


Foreign Assistance Transparency and USG

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Aid is a precious resource

To get the most out of it we need more and better aid information. Working with organisations from around the world, we call on donors to publish what they fund.

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September 8, 2015

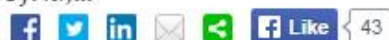
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U.S. and foreign assistance

- *My Administration is committed to creating an unprecedented level of openness in Government. We will work together to ensure the public trust and establish a system of transparency, public participation, and collaboration. Openness will strengthen our democracy and promote efficiency and effectiveness in Government.— President Obama, 2009.*
- The United States still remains the single largest bilateral donor of aid, yet for some of the poorest and most aid dependent countries, more than half of the U.S. Government's development flows are not published to the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI).
- The Foreign Assistance dashboard created in 2008 is the connecting tool between agencies data and the IATI Registry.
- The record on aid transparency is mixed. While some agencies have fully embraced the value of open aid and open data many others fall behind.

The Open Government Partnership

- The first National Action Plan directed all Federal agencies that administer foreign assistance to provide **timely and detailed information on budgets, disbursements, and project implementation**. These must be in a set of common data fields that are **internationally comparable**.
- The second National Action Plan directed agencies managing or implementing U.S. foreign assistance to establish an automated and timely process for publishing foreign aid data to ForeignAssistance.gov. ... Agencies will work to add or expand detailed, timely, and high-quality foreign assistance data to ForeignAssistance.gov.
- A third National Action Plan is now being developed and will be presented in Mexico in October. A model commitment has been submitted to USG. It calls for:
 - Goal 1: **Improve quality of foreign assistance** data collected and published.
 - Goal 2: **Increase the accessibility, understanding and use** of open data by all stakeholders

The International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI)



