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A Mandatory Reference for ADS Chapter 578

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USAID has divided its information into six categories as outlined in ADS 578.3.4. The table below provides examples of information found in those categories and indicates the extent to which the information is covered by the Agency's Information Quality Guidelines found in ADS 578 and whether that information is subject to peer review.

Types of Disseminated Information	Generic Examples of Disseminated Information in Category	USAID Examples of Disseminated Information	Covered by USAID Information Quality (IQ) Guidelines	Not Covered	Subject to Peer Review
1. Planning and management information	Strategic plans, performance plans, operating plans, budgets and budget documentation	a. Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS)	X		
		b. Annual Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (APP/APR)	X		
		c. Self-Reliance Country Roadmaps	X		
		d. Congressional Budget Justification	X		
		e. Information Technology (IT) Dashboard	X		
2. Agency reports and announcements	Program and development activity performance, results and evaluation reports, press releases, acquisition and assistance opportunities	a. Evaluation	X		
		b. Publicly available data sets in the Development Data Library (DDL)	X		
		c. Dollars to Results performance and spending data or data on USASpending.gov	X		
		d. Agency Business Forecast	X		
		e. Press releases		X	
3. Policy, legislative, and regulatory standards and enforcement information	Agency's policies, rules (summary and supplementary information) and regulations, etc.	a. The Automated Directive System (ADS)		X	
		b. Agency policy documents in The Policy Registry	X		
		c. Agency regulations affecting the public (e.g.,	X		

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		Regulation 11 (22 C.F.R. 211)			
4. Research and statistical information	Results of scientific, social scientific, economic, engineering, and strategic research conducted by or for the Agency. Both basic and applied research	a. Results of USAID-financed applied and basic research	X		
		b. Statistical analysis to support research findings	X		
5. Influential scientific, financial or statistical information and highly influential scientific assessments	Statistical information and/or scientific assessments obtained from original data collections (such as censuses and surveys), administrative records, and compilations of data from primary sources that have been adopted by the Agency (i.e., informed policy or program decisions) and meet economic thresholds for ISI and HISA outlined in 578.3.2.4.1.	a. Research resulting in agricultural innovations that improve food security and have $100 million or more global impact	X		X
6. General reference information	Information that provides authoritative facts and background material used to support strategy development or programming	a. Foreign AID Explorer	X		
		b. International Data and Economic Analysis Database	X		
		c. Country fact sheets	X		