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**Summary**

The US launch of the Publish What You Fund 2012 Aid Transparency Index was held on 1 October 2012. The Index highlights that AusAID has 'improved remarkably' in its transparency score, the third largest increase of the 72 donor agencies assessed.

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3. The report shows AusAID improving from a 2011 ranking of 36th to a 2012 ranking of 18th, the third largest improvement of all donors. The report praises AusAID for improving its publication of activity level data but recommends it improve its publication of country-level documents such as MoUs and evaluations. It also recommends that Australia consider joining the Open Government Partnership. AusAID's full report is available at <http://www.publishwhatyoufund.org/index/2012-index/australia>.

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7. The full 2012 Aid Transparency report can be viewed  
at [http://www.publishwhatyoufund.org/files/2012-Aid-Transparency-Index\\_web-singles.pdf](http://www.publishwhatyoufund.org/files/2012-Aid-Transparency-Index_web-singles.pdf).

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