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**Paper 7: IATI Upgrade to Version 2.02**

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## **Introduction**

This paper is presented to provide members with an overview of the decimal upgrade to 2.02 which will go live on 7 December 2015. This is the fourth decimal implementation and the first since Version 2.01 was launched in January this year. Decimal upgrades can only contain modifications that are optional and backwardly compatible. Consultation began in August and took place in a single iteration according to a [pre-set schedule](#) in line with agreed SC process<sup>1</sup>, in which approval is given by the Secretariat. Steering Committee members have the power of veto by postponing the inclusion of any issue until consultation begins for the next Integer Upgrade (which is subject to more thorough review).

Details of all of the proposals included in 2.02 are available [here](#). Version 2.02 makes substantial improvements to the standard in two key areas – Results and Humanitarian Aid.

## **Results**

- Machine readable indicator vocabularies and codes are added.
- Indicator values can, in addition, be disaggregated by location, gender, age or any other descriptor.

## **Humanitarian**

- A process flag is added to the activity record header and to individual transactions to enable users to quickly extract humanitarian-related data and for publishers to fast track records through their decision-making and publishing systems;
- An “Humanitarian Scope” element is added to allow for machine readable vocabularies and codes describing emergencies, appeals and other facets;
- Cluster classifications are added as a vocabulary to the existing Sector element.

## **Other modifications include**

- SDG Goals, Targets and (in the future) Indicators can be reported using the existing sector element;
- Budgets can be reported as being indicative or committed;
- The transaction type “Incoming Commitment” is added for use by implementing agencies;
- When publishers define their own code list vocabularies they are encouraged to add a machine readable link to the list content;

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<sup>1</sup> Steering Committee rules covering the conduct of decimal upgrades were agreed in October 2011 and can be found [here](#).

- The organisation standard allows for a publisher's total expenditure to be reported together with a breakdown of 'expense lines';
- Code lists will include information about the activation, withdrawal and current status of all code values.

### Consultations

- Written and verbal consultations have taken place over the past three months in accordance with the [guidelines](#);
- Some of the proposals relating to humanitarian fields entered the proposal later in the process than is ideal. The reason for this was UN OCHA's keen interest for these changes to be included in the standard proper, rather than as an independent extension. This request was in turn driven by discussions around the opportunities arising from the World Humanitarian Summit, which takes place in May 2016.

A number of suggestions have been put forward as to how we can improve the upgrade process for all concerned. The Technical Team looks forward to engaging in a number of sessions on this at the next TAG meeting.