

Data Access Tips

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) maintains a database of United States Government initiatives to build trade-related capacity in developing and transition countries. The Trade Capacity Building Database, or TCB Database, is available on the web at:

<http://qesdb.usaid.gov/tcb/index.html>

The TCB Database contains two general types of data:

- Funding Data – the level of funding disaggregated by country, category, and agency
- Activity Data – narrative descriptions about each TCB activity

Searching by funding or activity generates a table or tables of data. Some search results are designed to facilitate access to more detailed data without requiring a “new search.”

For example, if you select “By Region or Trade Group” off the Funding Data searches on the Navigation Bar, your search result will provide you with two tables:

- Table 1 shows TCB by category for the entire region.
- Table 2 shows TCB in all categories for each country or non-specified region (ns) in the selected region.



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Click on a country in Table 2 from this search to generate a table showing all the TCB categories for that country.

This same feature applies if you have selected to search funding data by U.S. Agency. Table 2 shows each country and you can click on a country for more details.

When searching the activity data, the default output type for any search is HTML. The result of those searches is a table showing details about each activity for the selected year.

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In the HTML version of the Activity Report for a selected year, you can click on the Activity Title to generate a new report showing data for the activity for all the years for which there is funding data in the database.



While searching the activity data by country or region, an alternative to HTML output is the PDF report. Each PDF version of the Country Activity Report presents:

- Narrative descriptions for each activity with funding totals for the year selected as well as the preceding year.
- Table showing other countries in the same activity is implemented during that same two-year period.
- Table showing which agencies fund the activities in the country.

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Select the PDF option when searching for activity data by country or region to efficiently access a comprehensive set of tables with details on countries, TCB categories, and U.S. agencies.

Note that all data by U.S. Agency are calculated as either “by funder” or “by implementer.” For all USAID activities, only USAID as a whole entity is considered to be a “funder.” However, all specific USAID bureaus, offices, and field missions are considered to be “implementers” in the TCB Database.

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To access data for a specific USAID field mission or bureau, search for funding by, or activities by, implementing U.S. agencies. The drop-down menu for implementing U.S. agencies is on the righthand side of the page.