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 Department of Labor. 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 Department of Labor's Foreign Assistance Portfolio

The Department of Labor's (DOL) Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB) implements both technical assistance and technical cooperation projects and activities. Technical assistance consists of grant-funded, multi-year projects of substantial scope. The projects focus on improving worker rights and livelihoods for vulnerable populations and reducing child labor and forced labor, as stipulated explicitly by congressional mandates for ILAB grant programs. These grant programs represent a substantial portion of ILAB's resources, both budget and staff. Technical cooperation and policy engagement takes the form of capacity-building for the benefit of foreign governments and "social partners" (i.e., workers and employers organizations) through training or consultations on topics including inspections and enforcement of labor standards and acceptable conditions of work, elimination of child labor and forced labor, and occupational safety and health. ILAB engages with priority countries for U.S. international labor policies, including some of the most significant and substantial labor markets in the world.

All ILAB technical assistance and technical cooperation programs are reported to ForeignAssistance.gov.

Treasury Account Code	Treasury Account Title	Managing Office	Timeframe Reported	Reported	Not Yet Reported	% of Total Foreign Assistance Portfolio
160165	Departmental Management – Salaries and Expenses	Bureau of International Labor Affairs	FY2016-Present	X		100

2. Data Source

Treasury Account Code	Treasury Account Title	Source System	System Type	Transaction Type	Aid Type
160165	Departmental Management – Salaries and Expenses	E-Grants	DOL's Grantee reporting system	Obligations Disbursements Expenditures	Grants
160165	Departmental Management – Salaries and Expenses	New Core Financial Management System Program (NCFMS)	DOL's core financial management system	Obligations Disbursements Expenditures	Grants

3. Data Reporting

The data made available on ForeignAssistance.gov is drawn from DOL's E-grants Grantee Reporting System. DOL Grantees are required to submit an SF425 (Federal Financial Form) to E-grants on a quarterly basis. The SF425 captures the Grantee's obligations, disbursements, and expenditures. The data provided to ForeignAssistance.gov includes all new obligations, disbursements, and expenditures. The data is collected and verified by two ILAB program staff at the end of each quarter. All data is entered manually into an Excel spreadsheet and then transmitted to ForeignAssistance.gov via email.

4. Data Reporting Limitations

DOL's one known data gap is an internal limitation for individual Award Transaction data. This information is not readily accessible to the staff producing the data for ForeignAssistance.gov.   Beginning in FY2016/Q1, ILAB started reporting quarterly cash disbursements submitted by grantees through DOL's E-grants Grantee Reporting system.   ILAB is working with the Department's Finance Office to determine how to best collect the data that should be reported to this category.