



# Towards the 2020 Aid Transparency Index

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# What is the Index

The only independent measure of aid transparency among the world's major development agencies. It measures transparency according to:

- Organisational planning and commitments
- Finance and budgets
- Project Attributes
- Joining up development standards
- Performance



# The Index is a giant quality check



Six months of  
work



45 agencies



At least 18,900 data  
fields/documents  
manually checked



A dedicated  
research team



35 indicators

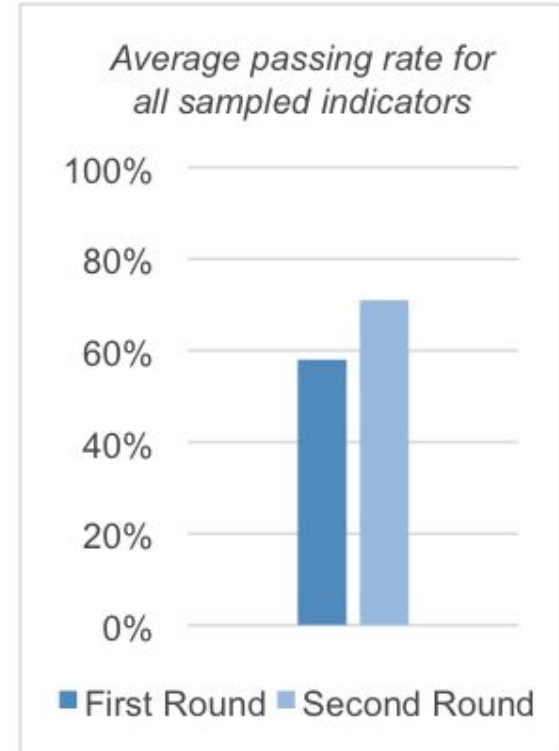


42 independent  
reviewers

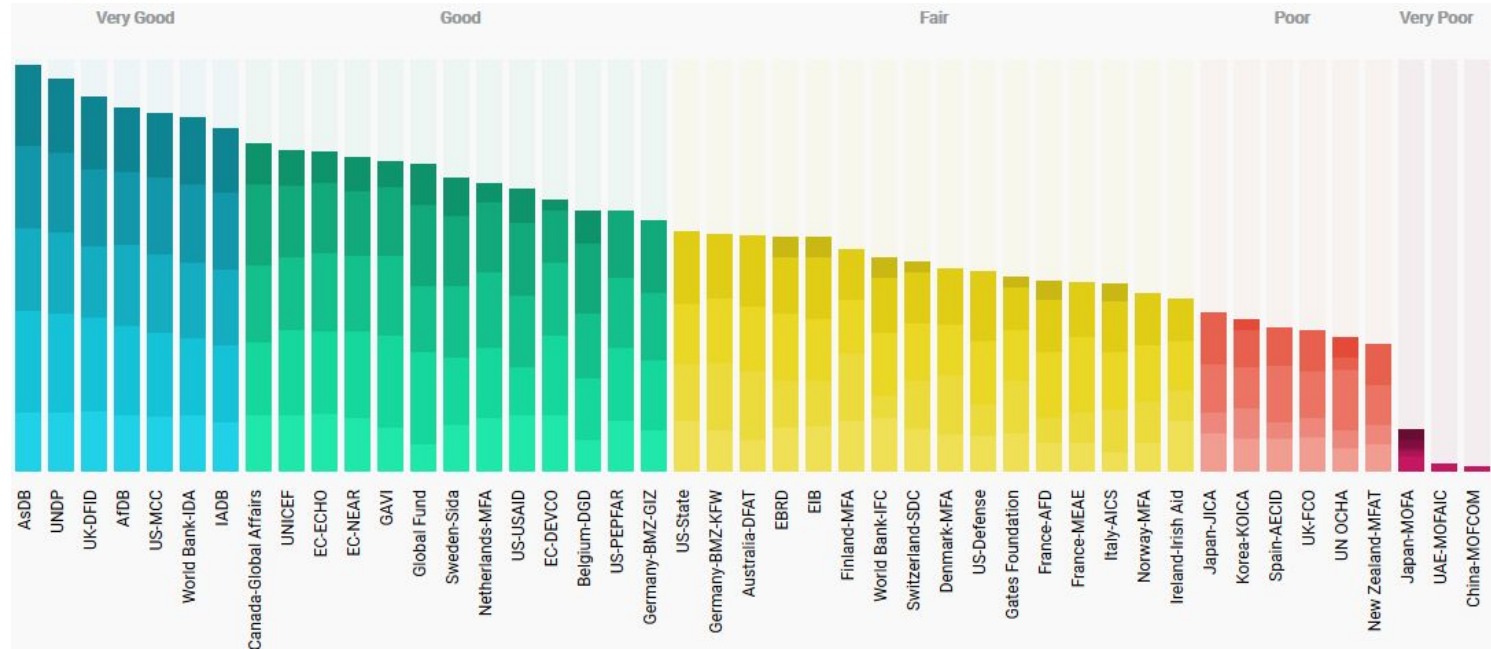
# The Index is a feedback, engagement and improvement tool

