Finland, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA)

Finland-MFA (50.8)
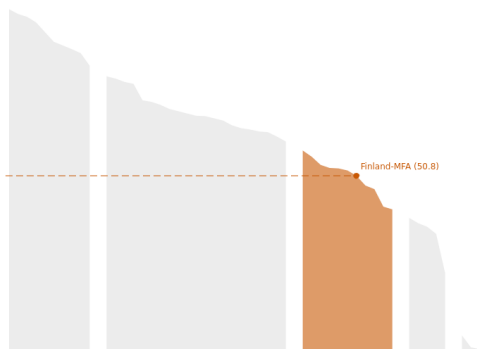
SCORE: 50.8	POSITION: 38/50	2022 FAIR

OVERVIEW

The Department for Development Policy sits within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and is responsible for implementing Finland's development cooperation. Its five priority areas are the rights and status of women and girls, education, sustainable economy and decent work, peaceful democratic societies, and climate change and natural resources. Finland has been an IATI member since 2008 and first published to the IATI Registry in November 2011.

2020 FAIR	2018 FAIR	2016 POOR	2015 FAIR	2014 FAIR	2013 POOR

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2.5 / 20

ANALYSIS

Finland-MFA has remained in the 'Fair' category but has dropped points compared to the 2020 Index. Finland-MFA continues to publish to the IATI Registry on a monthly basis.

Finland-MFA performed best in the joining-up development data component. Finland-MFA published data for five out of the eight indicators to the IATI Registry. It provided good quality data for these indicators. It did not publish networked data implementers, contracts or tenders to the IATI Registry. It disclosed tenders and implementers in other formats, and we scored them as such. We could not find contracts elsewhere.

Finland-MFA topped the 'fair' group for the project attributes component. Finland-MFA published all but two indicators to the IATI Registry, contact details and conditions. Contact details were scored in the manual survey, but the conditions indicators did not score as none were found. Finland-MFA dropped points on sub-national locations as they only published a narrative location with no coordinates available.

Finland-MFA published data to the IATI Registry for five out of the seven indicators from the finance and budgets component. It did not publish total organisation budget, project budget documents or disaggregated budgets to the IATI Registry. It only made total organisation budgets available in other formats. The quality of the IATI data scored well. However, Finland-MFA did not provide commitments or project budgets for 58% and 59% respectively of its activities.

Finland-MFA performed poorly in the organisational planning and commitments component, scoring below average for its grouping. It did not publish documents for five indicators to the IATI Registry (allocation policy, audit, organisation strategy, procurement policy, and country strategies). We found documents for all these indicators in the manual checks. The annual report indicator failed our quality checks, but we found an up to date report in another format.

Finland-MFA scored particularly poorly for the performance component, dropping points on the 2020 Index. It did not disclose any performance data to the IATI Registry. Reviews and evaluations were found in other formats and scored accordingly. It sometimes published objectives and results in other formats but did not provide pre-project impact appraisals data.

- Finland-MFA should improve its publication of performance related data. It should start publishing pre-project impact appraisals. It should also publish the objectives and evaluations data that it already discloses in other formats to the IATI Registry.
- Finland-MFA should make sure it publishes up to date project specific results data.
- It should improve the comprehensiveness of its publication for other components too. Finland-MFA should start publishing project budget documents, contracts, conditions, contact details, and implementer details.
- Finland-MFA can improve its score for organisational planning and commitments by publishing all documents it already discloses on its website to the IATI Registry.
- Finland-MFA can improve the quality of its sub-national location data by including project coordinates in its IATI Registry data.

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Organisational planning and commitments

Score: 8.7 / 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 published 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: 1.25

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
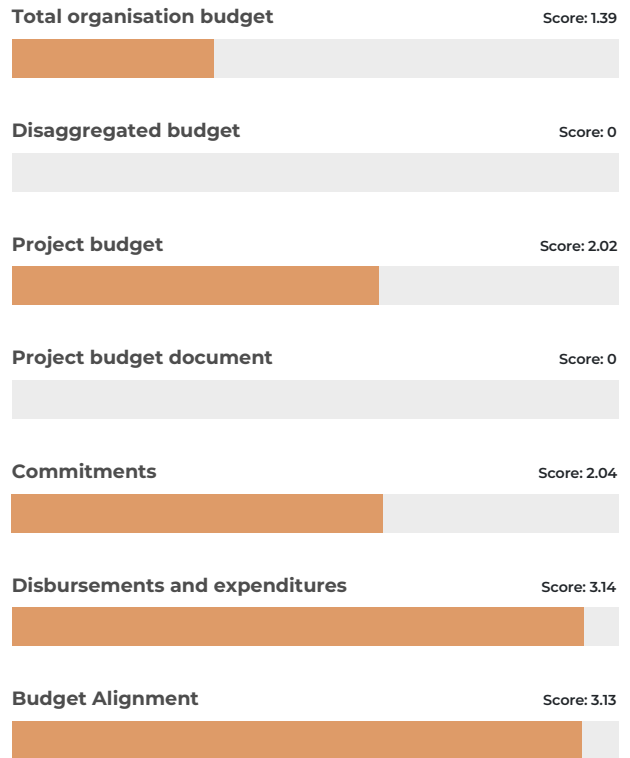
Audit — Score: 0.94

Finance and budgets

Score: 11.7 / 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.

