Scorecard: Output reporting and accessibility

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0.94 / 4

2.8 / 4 – Output accessibility
- Is project-level data centralized and accessible?

0.0 / 4 – Ease of extraction
- Are project-level reports standardized and available in open formats?

0.0 / 4 – Output reporting clarity
- How frequently and consistently are outputs reported?

0.0 / 4 – Output Dataset Transparency
- Are tabular and/ or spatial datasets gathered and available?

1.9 / 4 – Output Reporting System
- Are there project-level reporting policies in place?

* Scores based on one-country sample (Ghana)

Comparison with other scored organizations

First round of scores complete	
World Bank	3.36
PEPFAR	3.32
DFID	3.26
MCC	2.62
USAID	2.6
DFATD	2.4
Global Fund	2.3
UNDP	2.28
WFP	2.22
IFAD	2.16
JICA	2.14
AfDB	2.04
DANIDA	2.02
UNICEF	1.92
WHO	1.42
FAO	**0.94**

Next steps/ suggested improvements:
1. Make project documentation publically available. Currently, none of the projects in our sample offered project documentation

      a. This documentation should include basic metadata such as project timeline, budget, and location

      b. The documentation should also include logic model/ results framework information such as inputs, activities, outputs, and outcomes

      c. Even better documentation would include geocoded information such as specific project sites disaggregated at the most local level possible

2. Clarify and expand on organizational expectations for project monitoring and reporting. Though the RBM handbook serves as a rough guide, it leaves out essential information on the who, how, and when of monitoring and reporting.

3. Construct monitoring templates and encourage all project teams to use these templates to report information in a standardized way

4. Consolidate project information across the website. Currently, project lists can only be found through the individual country pages (instead of the FAO main project page

      a. Information across these 2 pages is inconsistent; for example, the central project page is out of date and does not include the projects found on the list found on the Ghana page.

Subcomponent breakdown and justifications:

Category	Component	Score	Discussion
Monitoring Data Accessibility	Site Stability	3	At infrequent points through multiple visits to the site over the course of 4 months, the team experienced missing pages and slow load times.
	Site Navigability	1	Similar to UNDP's site, FAO's project lists and documentation systems are somewhat fragmented, making it difficult for users to quickly access agency-wide information in a quick, comprehensive matter. Project lists can only be found through the individual country pages (http://www.fao.org/ghana/programmes-and-projects/project-list/en/), instead of the FAO main project page (http://www.fao.org/tc/policy-support/list-of-projects/en/); in fact, this central project page is out of date and does not include the projects found on the list found on the Ghana page. This inconsistency makes it difficult to ensure we have generated an accurate and comprehensive project list. Furthermore, the FAO site as a whole is difficult to navigate, with subsection links non-intuitively spread on a top banner and a bottom banner on the site. Clear improvements could be made to the site to help users navigate to their intended information more efficiently, and to generate clearer information summaries once they arrive to those sections.
	Central Portal or Site	4	A project list is available on one central page (http://www.fao.org/ghana/programmes-and-projects/project-list/en/), and all evaluations are housed through a searchable database (http://www.fao.org/evaluation/oed-documents-and-reports/en/)
Ease of Automatic Monitoring Data Extraction	Use of Open Formats	0	None of the projects in our sample (0%) offered project documentation
	Distribution of Monitoring Template to Project Teams	0	None of the projects in our sample (0%) offered project documentation

	Use of Standardized Monitoring Template	0	None of the projects in our sample (0%) offered project documentation. Further, we could find no FAO-specific M&E policies, guidebooks, or resources that instruct field managers on how to record and report data.
Monitoring and Reporting Clarity	Legibility of Results Documentation	0	None of the projects in our sample (0%) offered project documentation
	Completeness of Monitoring Reporting	0	None of the projects in our sample (0%) offered project documentation
	Internal Consistency with Results Terminology	0	None of the projects in our sample (0%) offered project documentation
	Precision of Monitoring Reporting	0	None of the projects in our sample (0%) offered project documentation
Monitoring Dataset Transparency	Availability of Monitoring Datasets	0	None of the projects in our sample (0%) offered project documentation. Further, we could find no FAO-specific M&E policies, guidebooks, or resources that instruct field managers on how to record and report data.
	Accessibility of Monitoring Datasets	0	None of the projects in our sample (0%) offered project documentation
	Availability of Monitoring Spatial Data	0	None of the projects in our sample (0%) offered project documentation. Further, we could find no FAO-specific M&E policies, guidebooks, or resources that instruct field managers on how to record and report data.
	Accessibility of Monitoring Spatial Data	0	None of the projects in our sample (0%) offered project documentation
Monitoring and Reporting System	Standardized Terminology	4	FAO defines its results terminology in its Programme Implementation Report (http://www.fao.org/3/a-mp989e.pdf)
	Monitoring and Reporting Policy or Framework	1	Though FAO offers some explanation of its monitoring and reporting system in its RBM handbook (ftp://ftp.fao.org/docrep/fao/meeting/009/J4769e/J4769e06.pdf), this rough guide leaves out most essentially information on the who, how, and when of monitoring and reporting.
	Free Public Access to Monitoring Information Policy	0	We could not locate any FAO guide or policy that calls for public access to monitoring data. Furthermore, the central FAO Data Portal is no longer active (http://www.fao.org/data/en/).