



Principled Aid Index

Changes to indicators – 2023 update

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Note: ODI's Principled Aid Index measures the 29 bilateral Development Assistance Committee (DAC) donors' motivations for providing official development assistance (ODA). The Index ranks donors according to whether their foreign aid allocations support a principled or parochial national interest. A full summary of the indicators, scoring and aggregation, and data testing and approaches used for the Index can be found here:

https://cdn.odi.org/media/documents/pai_technical_annex_final.pdf

This 2023 update details the changes to the indicators outlined in the aforementioned summary.

Changes to results on previous years

There are three reasons why results for previous years might be different to the previous edition:

1. Underlying data was changed retrospectively – the largest of these are noted below
2. Small errors
3. Minor changes to two indicators

Indicator	Type of change	Detail
1A	Data	Poverty HCRs have changed substantially since the last edition. See: https://blogs.worldbank.org/opendata/april-2022-global-poverty-update-world-bank
1E	Data	We switched to a second (expanded) list of SFCCs for all years. See: https://odi.org/en/publications/financing-the-end-of-extreme-poverty-2019-update/ We switched for all years to avoid a discontinuity in 2019.
2C	Error	Corrected error with the exchange rate for Luxembourg.

3A	Feedback	Previously, the 'untied' component of this indicator was the proportion of contracts awarded to companies from the donor country as a share of total contract value. We switched to the value of these contracts out of total ODA.
3B	Feedback	Previously, if two countries are never at the same votes, then they were counted as agreeing on 0% of votes. In this edition, these pairs of countries are not included in the calculation.

Notes on additional years

Indicator	Type of change	Detail
2C	Data unavailability	OECD DAC External Development Finance Statistics on Climate Change are currently only published up until 2020, so we have used 2020 spending as a proxy for 2021.
3A	Data unavailability	Data on contracts in 2021 has not been published yet, so we use contracts from 2020 as a proxy.