

Foreign Assistance Data Reporting Guide for ForeignAssistance.gov Users



This guide is intended to provide users with an overview of the foreign assistance data published to ForeignAssistance.gov for the Inter-American Foundation (IAF). This guide is updated on an annual basis, with the last update occurring in October 2016. Any limitations to the agency-reported data are noted in Section 4 of this document.

1. Summary of IAF's Foreign Assistance Portfolio

The Inter-American Foundation (IAF) is an independent agency that promotes and invests in citizen-led initiatives in Latin America and the Caribbean to help communities realize opportunities and solve their own problems. IAF's foreign assistance serves U.S. interests by creating economic opportunities, building more secure communities, and improving social inclusion and citizens' participation in democratic practices. Communities that are safe, economically vibrant, and have an engaged citizenry help build stronger U.S. alliances.

All of the agency's programs relate to foreign assistance and are reported to ForeignAssistance.gov (FA.gov) as described below.

TREASURY ACCOUNT CODE	TREASURY ACCOUNT TITLE	MANAGING OFFICE	TIMEFRAME REPORTED	REPORTED	NOT YET REPORTED	% OF TOTAL FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PORTFOLIO
11 3100	Inter-American Foundation	Inter-American Foundation	2009 - Present	X		78
11X3100	Inter-American Foundation	Inter-American Foundation	2009 - Present	X		21
19-72X1037	U.S Department of State, Economic Support Fund	Inter-American Foundation	2009 - 2016	X		1

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2. Data Source

IAF's transaction data set on FA.gov includes all obligational, expenditure, and disbursement data sourced from the IAF's financial management (Oracle Discoverer) and grants management systems (GEMS) on a quarterly basis. IAF's financial system of record pulls in data from other financial systems, such as those specific to procurement (PRISM), travel (CGE), and purchase cards.

TREASURY ACCOUNT CODE	TREASURY ACCOUNT TITLE	SOURCE SYSTEM	SYSTEM TYPE	TRANSACTION TYPE	AID TYPE
11 3100 11X3100 19-72X1037	Inter-American Foundation (IAF), Economic Support Fund	Oracle Discoverer	Financial/Accounting	Obligations Disbursements Expenditures	Contracts, Grants, Personnel & Travel Expenses
11X3100 11 3100 19-72X1037	Inter-American Foundation (IAF), Economic Support Fund	GEMS	Grants Management System	Obligations Disbursements	Grants

3. Data Reporting

The transactional data is primarily comprised of obligations, expenditures, and disbursements specific to grants and contracts, as they represent the vast majority of IAF's foreign assistance spending. The data is aggregated and reviewed on a quarterly basis, and submitted to State for ingestion and publication on FA.gov. The base year for IAF's data set is 2009.

4. Data Reporting Limitations

The IAF's foreign assistance data set is robust, but does have some limitations as described below:

- IAF's planned data represents the agency's annual appropriation and apportioned Social Progress Trust Funds (SPTF) by year, and does not include any non-governmental funds received by the IAF as donations from the private sector.
- The IAF's Financial System (Oracle Discoverer) does not capture all of the data fields mandated by OMB Bulletin 12-01 including: Implementing Agent Country of Origin, Implementing Agent Type, and Implementing Mechanism Purpose Statement.

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- The IAF's Grants Management System (GEMS) does not capture all of the data fields mandated by OMB Bulletin 12-01 including Implementing Agency's DUNS and Award Status. Only DUNS and Award Status captured in the financial systems are represented in the IAF data set.
- One award can have multiple transactions over multiple years; thus, the sum of disbursements and obligations, for any given quarter, will not be equal.
- IAF aggregates all payroll, travel, and purchase card transactions to remove personally identifiable information and reduce transactional volume.
- Unavailable data has been left blank, or indicated with a "N/A" for "Not Available", indicative of data that was unavailable in either the grants management and/or financial system at the time the data was reported.

5. Next Steps

To address the data limitations and increase the robustness of the dataset, the IAF has:

- Begun the process of developing a new grants management system that, as one of its requirements, is designed to meet the reporting requirements of OMB Bulletin 12-01, which includes adding fields for Implementing Agency's DUNS and Award Status. The new system is scheduled to go live in FY 2017.
- Worked closely with Department of State to design specific rules and logic that will allow the agency to submit data not systematically provided by their financial system. The IAF plans to finalize and implement these rules in FY 2017.