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Creditor Reporting System (CRS) Aid Activity Database

Purpose

Provide Members of the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) and the international aid community a set of readily available basic data that enables analysis on where aid goes, what purposes it serves and what policies it aims to implement. The DAC uses the data for consideration of specific policy issues and for monitoring donors' compliance with various international recommendations in the field of development co-operation. Outside the DAC, the data is mainly used to analyse the sectoral and geographical breakdown of aid for selected years and donors or groups of donors.

Objectives and outputs

Improve consistency, presentation and coverage to reflect current development: co-operation priorities and classifications. Update reporting guidance to maintain comparable statistics and widen data dissemination to avoid a proliferation of parallel international reporting systems.

Publications

International Development Statistics (IDS)

Regional Aid Activity Reports (5 annual volumes plus a volume every year on a specific theme, e.g. "Aid for Water and Sanitation" for the World Water Summit in March 2003)

Databases

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Main Developments for 2003

General aspects:

Prepare a User's Guide.

Data collection:

Implement revised Reporting Directives.

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Official and Private Resource Flows from DAC Members to Developing and Transition Countries

Purpose

The Development Assistance Committee (DAC) database provides comprehensive data on the volume, origin and types of aid and other resource flows to over 180 aid recipients, including countries in transition. The data shows each aid recipient's receipts of official development assistance (ODA) or official aid (OA), other official flows and private flows from Members of the DAC, multilateral agencies and other non-DAC donors.

Objectives and outputs

To provide timely and comprehensive statistics of official and private flows to all countries and territories on the DAC List of aid recipients. Improve consistency, presentation and coverage to reflect current development co-operation priorities and classifications.

Update reporting guidance to maintain comparable statistics and improve reporting and comparability of statistics on the tying status of aid.

Support work on changing patterns of development finance and the increasing role of private flows.

Publications

Development Co-operation Report - Statistical Annex

Geographical Distribution of Financial Flows to Aid Recipients

International Development Statistics (IDS)

Databases

Database on official and private resource flows from DAC Members to developing countries and countries in transition

Main Developments for 2003

General aspects:

Preparation of a User's Guide.

Development

PARIS21 Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century

Purpose

PARIS21 is a unique partnership of national, regional and international statisticians, policy makers, analysts, development professionals and other users of statistics, including civil society. It has been established as a global forum and network to promote, influence and facilitate statistical capacity-building activities and the better use of statistics. PARIS21 is not itself an operational agency. It acts as a catalyst, building on existing work and processes.

Objectives and outputs

PARIS21 Consortium activities are concentrated on regional and national workshops to stimulate programmes in countries required to prepare a poverty reduction strategy paper. The workshops and follow-on national programmes will assist countries to maximise the effectiveness of existing data by bringing together policy makers and statisticians to discuss the immediate and longer-term information needs for setting and monitoring policy in the context of poverty reduction strategies. The project aims to provide developing countries with the resources they need to prepare a sequenced information strategy to build sustainable capacity in the longer term.

PARIS21 has five task teams that bring together professionals interested in particular aspects of statistical capacity-building under a volunteer Convenor. These task teams are: Advocacy; Indicators of statistical capacity-building; Strategic statistical development plans; Improved statistical support for monitoring development goals; Tools and methods; Census; Agricultural and rural statistics.

Publications

PARIS21 Newsletter

Databases

Statistical Capacity Building for Developing and Transition Countries

Main Developments for 2003

General aspects:

No major changes.