

46. The United Arab Emirates (UAE), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)

TOTAL

0.0%

SECTION A

COMMITMENT TO
AID TRANSPARENCY:

0/10

SECTION B

PUBLICATION
ORGANISATION LEVEL:

0/25

SECTION C

PUBLICATION
ACTIVITY LEVEL:

0/65

Overview

The UAE has been included for the first time in the 2016 Index. For the second consecutive time, the UAE was the biggest donor of foreign aid in 2014 according to the OECD-DAC (Development Assistance Committee). Initially scattered across more than forty units, foreign assistance delivery underwent significant changes. The Ministry of Cooperation and International Development merged with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in February 2016, following a major cabinet reshuffle. MOFA maintains overall responsibility for setting policy, geographical and sectoral priorities, as well as for implementation and assessment of the impact of the country's foreign aid programmes.

Challenges and room for improvement

- While some documents at the organisation level are sometimes made available on the organisation's website such as annual reports and country strategies, none of these are current or forward-looking documents.
- The UAE has a Foreign Aid Tracking Website, which provides accessible information on its development projects across the world. However, it does not contain any current data.
- In 2015, the UAE have been working to develop a new foreign assistance policy and to restructure the institutions responsible for aid delivery. The strategy is expected to be approved in the first half of 2016 and should put transparency and new reporting systems high on the agenda.

Recommendations

- The UAE should publish timely, comprehensive and forward-looking information on its foreign assistance in a comparable and open format.
- The UAE should work with the IATI Secretariat and start publishing both at the organisation and activity levels so that its flows are accurately represented.
- It should update its data portal to include current activities.

Have they met the Busan commitment on aid transparency?

☐ yes ☐ partly ☒ no

Donor Profile

2016 Index:
VERY POOR 0.0%

2014 Index:
N/A

2013 Index:
N/A

First published to IATI:
N/A

Frequency of publication	N/A
Indicators published to IATI	0/36
Activity budgets	Not published
Total budget	Not published
Disaggregated budgets	Not published

This table highlights the organisation's performance in providing timely, comprehensive and forward-looking aid data in a comparable and open format.

- Frequency of publication is measured by the IATI Dashboard.
- Comprehensiveness is measured against the indicators used in the Index at the organisation and activity levels and their publication in the open and comparable IATI Standard.
- Forward-looking budgets for the organisation and its development activities are measured by indicators 9, 10 and 33.