

Open Data Plan

The U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) is committed to leveraging data to fulfill its mission. Pursuant to the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018 (Evidence Act), DFC recognizes the critical importance of public engagement and transparency and is committed to making its data assets and Open Data Plan accessible to the public.

DFC’s Office of the Chief Data & Analytics Officer (OCDAO) is tasked with implementing Title II of the Evidence Act, also called the OPEN Government Data Act (OGDA). DFC’s Open Data Plan addresses an OGDA requirement and satisfies requirements in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memorandum M-25-05 regarding public data asset dissemination.¹ The OPEN Data Plan incorporates a forward-looking approach and will be updated annually, as stipulated by the statute. In alignment with OGDA requirements, DFC is refining its data collection processes to ensure data is collected in an open format.² The agency is expanding collaboration with stakeholders to enhance the usability of its data. These initiatives, coupled with efforts to develop and implement enhanced data governance, modernize data infrastructure, and foster a data culture, will enable DFC to better meet public demand for its data.

OGDA Open Data Requirements

Per OGDA requirements, DFC’s Open Data Plan describes its efforts across six categories, sharing a long-term vision, list of ongoing activities, and out-year plans for each:

1. Data Collection Mechanisms

Vision: Continued DFC data collection in predominantly open formats that are non-proprietary, machine-readable, and accessible to the public without restrictions.

Ongoing Activities: DFC is assessing its current data collection processes and establishing a Data Governance Committee (DGC), which will be responsible for ensuring compliance with applicable open data laws and regulations.

¹ OMB M-25-05 provided guidance on agency Open Data Plans. See Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, OMB M-25-05 [Phase 2 Implementation of the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018: Open Government Data Access and Management Guidance](#) (2025).

² Per OMB M-25-05, “Open format means a file format for storing digital data where that format is platform independent and machine readable, and is maintained (A) at no cost to the public; and (B) with no restrictions on copying, publishing, distributing, transmitting, citing, or adapting such format.”

Out-Year Plan: DFC will review its data collection processes and ensure that new proposals adhere to OGDA requirements. As part of this ongoing assessment, the OCDAO will consult with the DGC, once established, to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

2. Collaboration with the Public

Vision: DFC actively engages with the public about DFC's data publications to ensure appropriate data timeliness and granularity as well as promote their broader use.

Ongoing Activities: In response to stakeholders' requests for additional project and program information, enhancements are being implemented to DFC's quarterly Active Projects Database report and the Annual Downloadable Spreadsheet report, focusing on increasing accessibility, content richness, and compatibility.

Out-Year Plan: DFC will continue its engagement with the public to ensure ongoing collaboration and feedback, particularly regarding prioritization of increased or enhanced public data assets. Additionally, DFC will connect with other agencies to learn about their Open Data Catalogs.

3. Data Asset Usage Evaluation and Point of Contact

Vision: DFC has a strong understanding of how data assets are being accessed and utilized by the public and maintains KPIs to monitor and identify opportunities to optimize usage.

Ongoing Activities: DFC is assessing existing usage reports from its website to evaluate the utilization of data assets and introducing data@dfc.gov as the primary data point of contact.

Out-Year Plan: Develop Key Performance Indicators to analyze and measure data usage and provide insights into the popularity of specific datasets. Continue to monitor engagement with the public and refine DFC's data offerings and engagement strategies.

4. Data Quality Evaluation and Improvement

Vision: All public data and reports undergo review and refinement for adherence to DFC policies and applicable laws before public release.

Ongoing Activities: DFC is establishing an agency DGC to ensure adherence to OGDA requirements on the timeliness, completeness, consistency, accuracy, usefulness, and availability

of open Government data assets.³ Standard metadata tags and categories are being established to enhance data searchability.⁴

Out-Year Plan: OCDAO’s Data Strategy lays out a multi-year plan to establish and refine data quality standards, metrics, and improvement processes between fiscal years 2025 and 2027.

5. Technology, Training, and Procurement Standards to Facilitate Innovation

Vision: DFC has a modern data infrastructure that supports agency achievement of organizational goals and addresses data challenges. Widespread data literacy training is in place and data is routinely used to drive decision-making and uncover insights.

Ongoing Activities: DFC is assessing if the current data infrastructure meets the needs of the organization and identifying specific use cases to test and establish proper access to data, automated data cleaning, analysis, and visualization.

Out-Year Plan: DFC will develop its data infrastructure guided by use-cases that achieve organizational goals and address data challenges, starting small to quickly assess and develop capabilities. Training programs will be put in place to support staff use of DFC’s data as an asset.

6. Priority Data Assets, Data Inventory, and Federal Data Catalogue

Vision: DFC has a detailed data inventory maintained in accordance with OGDA requirements and its open data assets are included in the Federal Data Catalogue.

Ongoing Activities: The OCDAO is leading a collaborative effort across the agency to systematically catalog DFC’s data assets, enhancing data governance and transparency. OCDAO continues to collaborate with data stewards to validate the data inventory within the catalog, ensuring it becomes the definitive data catalog for DFC.

Out-Year Plan: DFC will conduct annual reviews of priority data assets and implement a process to identify and maintain high-priority assets. Open data assets will be identified and prioritized for inclusion in the Federal Data Catalogue.

³ Per OMB M-25-05, “Open Government data asset means “a public data asset that is—(A) machine-readable; (B) available (or could be made available) in an open format; (C) not encumbered by restrictions, other than intellectual property rights, including under titles 17 and 35 [of the U.S. Code], that would impede the use or reuse of such asset; and (D) based on an underlying open standard that is maintained by a standards organization.”

⁴ Per OMB M-25-05, “Metadata means “structural or descriptive information about data such as content, format, source, rights, accuracy, provenance, frequency, periodicity, granularity, publisher or responsible party, contact information, method of collection, and other descriptions.”²⁹