COUNTRY PROFILES

INTERNATIONAL AID TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE

Summary Note

This note briefly presents a series of profiles for several IATI partner countries produced in early 2017 by the IATI Secretariat with support from UNDP. It should be read in conjunction with each of the profiles.

Background

The 2030 Agenda confirmed the importance of transparency and accountability as a key principle towards the effective implementation of Sustainable Development Goals. This intent is fully contained in the IATI vision and mission statements adopted in July 2016. Most recently in December 2016, participants in the Nairobi High Level Meeting (HLM2) on Effective Development Cooperation specifically committed to "improve publication of open data on development co-operation, and support the use of this data by all relevant stakeholders"[1].

At country level, IATI enhances current efforts made by partner countries to collect information on aid flows from donors and other providers that is timely, comparable and accessible to all. By joining the IATI, member countries commit to "a) Share and promote the vision and mission of IATI; b) Commit to using IATI data to the greatest extent possible…"[2].

As the volume and quality of IATI data continues to expand, it is essential to understand better how country users that are committed to IATI can take maximum advantage of this standardized and real-time source of information. It was thus decided to implement a survey with active national IATI focal points of the 27 country partners, and to incorporate the main findings into an IATI focused-profile for each country, with analysis leading to some suggestions to each country to maximise use of IATI data.

The Survey

IATI government country focal points were asked to fill out a 27-question online survey in February 2017 to directly gather data for the profile of each country. The questionnaire was structured around four main areas: 1) management of development cooperation information, 2) recording of international development finance, 3) import of IATI data into local AIMS, and 4) using AIMS data in the budget cycle. Subsequent written and verbal exchanges with selected country-based respondents were carried out, as needed. Out of the 27 IATI partner countries as of March 2017, 14 (plus Somalia) provided replies to the questionnaire[3].

The Profile

The IATI two-page country profiles summarize the situation of each partner country about their IATI commitments from the time the country joined the initiative and the current level of integration of IATI standards and data within the national systems. It provides survey findings on the extent to which each country makes use of IATI published data, the main challenges encountered, and provides some suggestions for increasing use of IATI data. General aid-related information, poverty levels and resources in the country, put these results into context and each profile is further enriched with IATI data extracted from the country's website (all data and values used in the profiles date from March and April 2017, and lists of the acronyms and of IATI countries' websites used are annexed below).

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[1] Nairobi Outcome Document, Summary, paragraph 12, a) – 1 December 2016

[2] IATI Standard Operating Procedures, Amendment 1, October 2016, paragraph 2.1.3., p.4.

[3] Countries which responded and for which a profile was established are: Bangladesh, Burundi, Colombia, Ghana, Honduras, Liberia, Madagascar, Montenegro, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Tanzania, and Yemen. All are active IATI partner countries except Somalia which is currently pursuing membership. The following countries were unable to respond at this time: Benin, Rep. of Congo, DR Congo, Dominican Republic, Indonesia, Lebanon, Malawi, Moldova, Myanmar, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Syria, Vietnam.

Annex I.   Acronyms

AIMS	Aid Information Management System
AMP	Aid Management Platform (Development Gateway)
BRICS	Brazil, Russia, India, China, South-Africa
CRS	Creditor Reporting System
DAC	Development Assistance Committee (OECD)
DAD	Development Assistance Database (Synergy Company)
DCF	Development Cooperation Forum
DFA	Development Finance Assessment
DG	Development Gateway
DP	Development Partner
EDC	Effective Development Cooperation
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
FMIS	Finance Management Information System
GPEDC	Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation
HLF	High Level Forum
HLM	High Level Meeting
IATI	International Aid Transparency Initiative
IFMIS	Integrated Financial Management Information System
IMF	International Monetary Fund
INGO	International non-governmental organization
LIC	Low Income Country
LMIC	Low Middle Income Country
MFA	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
MIS	Management information system
MOFP	Ministry of Finance and Planning
MOPIC	Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation
MTEF	Medium Term Expenditure Framework
NGO	Non-governmental organization
ODA	Official Development Assistance
OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
OGP	Open Government Partnership
OOF	Other Official Flows
PFM	Public Finance Management
SDG	Sustainable Development Goals
SSC	South-South Cooperation
TAG	Technical Assistance Group (IATI)
UMIC	Upper Middle Income Country
WBI	World Bank Indicators

Annex 2.   IATI Partner Country web pages in d-portal.org

Bangladesh   http://www.d-portal.org/ctrack.html?country=BD#view=main
Burkina Faso   http://www.d-portal.org/ctrack.html?country=BF#view=main
Burundi   http://www.d-portal.org/ctrack.html?country=BI#view=main
Colombia   http://www.d-portal.org/ctrack.html?country=CO#view=main
Ghana   http://www.d-portal.org/ctrack.html?country=GH#view=main
Honduras   http://www.d-portal.org/ctrack.html?country=HN#view=main
Liberia   http://www.d-portal.org/ctrack.html?country=LR#view=main
Madagascar   http://www.d-portal.org/ctrack.html?country=MG#view=main
Montenegro   http://www.d-portal.org/ctrack.html?country=ME#view=main
Nigeria   http://www.d-portal.org/ctrack.html?country=NG#view=main
Rwanda   http://www.d-portal.org/ctrack.html?country=RW#view=main
Sierra Leone   http://www.d-portal.org/ctrack.html?country=SL#view=main
Somalia   http://www.d-portal.org/ctrack.html?country=SO#view=main
Tanzania   http://www.d-portal.org/ctrack.html?country=TZ#view=main
Yemen   http://www.d-portal.org/ctrack.html?country=YE#view=main