**Multi-
Stakeholder**

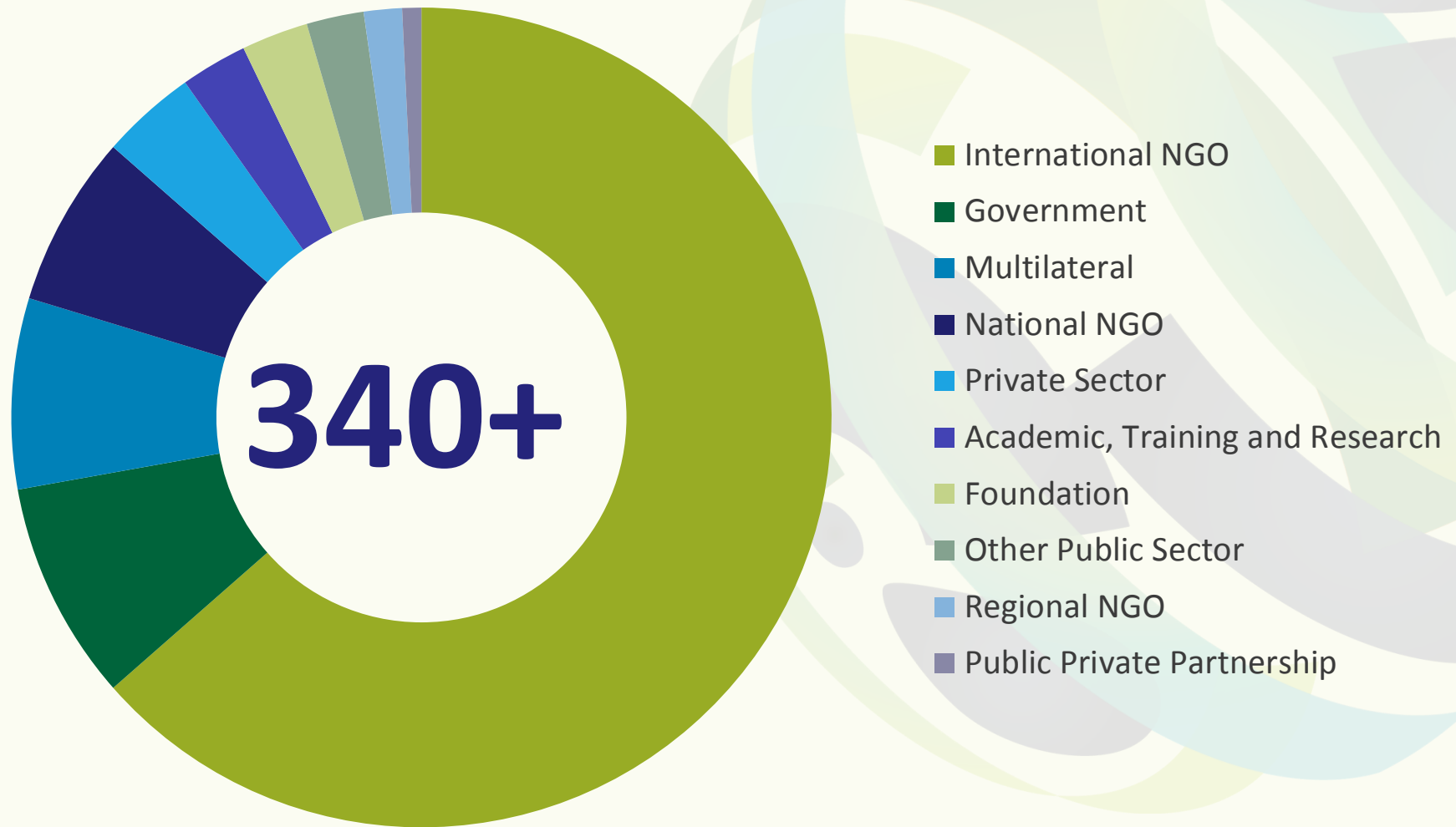


**Common
Standard**



**Single point
of access**

What kind of organizations are publishing to IATI?



PUBLISH WHAT YOU FUND

If you produce data, publish it.
 If you have data, use it.
 If you don't have data, demand it.

In 2013, for 10 of the most aid dependent countries

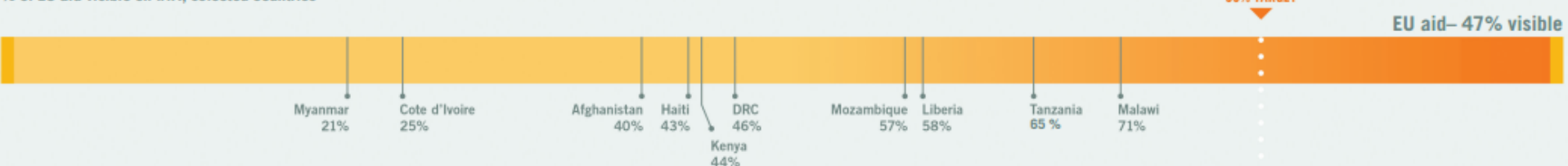
\$4.8bn of EU aid was not visible

\$2.8bn of U.S. aid was not visible

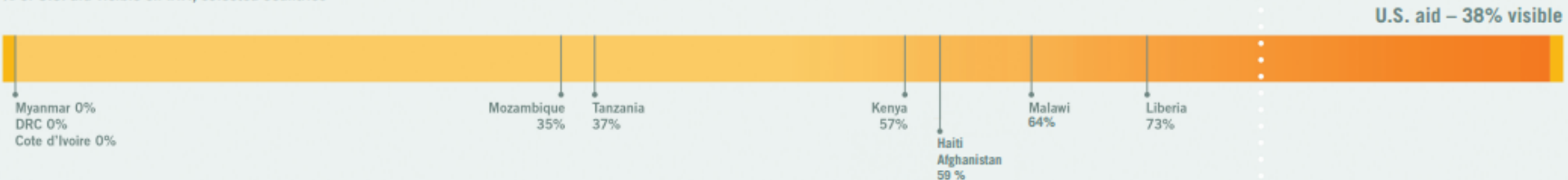
\$13.4bn of official donor aid was not visible

There may be aid money coming in, but if that money is not published in one place, on time and in full, then it is hard for governments to plan, donors to coordinate and civil society to hold them accountable. We believe over 80% of aid needs to be visible for it to be useful.

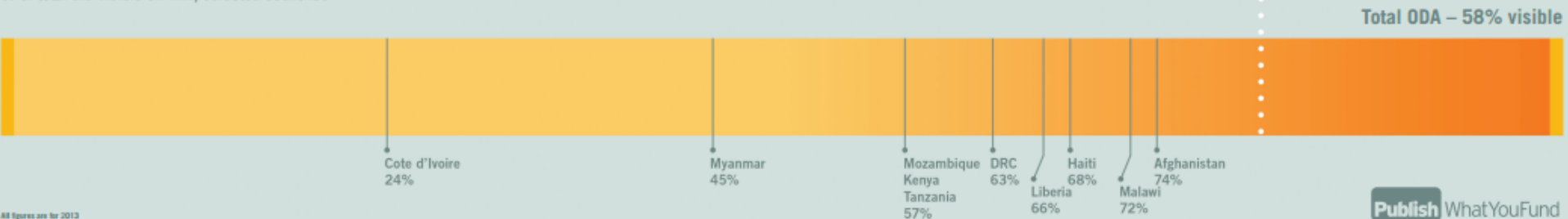
% of EU aid visible on IATI, selected countries



% of U.S. aid visible on IATI, selected countries



% of total aid visible on IATI, selected countries



All figures are for 2013
 1. Data sources: OECD DAC's Creditor Reporting System and O-portal. Full data available at: www.odatao2015.org/portaldata

U.S. Aid Transparency Review

ON TRACK		OFF TRACK		
VERY GOOD 80-100%	GOOD 60-79%	FAIR 40-59%	POOR 20-39%	VERY POOR 0-19%
MCC 86.8	USAID 62.7	PEPFAR 56.5 State 41.3	Treasury 34.0 Defense 23.2	

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