Ireland, Irish Aid

Ireland-Irish Aid (48.0)

SCORE: 48	POSITION: 39/50	2022 FAIR

OVERVIEW

Ireland-Irish Aid is the Irish government's programme for overseas development. The Development Co-operation Division of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade manages the programme. Irish Aid's priority areas include gender equality, ending hunger, HIV/AIDS and climate change. Irish Aid became an IATI member in 2008 and first published to the IATI Registry in July 2013.

2020 FAIR	2018 FAIR	2016 POOR	2014 FAIR	2013 POOR

Organisational planning and commitments
10.5 / 15

Finance and budgets
8 / 25

Project attributes
9.4 / 20

Joining-up development data
15.2 / 20

Performance
4.9 / 20

ANALYSIS

Irish Aid remained in the bottom half of the 'fair' category for the 2022 Index. Its frequency of publication improved as Irish Aid is now publishing quarterly. It published just over 60% of the indicator data in the IATI format.

Irish Aid dropped a couple of points in the organisational planning and commitments indicators scoring just above average for its grouping. Its lack of an aid data portal and less than comprehensive country strategies documentation lowered its score. The procurement policy and audit failed our data quality checks as the former was only a general document and the latter was out of date.

Irish Aid scored for six out of eight indicators in the joining-up development data component. It published aid type, finance type, flow type, and tied aid status to the IATI Registry. It made tenders available in other formats, but contracts were not found consistently.

Irish Aid scored below average for the project attributes component, dropping points compared to the 2020 Index. It fully published all indicators to the IATI Registry, except conditions, which were not found in other formats. Sub-national locations failed quality checks as there were no locations available. It also dropped points for descriptions as they did not consistently contain enough detail.

Irish Aid scored poorly in the finance and budgets component in this Index, scoring below average for its grouping. Irish Aid's total organisation budget and disaggregated budgets were only available one year forward-looking. It did not provide any project level financial data in the form of commitments, project budgets, and project budget documents.

Irish Aid improved on the performance indicators compared to 2020 but still performed poorly for this component. Only objectives were disclosed to IATI while reviews and evaluations were found in other formats. Results and pre-project impact appraisals were not available in other formats either.

- It should prioritise the publication of more financial and budgetary data that includes in particular, project budget data and commitments.
- While Irish Aid has started to publish objectives data, it should make efforts to publish timely and comprehensive performance related information, including results, evaluations, and pre-project impact appraisals.
- It should look to improve the transparency of procurement information by linking to project specific contracts where possible.
- Irish Aid could improve its score for the project attributes component by including precise sub-national location narrative information.
- Irish Aid should look to disclose project conditions for activities or provide a statement where no conditions are included.

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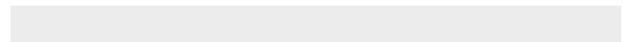
Organisational planning and commitments

Score: 10.5 / 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 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: 0

Organisation strategy Score: 1.87

Annual report Score: 1.87

Allocation policy Score: 1.87

Procurement policy Score: 0.94

Strategy (country/sector) or Memorandum of Understanding Score: 1.11

Audit Score: 0.94

Finance and budgets

Score: 8 / 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.
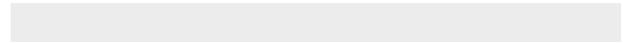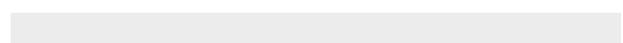
Total organisation budget — Score: 2.31

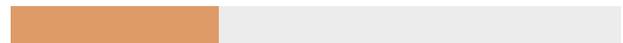**Disaggregated budget** — Score: 3.38

Project budget — Score: 0

Project budget document — Score: 0

Commitments — Score: 0
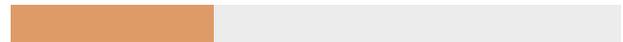
Disbursements and expenditures — Score: 1.14

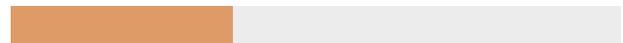**Budget Alignment** — Score: 1.11

Project attributes

Score: 9.4 / 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: 0.95

Description — Score: 1.1

Planned dates — Score: 0.66

Actual dates — Score: 0.94

Current status — Score: 0.95

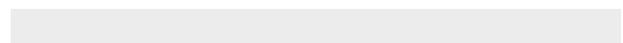**Contact details** — Score: 0.75

Sectors — Score: 1.65

Sub-national location — Score: 0

Conditions — Score: 0

Unique ID — Score: 2.37

Joining-up development data

Score: 15.2 / 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: 2.85

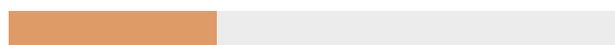**Aid type** — Score: 2.85

Finance type — Score: 2.85

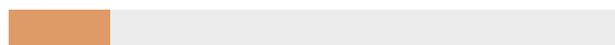**Tied aid status** — Score: 2.84

Networked Data - Implementors — Score: 2.78

Networked Data - Participating Orgs — Score: 0.57

Project procurement — Score: 0.5

Performance

Score: 4.9 / 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: 2.44

Pre-project impact appraisals — Score: 0

Reviews and evaluations — Score: 2.5

Results — Score: 0