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Media Sources on Foreign Assistance
The following list offers critical websites on foreign assistance initiatives, policy reform, and relevant statistics.

- The American Enterprise Institute:
  This research initiative dedicates an entire section of its work to foreign and defense policy:

  The featured scholars and experts can be sorted by topic (such as foreign and defense policy), author, relevance, and content.

  A Critique of Foreign Aid and Defense Spending:

- Modernizing Foreign Assistance Network (MFAN):
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  This organization “advocates for more effective and accountable U.S. foreign assistance that will deliver greater results for people in need and U.S. taxpayers.

  The MFAN Document Library provides MFAN-produced material related to aid reform, policy advancements, and development work.

  From their website, the organization claims that “the Modernizing Foreign Assistance Network (MFAN) is a reform coalition composed of international development and foreign policy practitioners, policy advocates and experts, concerned citizens and private sector organizations. MFAN was created to build upon the bipartisan consensus that has emerged over the last decade that the U.S. should play a leadership role in achieving economic growth and reducing poverty and suffering around the world, and that we can play this role more effectively, efficiently, and transparently.

  MFAN is dedicated to working with the Administration, Congress, and the development community to advance a reform agenda that will make U.S. development assistance and policy work harder for the American people and for people in developing countries. We believe that successful reforms will maximize the impact of our assistance, and will help to ensure support in the future among policymakers and the American people for the resources necessary to maintain development as a pillar of U.S. engagement.

  USAID administrator’s suggestions for Aid Reform for MFAN:

  For MFAN’s blog:
  http://mfan.gpgwebreview.com/
See the full-length proposal for Aid reform here:  

- **USAID**  
http://www.usaid.gov/about_usaid/

The United States Association for International Development is a government agency that provides economic, development, and humanitarian assistance around the world in support of the United States foreign policy goals.

The work of USAID can be sorted by project type or region.

Their website also includes a history, procedures and policies on accountability, reform efforts, faith-based initiatives, and performance.

USAID also offers a clearinghouse database of resources and publications for USAID funded technical and program documentation.  
http://dec.usaid.gov/index.cfm

- **International Aid and Transparency Initiative (IATI)**  
http://iatistandard.org/

IATI is “a global transparency standard that makes information about aid spending easier to access, use and understand.”

This initiative is a cooperative between developing country governments, donors, non profit organizations, and foreign aid experts. The data includes financial flow charts, outcome information, budgets, timelines, project documentation, and other standards for international practitioners and evaluators.

In addition, IATI acts to govern and advocate for a more transparent aid sector.