pre-project impact appraisals to be of high quality.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- MCC should work towards publishing on a monthly basis in order to provide fully up to date

information.

- MCC should correctly code its documents in the IATI Standard for reviews and evaluations of all relevant projects and activities.
- MCC should work towards publishing project searchable tenders to the IATI Registry in order to improve its joined-up data.
- MCC should continue efforts to publish more detailed information on the work of its Millennium Challenge Accounts (MCAs), either through MCC or encourage the MCAs to do so on their own account.

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Organisational planning and commitments

Score: 14.4 / 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.

Quality of FOI legislation

Score: 1.25



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: 23.3 / 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.

Disaggregated budget

Score: 4.17



Project budget

Score: 3.17



Project budget document

Score: 3.17



Commitments

Score: 3.11



Disbursements and expenditures Score: 3.17



Budget Alignment Score: 3.06



Total organisation budget Score: 3.47



Project attributes

Score: 19 / 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: 3.33



Implementer Score: 3.33



Unique ID Score: 3.33



Score: 18.6 / 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.



Aid type

Score: 3.17



Finance type

Score: 3.17



Tied aid status

Score: 3.17



Conditions

Score: 3.17



Project procurement

Score: 2.79



Performance

Score: 16.8 / 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: 4.75



Pre-project impact appraisals

Score: 4.75



Reviews and evaluations

Score: 2.5



Results

Score: 4.75

