

3.0 ALTERNATIVES ASSESSMENT

In this section, each alternative is assessed against both the original criteria and the critical success factors. A summary table is provided in Section 3.5. Readers should also refer to Volume III, Chapter 4, for a summary of alternative features and ratings.

3.1 AIDIS

3.1.1 Original Criteria

AIDIS, as is, was found to meet 73% of mandatory requirements and 90% of the other needs.

In most cases, the missing mandatory items are single data elements or standalone modules. Please refer to Volume III, Schedule 4A and note the following observations.

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| OPF Allocations | - AIDIS has on-line OPF facilities including budget, at the sub-activity level. Roll-ups are provided via batch reports. In that CIDA is organized by the planning element structure, AIDIS can work as is for External Affairs headquarters but changes are required to allow allocations to Posts (i.e. multiple allocations by RC). |
| Loans Payment Schedules | - AIDIS performs all payment data and amount calculations in batch mode but does not produce schedules. Enhancements could be made to AIDIS or spreadsheet tools could be used to provide the necessary schedule. All required data is present. |