The consultative, two-stage nature of the process arguably represents the only feedback mechanism for donors, at present, regarding the quality of their IATI and other aid transparency data.

The chart to the right shows the impact of this feedback in the 2018 Index process.



# The Index is also a ranking



# Index 2018 - The Basics

Too many organisations fail on basic data quality issues:

- Incorrect activity dates and statuses
- Missing or invalid country codes
- Misleading transaction information
- Noisy data

LOCATIONS (1)		[ - ] HIDE
1. Afghanistan		
PLANNED START DATE 2016-10-01		ACTUAL START DATE 2016-10-01
PLANNED START DATE 2107-09-30		ACTUAL END DATE 2107-09-30

# Index 2018 - Results

The pieces of information critical to assess project and donor impact are the most difficult to find – if available at all

- Collectively, donors only score 27% on average for the performance component.

## **Director of a NGO platform in Cotonou, Benin**

*"We cannot play our watchdog role if we do not know what the objectives are, what results are expected. We have asked, for example, the European Union to share their log frame with us right at the beginning of their projects. That way, we have a roadmap we can follow."*

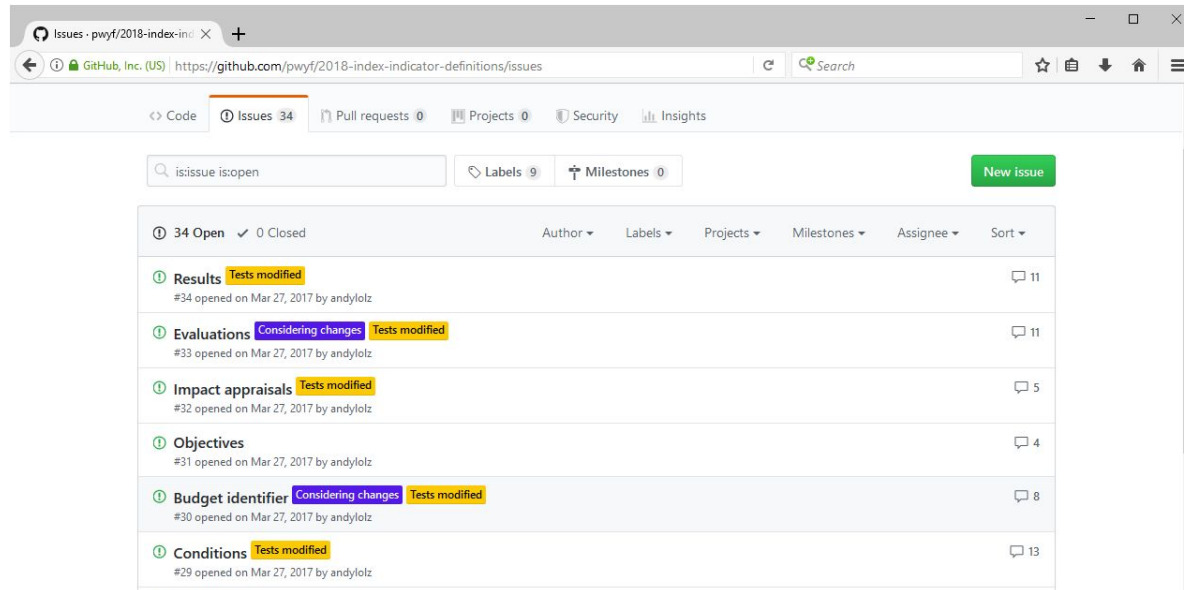
# 2020 Index - who will be assessed and when?

