Data Dictionary for complete ForeignAssistance.gov dataset

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Field Name	Field Description
Country ID	Internal ID for the recipient country. Based on the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 3-digit numeric country codes; 4-digit codes are created for geographic entities not assigned an ISO code (i.e. Kosovo for a country, and Sub-Saharan Africa for a region). where available the ID is the ISO 3-digit numeric country code.
Country Code	ISO Alpha 3 Country Code
Country Name	This is the specific target beneficiary of U.S. foreign assistance. A 'country' listed on ForeignAssistance.gov is either an entity named and classified as an "Independent State" by the U.S. Department of State, or a geographic regional recipient with the suffix "Region". Activities reported under the 'Asia Region' or the 'Asia, Middle East and North Africa Region' are grouped under the 'World' region because these two regions do not fit within the Department of State regions used in ForeignAssistance.gov visualizations.
Region ID	Internal ID for region of the recipient country
Region Name	Geographic region name the recipient country or targeted geographic regional recipient is grouped by.
Income Group ID	Internal ID for World Bank Income Group
Income Group Name	World Bank Income Group Name
Income Group Acronym	World Bank Income Group Acronym
Managing Agency ID	Internal ID for the U.S. Government Agency managing the activity
Managing Agency Acronym	U.S. Government Agency managing the activity, Acronym
Managing Agency Name	U.S. Government Agency managing the activity, full name - The agency which actually obligates and disburses the U.S. foreign assistance, either directly or via an implementing partner entity. The managing agency for a foreign assistance activity may or may not differ from the appropriated (funding) agency.
Managing Sub-agency or Bureau ID	Internal ID for the office, bureau, department, or subagency with the USG agency managing the activity or project
Managing Sub-agency or Bureau Acronym	Acronym of the office, bureau, department, or subagency within the USG agency implementing the activity
Managing Sub-agency or Bureau Name	Name of the office, bureau, department, or subagency within the USG agency managing the activity - This is the specific office or department (organizational unit) within the agency that obligates and disburses the U.S. foreign assistance. In the case of Department of State and USAID, this data field represents the bureau within the organization.
Implementing Partner Category ID	Internal ID for the category of the implementing channel
Implementing Partner Category Name	Broad categories for channels of delivery; like multilateral, USG Agency, NGOs, etc The categories are used for reporting and answering requests. There are three levels for channels: categories, sub-category, and channels.
Implementing Partner Subcategory ID	Internal ID for the sub-categories of the implementing channel
Implementing Partner Subcategory Name	A more detailed break-out of the broad categories for channels of delivery. For example, NGOs are broken out as U.S., non-US, and international. The sub-categories are used for reporting and answering requests. There are three levels for channels: categories, sub-category, and channels.
Implementing Partner ID	Internal ID for the implementing partner

