



### **UNICEF among the Most Transparent Donor Organizations Worldwide**

UNICEF is ranked as the 3<sup>rd</sup> most transparent out of 46 major donor organisations worldwide in the [2016 Aid Transparency Index](#). UNICEF is also recognized as the organization that has made the most significant progress since 2013, and one of only 10 that have fulfilled their commitment to making information about their finances, programmes and results public by end of 2015.

The 2016 index, an independent measure of the state of aid transparency among donors, was undertaken by [Publish What You Fund](#). It measures progress against a core set of 39 indicators these organizations are expected to release information on.

Some highlights:

- UNICEF is one of only 10 donor organizations that have met the [Busan Commitment](#) on aid transparency.
- 25% of global aid now meets transparency standards.
- UNICEF is recognized as the organization that has made the most significant progress since 2013.
- We attained an overall score of 89.5% in 2015 (up from 44% in 2013 and 64% in 2014) – UNDP is leading for the second time in a row with a score of 93% in 2015.
- UNICEF recently became a full member of IATI's Governing Board.

The full ranking and accompanying analysis is available on a new interactive microsite designed for the 2016 Aid Transparency Index. The [microsite](#) includes detailed analysis of the results, downloadable profiles for each organization, index survey process data, the full datasets and tools that will allow you to explore the data. The full 2016 Aid Transparency Index report is also available for download [here](#).

### **Overview of UNICEF's Transparency Initiative**

Transparency is fundamental to organizational accountability and it is for this reason that UNICEF in 2012 became a signatory to the [International Aid Transparency Initiative \(IATI\)](#). This committed the organization to publicly disclose its information on aid spending and make it easier for all stakeholders to find, use and compare the data. UNICEF then adopted an ambitious IATI Implementation Schedule and put in place a series of measures – including a technical infrastructure that allows for efficient automation and publishing of data on IATI's public registry starting in 2013. Over the past three years, UNICEF has significantly scaled up

the quality and depth of programme and operational level data released to the public, making its publication more timely, comprehensive, forward-looking and accessible.

The information that UNICEF publishes to IATI is in full compliance with our [Information Disclosure policy](#) and great care is always taken not to release any information (e.g. names of implementing partners) that could endanger or violate the rights of individuals and our implementing partners. However, this data is derived from UNICEF's Data Warehouse and therefore, quality and completeness is heavily dependent on the data entries from each individual country, regional and HQ offices.

UNICEF's commitment to transparency has also been translated into actions beyond the organization. Collaborating with other stakeholders, the organization has been actively engaged in UN inter-agency efforts and is an active member of UNDG's Transparency Task Team. UNICEF was also recently appointed to the IATI Governing Board where it will contribute to efforts to move discourse beyond compliance to the Common Standard, to one where transparency underpins the delivery of development and humanitarian programmes, and drives global efforts for more efficient and effective use of aid.