

Japan, International Cooperation Agency (JICA)



SCORE: 49.3	POSITION: 36/47	2020 FAIR
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OVERVIEW

The Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Japan's bilateral aid agency, delivers aid in the form of technical cooperation, official development assistance loans and grant aid in over 150 countries. It is also responsible for providing humanitarian aid under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Japan-JICA is not an IATI member but first published IATI data in June 2014.

2018 POOR	2016 FAIR	2014 POOR	2013 POOR
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Organisational planning and commitments
7.5 / 15

Finance and budgets
7.4 / 25

Project attributes
12.6 / 20

Joining-up development data
12.7 / 20

Performance
9.2 / 20

ANALYSIS

JICA jumped ten points since the 2018 Index and is now in the 'fair' category. It continued to publish on a less than quarterly basis to the IATI Registry.

JICA scored on average 60 percent of the available points across all indicators in the **joining-up development** data component. It did not publish contracts and tenders in the comparable IATI format, but consistently made information available elsewhere.

Despite doing well on the majority of the **project attributes** indicators, basic information such as titles, sub-national locations and descriptions published to the IATI Registry did pass our quality checks. We found the JICA website to contain good project level information.

JICA improved its publication of **performance**-related information on its website and now scores above average for this component. It consistently made objectives, reviews and evaluations, and impact appraisals available on its website though we only found results some of the time. However, it did not publish any of these data sets to the IATI Registry.

There was a problem with JICA's organisational file, so none of its **organisational and planning and commitments** documents were available on the IATI Registry. JICA published current versions of the five documents for this component such as organisation strategy and allocation policy on their website instead.

JICA made basic **finance and budget** information available on the IATI Registry, such as its sector codes, commitments, and disbursements. We consistently found information for project budgets on the JICA website however, we only found historic data for total organisational and disaggregated budgets, which made this the lowest scoring component for JICA.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- JICA should aim for quarterly, if not monthly publication to the IATI Registry.
- JICA should increase the amount of data it publishes to the IATI Registry, since it is already publishing much of this data elsewhere (we found a considerable amount of data in other formats, particularly the performance-related information such as impact appraisals, objectives, and reviews and evaluations).
- JICA should publish its total organisational budget and three-year forward-

- JICA should publish its total organisational budget and three year forward looking disaggregated budgets to the IATI Registry.
- JICA should fix its organisational file to ensure that these documents are available in a comparable and searchable format.

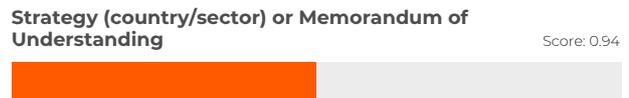
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Organisational planning and commitments

Score: 7.5 / 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.

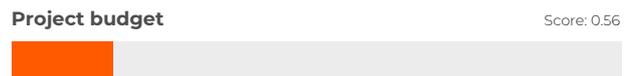
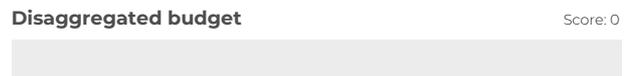


Finance and budgets

Score: 7.4 / 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: 1.97

**Total organisation budget**

Score: 0



Project attributes

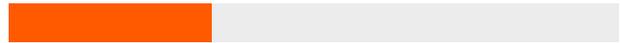
Score: 12.6 / 20

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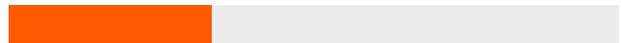
This component refers to descriptive, non-financial data, including basics like the title and description of a project. Information like this is important as it is often the entry point for data users to quickly understand what a project is about. We also look for other information that helps to put 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: 0.33

**Description**

Score: 0.33

**Planned dates**

Score: 0.75

**Actual dates**

Score: 0.7

**Current status**

Score: 0.75

**Contact details**

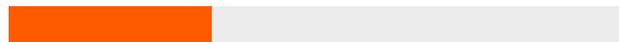
Score: 0.7

**Sectors**

Score: 2.62

**Sub-national location**

Score: 1.17

**Implementer**

Score: 2.63

**Unique ID**

Score: 2.63



Joining-up development data

Score: 12.7 / 20

ABOUT COMPONENT**Flow type**

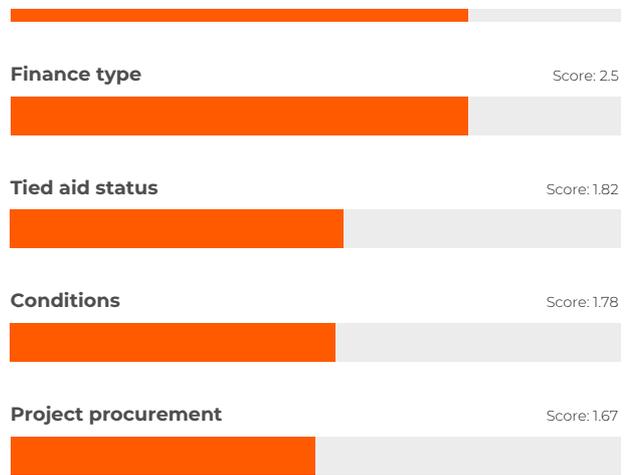
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**Aid type**

Score: 2.5



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: 9.2 / 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.