- Donor selection criteria remains the same as in 2018
- All donors from 2018 remain in the 2020 Index
- Two new donors have been added: Saudi Arabia (KSRelief) and Turkey (TIKA)
- This reflects the increasing participation of south-south donors and our continued focus on bilateral aid
- Data collection will start on 1st December 2019 and end on 30th March 2020. The Index report will be launched in June 2020



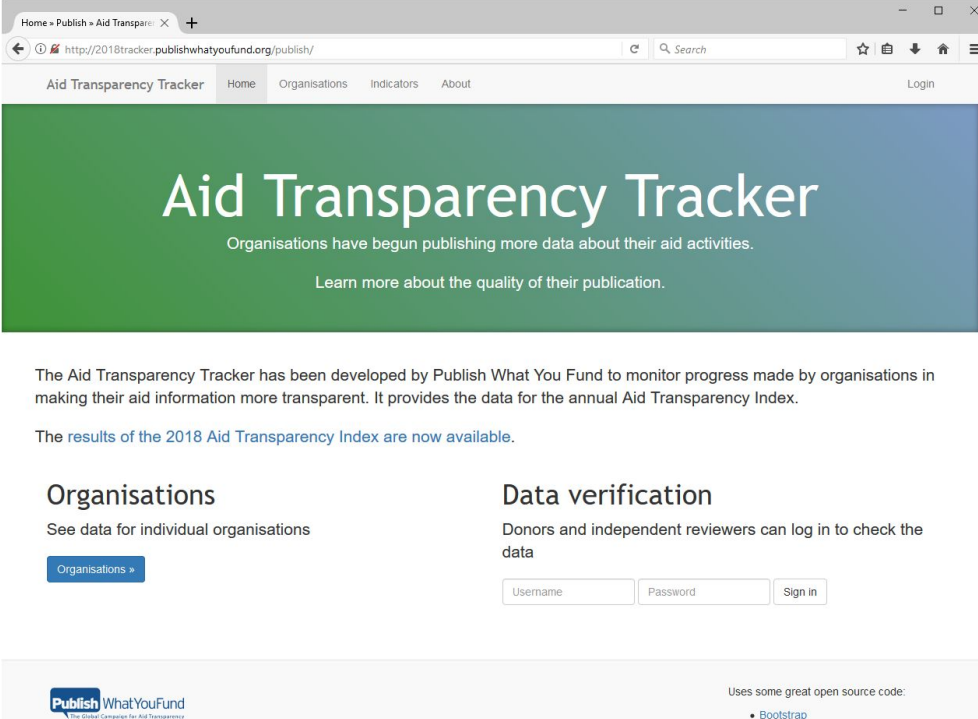
# Methodology

- The 2020 index will not feature any major changes to the index methodology.
- One indicator has been changed - Capital Spend -> Budget Alignment.
- Online consultation through Github is now live, running from 9<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> September.



# Engagement

- We have sent emails to our main contacts for all of the donors included in the Index.
- We will work with donors and independent reviewers during the data collection process.
- Get in touch if you have any questions about how to improve transparency!



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Aid Transparency Tracker website. The browser address bar displays the URL <http://2018tracker.publishwhatyoufund.org/publish/>. The navigation menu includes "Aid Transparency Tracker", "Home", "Organisations", "Indicators", "About", and "Login". The main content area features a green header with the title "Aid Transparency Tracker" and the subtext "Organisations have begun publishing more data about their aid activities. Learn more about the quality of their publication." Below this, a paragraph states: "The Aid Transparency Tracker has been developed by Publish What You Fund to monitor progress made by organisations in making their aid information more transparent. It provides the data for the annual Aid Transparency Index." A link is provided: "The results of the 2018 Aid Transparency Index are now available." The page is divided into two columns: "Organisations" with a button "Organisations »" and "Data verification" with a login form containing fields for "Username", "Password", and a "Sign in" button. The footer includes the "Publish WhatYouFund" logo and the text "Uses some great open source code: Bootstrap".

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