Implementing Partner Name	Also considered the channel of delivery (OECD/DAC, IATI, and TOSSD term). The government agency, private firm, organization or other party that receives the funds from an Implementing Agency to carry out specific U.S. foreign assistance work. For example: an organization or party that has an assistance (grant/agreement/compact) or acquisition (contract) relationship with the Implementing Agency to use foreign assistance funds; a country's government or ministry that receives a direct contribution from the U.S. government; a U.S. government agency or entity that directly carries out the foreign assistance work.
International Category ID	Internal ID for the Category of the purpose of the activity.
International Category Name	ForeignAssistance.gov aggregates foreign assistance International sectors (defined under "Sectors, International") into broader areas: Agriculture, Commodity Assistance, Economic Growth, Education, Governance, Health and Population, Humanitarian, Infrastructure, and Other. Sector categories are divided into sectors which are further divided into purposes.
International Sector Code	The DAC CRS 3-digit code used for sector of destination. The first 3-digits of the 5-digit purpose code.
International Sector Name	Foreign assistance is categorized by distinct sectors that describe what the program does (e.g. health, energy, agriculture). The international sector classification is based on the international standard maintained at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's Development Assistance Committee (OECD/DAC). Sectors are aggregations of 'purposes of aid.' Data is classified into one of several distinct sectors that describes what the program does and enables the aggregation, comparison, and analysis of data without double counting.
International Purpose Code	Code used for recording information on the purpose of individual aid activities.
International Purpose Name	The inherent purpose or objective of a foreign assistance activity (e.g., basic nutrition, public finance management, or telecommunications). The 'purpose' classification follows the international standard maintained by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's Development Assistance Committee (OECD/DAC). https://www.oecd.org/dac/stats/purposecodessectorclassification.htm. 'Purposes of aid' are components of assistance sectors.
Funding Account ID	The Treasury Account Symbol (TAS) refers to the account identification codes assigned by the Department of the Treasury to individual appropriation, receipt, or other fund accounts. https://www.fiscal.treasury.gov/fsreports/ref/fastBook/fastbook_home.htm
Funding Account Name	Congress appropriates foreign assistance funding into more than 20 accounts, each with its own authorizing language specifying the purpose of the account, and the authorized uses for the funds within it.
Funding Agency ID	The internal ID of the agency to which funds for U.S. foreign assistance were appropriated, with the exception of the Executive Office of the President (EOP). For foreign assistance appropriated through EOP, the agency actually obligating the aid (USAID, Department of State, Department of Treasury, etc.) is reported as the funding agency.
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Funding Agency Acronym	The acronym of the agency to which funds for U.S. foreign assistance were appropriated, with the exception of the Executive Office of the President (EOP). For foreign assistance appropriated through EOP, the agency actually obligating the aid (USAID, Department of State, Department of Treasury, etc.) is reported as the funding agency.

USG Sector ID	Internal ID for U.S. Government sector name
USG Sector Name	A sector framework developed for U.S. government foreign assistance reporting across agencies. It is initially based upon the Department of State, Office of Foreign Assistance's Standardized Program Structure and Definitions (SPSD).
Foreign Assistance Objective ID	The basic classification of assistance the U.S. Overseas Loans and Grants (Greenbook) report; a distinction between economic assistance and military assistance.
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Aid Type Group ID	Internal ID of type of aid classification
Aid Type Group Name	Foreign assistance is also categorized using an international standard maintained by the OECD/DAC, which describes the type of assistance. Examples of 'aid type' include: project-type interventions, experts and other technical assistance, debt relief, and administrative costs. Derived from DAC Aid Types and other reporting requirements. For reference see the Methodology for Converged Statistical Reporting Directives.http://www.oecd.org/dac/stats/methodology.htm
Activity ID	Internal ID of implementing activity
Submission ID	Internal ID for U.S. Government data submission from a department, bureau, office, or program
Activity Name	The name of the assistance project, program, cash transfer, delivery of goods, training course, research project, debt relief operation, or contribution to an international organization.
Activity Project Number	The unique identifier used by the financial systems of the reporting agency for the implementing activity or mechanism; example the award number the submitting agency uses to internally track the activity.
Activity Start Date	The start date identified in the implementing activity or mechanism.
Activity End Date	The end date identified in the implementing activity or mechanism.
Transaction Type ID	Internal ID for the transaction type
Transaction Type Name	Describes the transaction – e.g. President's Budget Request, Appropriated and Planned, obligation, and disbursement.
Fiscal Year	A term that is used to differentiate a budget or financial year from the calendar year. The fiscal year of the United States Government begins on October 1 and ends on September 30 and is designated by the calendar year in which it ends. Prior to FY1977, the U.S. fiscal year ran from July 1 through June 30. The three-month transition period in 1976 (July 1 through September 30) is treated as a distinct reporting period '1976TQ'.
Current Amount	\$US
Constant Amount	Constant \$US
Numeric Year	Numeric value of fiscal year - the 1976 transitional quarter is assigned 1976.9