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 Justice (DOJ). This guide is updated on an annual basis, with the last update occurring in May 2020. Any limitations to the agency-reported data are noted in Section 4 of this document.

1. Summary of DOJ's Foreign Assistance Portfolio

The Department of Justice (DOJ) does not receive any appropriations specifically for foreign assistance. However, DOJ does conduct a wide range of international activities within its appropriations and a small portion of these can be considered foreign assistance.

To assist our partners around the world, DOJ works with foreign governments to develop professional and transparent law enforcement institutions that protect human rights, combat corruption, and reduce the threat of transnational organized crime and terrorism. The Department provides assistance through planning, advising, mentoring, capacity building, and partnerships. In addition, the Department provides significant levels of training for our foreign counterparts including training for foreign police agencies at the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) training facilities in Quantico, Virginia and training on-site in the host countries on a range of issues from intelligence analysis and counterterrorism investigations to white collar crime and organized crime.

Moreover, DOJ works in close partnership with the U.S. Department of State (DOS), the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the Department of Defense (DoD), and the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC). These agencies provide funding for some of the Department's programs.

DOJ does not request or receive direct appropriations for foreign assistance activities. However, some DOJ components such as the FBI and DEA do provide training to our international partners here in the United States, such as the FBI Academy, or aboard such as through the International Law enforcement Academy (ILEA) or at their own facilities. Through international training, we provide training that build our foreign partners' capacity to combat crime, encourage information flow, and enhance their expertise and skill levels, which ultimately aid in furthering operational and investigative efforts. DOJ components do not directly request or budget for these trainings in their appropriations, but they are essential in carrying out their missions and responsibilities.

Funding for these activities comes from the following accounts:

TREASURY ACCOUNT CODE	TREASURY ACCOUNT TITLE	TIMEFRAME REPORTED	REPORTED
15X0700	Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)	FY2015 – Present	Yes
15X0128	Criminal Division (CRM)	FY2015-Present	Yes
15X0128	Criminal Division/International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program (ICITAP)	FY2015-Present	Yes
15X0128	Criminal Division - Overseas Prosecutorial Development Assistance and Training (OPDAT)	FY2015-Present	Yes
15X1100	Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)	FY2015-Present	Yes
15X0128	Environment and Natural Resources Division (ENRD)	FY2016-Present	Yes
15X0200	Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)	FY2015 - Present	Yes
15X0128	INTERPOL	FY2015-Present	Yes
15X0324	U.S. Marshals Service (USMS)	FY2015-Present	Yes
15X0129	Rule of Law Office (ROL)	FY2020-Present	Yes

2. Data Source

SOURCE SYSTEM	SYSTEM TYPE	TRANSACTION TYPE	AID TYPE
UFMS	Financial management system	Obligations Disbursements	Interagency Transfers
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3. Data Reporting

The data made available on ForeignAssistance.gov is drawn primarily from two different financial systems. The Financial Management Information System (FMIS) is the legacy system and the Unified Financial Management System (UFMS) is the financial system onto which DOJ components are migrating through 2021. Most DOJ components, including ATF, CRM, DEA, ENRD, FBI, INTERPOL, ROL and USMS are using UFMS, while some are still operating under the legacy system (FMIS).

Present and future data will be drawn from UFMS as all the reporting components have been migrated to UFMS in 2018.

All data is entered into an Excel spreadsheet and then transmitted to ForeignAssistance.gov via email.

4. Data Reporting Limitations

Some of the fields are not applicable as DOJ does not receive a direct appropriation specifically for foreign assistance. Additionally, DOJ reports up to 53 data fields at this time. Moreover, the data are not easily pulled from the financial systems and often require significant staff time to gather the necessary data and manually enter the data into the Excel spreadsheet.