# Implementation Issues: Traceability of aid and avoiding double-counting

# Monday 15:00 – 16:00

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Overview

* Traceability doesn’t work without merging budget and fiscal transparency.
* Vital to differentiate disbursements from expenditures in IATI.
* Need to follow through incoming funds and then disbursement out again through all levels – these transactions need to be linked.
* No way to capture core funds at present – workaround through setting up project for incoming funds, and then showing incoming funds to projects from core funds (rather than direct from donor).
* The vital aspect of reporting transactions is to specify provider and receiver orgs, along with organisation identifiers and activity identifiers – this is how traceability occurs.
* Working towards a global system for coding organisation identifiers – this will aid in organisations being able to set these up to identify smaller organisations further down the chain.

Issues

* Questions over being to trace the dollar through the system when using core funding
  + Cannot easily differentiate between donors on core funded projects or allocate percentages to each
  + This has also cropped up in humanitarian funding and caused tension
  + The key is to show where the money is spent – not necessarily going back to each individual donor and defining what percentage has come from each

Double counting

* Report transactions at lowest possible level.
* Only report own transactions and don’t double count between disbursements and expenditure (e.g. reporting disbursement to a partner or field office, and then the expenditure by the field office / partner).

Segmentation

* Single files with a lot of data can make things harder for users to access data easily.
* Don’t report an activity twice for different countries – provide country splits within the activity and segment as a regional file if needed.
* Discussions around the need for IATI to be a data base to avoid segmentation issues (e.g. sometimes might want to segment by sector).
  + Talking about a different representation of the Registry – how to most effectively deliver data
  + Things like the IATI Explorer can be used to set parameters to interrogate the data