

37. United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN OCHA)

TOTAL

37.0%

SECTION A

COMMITMENT TO AID TRANSPARENCY:

3.29/10

SECTION B

PUBLICATION ORGANISATION LEVEL:

8.34/25

SECTION C

PUBLICATION ACTIVITY LEVEL:

25.41/65

Overview

OCHA is the part of the United Nations Secretariat responsible for bringing together humanitarian actors to ensure a coherent response to emergencies. OCHA focuses on delivering two mutually reinforcing goals: improving humanitarian action in the world's on-going crises, and increasing the effectiveness of response efforts by engaging with new partners and promoting new technologies and ideas. OCHA manages the Financial Tracking Service (FTS), a clearing house of information on humanitarian aid flows.

Achievements and progress

• Since the 2014 Index, OCHA published two additional indicators at the activity level, namely current status and aid type.

Challenges and room for improvement

- OCHA dropped down to the 'poor' category in the 2016 Index with a score of 37%.
- Its frequency of publication to the IATI registry went from monthly in 2014 down to less than quarterly for the 2016 Index.
- OCHA does not publish an organisation file to the IATI Registry.
 Planning information is available in a different format. Forward-looking budgets are not available at all.
- Fifteen indicators are not published in the IATI Standard, including important information such as actual dates and sub-national locations.

Recommendations

- OCHA should set an example on humanitarian data transparency by publishing comprehensive activity-level data to IATI's new humanitarian fields once the code lists are agreed in 2017.
- OCHA should publish an organisation file to the IATI Registry, which includes budgetary information and should increase its frequency of publication to daily during fast onset emergencies.
- OCHA should promote aid transparency and IATI as a core component of good humanitarian practice at the World Humanitarian Summit in May 2016 and among its implementing partners, ensuring that IATI data can automatically feed into the FTS.

Have they met the Busan commitment on aid transparency?

☐ yes ☐ partly

no

Donor Profile

2016 Index:

POOR 37.0%

2014 Index:

FAIR 41.3%

2013 Index: **FAIR** 41.7%

First published to IATI:

MARCH 2013

Frequency of publication	Less than quarterly
Indicators published to IATI	22/36
Activity budgets	IATI
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.