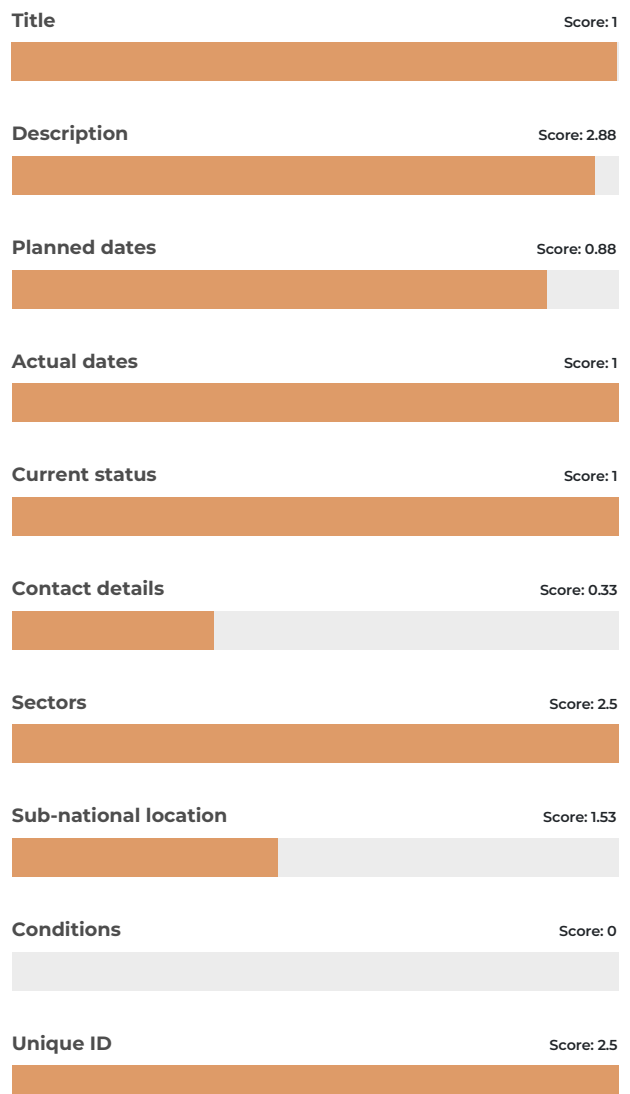|	
Total organisation budget	Score: 1.39
Disaggregated budget	Score: 0
Project budget	Score: 2.02
Project budget document	Score: 0
Commitments	Score: 2.04
Disbursements and expenditures	Score: 3.14
Budget Alignment	Score: 3.13

Project attributes

Score: 13.6 / 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 or the sector that the project deals with, for example, education or agriculture.

Title	Score: 1
Description	Score: 2.88
Planned dates	Score: 0.88
Actual dates	Score: 1
Current status	Score: 1
Contact details	Score: 0.33
Sectors	Score: 2.5
Sub-national location	Score: 1.53
Conditions	Score: 0
Unique ID	Score: 2.5

Joining-up development data

Score: 14.2 / 20

ABOUT COMPONENT

This component looks at how well an organisation'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, which need to integrate information on aid with their own budgets and systems.

Flow type — Score: 3

Aid type — Score: 3

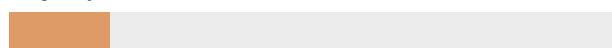**Finance type** — Score: 3

Tied aid status — Score: 3

Networked Data - Implementors — Score: 1.11

Networked Data - Participating Orgs — Score: 0.56

Project procurement — Score: 0.5

Performance

Score: 2.5 / 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 aid organisations to account and also to share knowledge with others on what worked and what did not during a project.

Objectives — Score: 0
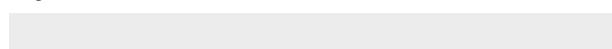
Pre-project impact appraisals — Score: 0
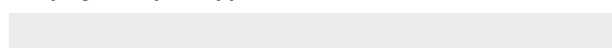
Reviews and evaluations — Score: 2.5

Results — Score: 0