



United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

OVERVIEW

UNICEF is the United Nations agency responsible for children, with offices in over 190 countries. UNICEF became an IATI member in 2012 and first published IATI data in 2013. UNICEF has been represented on the IATI Governing Board since 2016.

Good ▼2016: **Very Good** 2014: **Good** 2013: **Fair**

Due to a [methodology change](#) after 2016, rankings are not directly comparable with 2018

Organisational planning and
commitments
13.7 / 15

Finance and budgets
20.5 / 25

Project attributes
17.5 / 20

Joining-up development data
17.4 / 20

Performance
8.7 / 20

ANALYSIS

UNICEF is now included in the 'good' category.

UNICEF publishes to the IATI Registry on a monthly basis.

While all indicators are published in the IATI format, for some, quality issues were noticed as the information provided sometimes lacked granularity.

UNICEF performs well for all the indicators within the organisational planning component, namely organisation strategy, annual report, allocation policy, audit, procurement policy and country strategies.

UNICEF performs well too on all finance and budget indicators apart from project budget documents. These documents are published to IATI but are general documents and not specific to individual projects. They can only sometimes be found in other formats.

They also perform well on all project attributes indicators but sub-

national location which is provided in the IATI format but did not contain the required information. Sub-national location information, however, is consistently published in other formats.

UNICEF does generally well for the joining-up development indicators except for conditions and the procurement indicators, contracts and tenders as there only general information was provided to the IATI Registry. This information however is available in other formats.

UNICEF receives points for half of the indicators within the performance component. It has started publishing objectives in the IATI format and scores for results documents. UNICEF's results data is missing and information for the two other performance indicators, evaluations and pre-project impact appraisals, did not meet the definitions. While reviews and evaluations are provided for some of UNICEF's projects, no information at all is available for pre-project impact appraisals.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- UNICEF should ensure that its IATI data provides the most granular information, at the project level.
- It should focus on providing subnational location information on its development projects.
- It should consistently publish updated and detailed pre-project impact appraisals as well as project reviews and evaluations.
- To demonstrate the impact of transparency on development work, UNICEF should take responsibility to promote the use of the data they publish: internally, to promote coordination and effectiveness; and externally, to explore online and in-person feedback loops, including at country-level.