



September 2015 Update

- Of the 232 budget documents monitored across all 29 countries, a total of 142 have now been published. This is a net decrease of 2 from last month.
- Of the 90 documents not publicly available: 37 were produced but not published, 9 were published late, and 44 were not produced at all.
- 17 budget documents from 13 different countries were published in September: 3 Executive's Budget Proposals, 2 Citizens Budgets, 10 In-Year Reports, a Mid-Year Review, and an Audit Report. These documents are all available on IBP's [Open Budget Library](#).

Making progress

- The Dominican Republic has published a **Mid-Year Review** for the first time. Mid-Year Reviews provide an update on budget execution and the government's macro-economic assumptions.
- Iraq has published the **In-Year Report** for August 2015. In-Year Reports provide a snapshot of budget implementation at different stages of the financial year. They should be published within three months of the end of the period that they report on.

Work to be Done

- Ecuador, Niger, and Sierra Leone all failed to publish a **Mid-Year Review**, despite having done so last year. They join 19 other Tracker countries that fail to make the Mid-Year Review available to the public.
- Nigeria failed to publish a **Citizens Budget** for 2015, despite having previously produced and published one for 2014. This continues a disappointing year for budget transparency in Nigeria, which also failed to make the 2015 Executive's Budget Proposal publicly available.

The Month Ahead

- As we head into the later months of the year, governments that operate on a January-to-December fiscal year should be publishing their Pre-Budget Statement, Executive's Budget Proposal, and Enacted Budget for the upcoming budget year.

All publicly available documents can be accessed through the [Open Budget Library \(www.openbudgetlibrary.org\)](http://www.openbudgetlibrary.org).