

Update from Data Use Task Force

IATI Member's Assembly, Brussels
11 September 2019



2017-2019 Data Use Strategy Objectives

Objective 1:



Raise awareness of IATI as a source of aid data and develop a common understanding of the priority needs of different user groups.

Objective 2:



Improve data quality in order to facilitate use, and assure users of its reliability, including through the development of feedback mechanisms.

Objective 3:



Improve existing tools and develop new, user-friendly tools that help multiple actors access and use IATI data;

Objective 4:



Improve guidance, training and support for specific user groups;

Objective 5:



Promote integration of IATI data into partner country aid systems and processes.

Background

2017 MA: *Data supply has gone up but for it to contribute to sustainable development outcomes, **it must be used.***

Data Use Task Force Created:



Focused on implementing the Data Use Strategy (2017=2019);



Empowered by Board; Accountable to Board and MA; Representation from each constituency;



Supported by UNDP staff member on coordination, outreach and administration



Oversees Data Use Fund

Data Use Fund Launched:



\$250k fund to deliver data use priorities identified by the Data Use Strategy and Strategic Plan, guided by the Task Force



Administered by UNDP, using UN procurement regulations and contracts



To date, Task Force has preferred smaller activities (USD \$10 - \$30k) with an unofficial ceiling of \$50k

DUTF Participation

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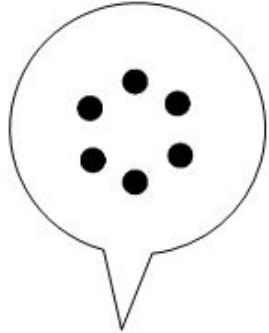
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DUTF Accomplishments and Budget

Fund Opening Balance (2017)	250.000 (USD)
<u>Objective 1 - IATI Awareness Raising:</u>	
• Africa Open Data - Awareness Raising Workshops (Ghana) and Hackathon (Ghana)	24.878
• Oxfam America - CSO training (Uganda)	21.480
• Non-Anglophone Awareness Raising (<i>pending re-publication</i>)	-
<u>Objective 2 - Data Quality:</u>	
• RfP for Quality Traceability (<i>work ongoing</i>)	15.750
• RfP for Feedback Mechanism Research (<i>re-published</i>)	-
<u>Objective 3 - IATI Tools and Guidance:</u>	
• Development Gateway - Toolguide and Recommendations on tool-development	14.350
<u>Objective 4 - Guidance and Training:</u>	
• Guidance videos, D-Portal (<i>cancelled - sustainability concerns</i>)	-
• Guidance material, Datastore (<i>pending launch of new Datastore</i>)	-
<u>Objective 5 - AIMS Integration:</u>	
• Development Gateway - AIMS Integration tool update (Senegal)	29.750
Administrative fees	8.496
Total spending (as of 6 September 2019)	114.705
Non-committed funds (as of 6 September 2019)	135.294 (USD)

Lessons Learned



1. Process was engaging and thorough, however **delivery must be accelerated.**
1. Recommendation to continue the Data Use Task Force for stewarding IATI's data use work, but to **restructure the Data Use Fund** to maximise impact.
1. **Secretariat support and an engaged Chair** are essential for keeping the group on track.
1. Important to consider / **address potential conflicts of interest** in relation to each prospective RfP.
1. The new Datastore and Validator are much needed improvements, yet the upgrade presents new opportunities and is **worth some delay in implementing the Data Use Strategy.**
1. Integration and **clearer communication with the wider IATI community** are key for effective delivery.
1. Progress, speed of delivery and impact monitoring need to be improved through **better work-planning, linked with greater accountability** to the Board.

What next?



- **Continue to publish RfPs** and manage activities.
- **Restructure the Data Use Fund's procurement** to a modality that is less heavy on administrative procedures and works more closely with the UNDP Country Office Structure.
- Continue to **support awareness and capacity-building on IATI data access and use** while supporting and **encouraging resolution of underlying technical issues** (e.g. double-counting, Datastore).
- **Establish clear metrics**, including baselines and targets to improve monitoring on data use.
- **Ensure IATI Secretariat capacities** continue to be dedicated to the Data Use Task Force to assure smooth and continuous operation of the group.
- **Actively recruit** new members.
- **Establish an annual work plan** with clear objectives and targets.

How do I get involved?

- **Data use is everyone's responsibility!**
- **Volunteer for Data Use Task Force**
- **Learn more and participate!**
 - Data Use Task Force Annual Workplan meeting:
Member's Assembly: September 12th, 1:45- 2:30, Main Room
 - Reach out to Andie Vaughn, Anna Whitson or Data Use Task Force members
 - Contribute user stories and challenges to be included in next year's Annual Workplan

