Visualizing IATI Country Data

Country-Level Dashboarding
Background

Discussions at the IATI Members’ Assembly in Copenhagen 2023 brought up three points relevant to the partner country use of IATI data:

➔ IATI data is in high demand among partner country governments

➔ The current supply of IATI tools for government officials is insufficient

➔ There is a demand for tools that provide high quality, accurate, and timely IATI data for government officials
At a brainstorming session at the IATI MA 2023, the following points were highlighted by partner countries:

- Project name/Title
- Sectors
- Location
- Development partner(s)
- Implementing agency(ies)
- Total costs
- Commitment amounts
- Key contact persons
- Disbursements
- Results framework/Log frame
- Projections for the medium term
- Attachments (agreements, payment advices)
- Pipeline projects of DPs
For governments of partner countries, it is important to be able to use IATI to access information about resources coming into their countries.

- IATI data is increasingly in demand to complement data available at the country level.

- It is often difficult for governments to obtain data on resources that are channelled outside of government (e.g. through NGOs), as well as challenging to source data from in-country partners. Double counting of data is a persisting issue.

- The use of IATI data allows for a more comprehensive picture of external development financing in their countries, improving government's' visibility of billions of dollars of external development and humanitarian resources, and ensuring more effective planning, budgeting, coordination, and monitoring.
Translating the brainstorming output to IATI language, the following data points are important:

**General**
- Overview of projects
- Sector information
- Location information

**Collaboration**
- Overview of development partners / funding partners (to the country)
- Overview of implementing partners / agencies (in country) - including contact persons

**Financial**
- Commitments and disbursements to in-country partners
- Total costs
- Forward looking projection for the medium term (based on budgets)

**Results**
- Result frameworks
- Relevant documentation
- Projects in pipeline status

... and more?
Country Level IATI Dashboard

Benefits

➔ All IATI data in one place for your country

➔ Ensures no double counting of financial data

➔ Easy to use and understand

➔ Filtering functions enabling custom views
Use Cases

Any government officials using IATI data to monitor aid activities within their country will benefit from this portal, including

- Financial officers
- Development/foreign aid officers
- Monitoring officers

Example use case

User: Finance Officer at the Ministry of Finance, Ghana

Background: The Finance Officer wants to know what aid activities take place in Ghana. There is often a difference between what is reported as ODA (Official Development Assistance) – within the ‘government radar’ – and what goes directly to NGOs – which is more difficult to trace. The Officer would like to be able to analyse the differences, as well as follow the actors who are involved. The Officer is mostly interested in the financial perspective.
IATI Data on AIDA

The first view of AIDA, from which the Finance Officer can access all published IATI data.

Global Budget for 2021

US$ 2459.83 bln

Ghana

Total commitment
US$ 21.58 bln
4,576 Activities

Country Page

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IATI Data on AIDA

The Finance Officer's menu bar where they can access the Data Analytics page.
Filtering Functions

Dashboard Filters

- Organisations:
  - Government
  - Private Sector
  - International NGO
  - Others

- Indicator Framework:
  - Projects
  - Sector
  - Financial
  - Results

- Period:
  - 2023
  - 2022
  - 2021
  - 2020
  - 2019
  - 2018
  - 2017
  - 2016
  - 2015
  - 2014
  - 2013

- Regions:
  - Ashanti
  - Brong Ahafo
  - Central
  - Eastern
  - Greater Accra
  - Northern
  - East
  - Upper West

Total Outgoing Commitment: US$ 21.58 bln
The dashboards offer **multiple filtering options**, including organization type, geographic region, project status, etc.
On this page, the Finance Officer can see

- **total investment commitments** per year (top);
- **active donors** and an indication of their relative contribution (bottom left);
- and **sectors** in which money is spent (bottom right).
On this page, the Finance Officer can see:

- **Organizations** involved in projects (top left);
- **Budget status summary** for all projects (top right);
- and **funding flow overview** with donors and partner organizations (bottom).
The dashboard offers opportunities to **visualize the results** of projects conducted in Ghana.
Benefits of IATI Dashboard

By taking a quick look at the IATI country portal, the Finance Officer of Ghana has been able to get information about

- The **amount of incoming commitment** and which **donors** are contributing
- What **sectors** the projects are active within
- What **organizations** are participating in the projects
- The current level of **budget depletion**
- What **results** have been achieved

Based on this, the Finance Officer can make informed decisions on **where the Ghanaian government should direct their resources** to avoid duplication of efforts. This information enables **more effective planning, budgeting, coordination, and monitoring**.
We are looking for partner country governments who are willing to invest in co-creating a country dashboard based on their input and requirements.

Based on the partner country’s input we can together define a MVP version for a limited budget and create it within a relatively short time span, since the data is already there. Depending on the current data quality, it will be possible to visualise some parts easier than others, which is what we will discover together during this journey.

Minimum required investment to start building this MVP is 45,000 euro. The required commitment also includes providing input in feedback sessions to perfect the dashboard, as well as conducting testing (approximately 10 hours).

Once the dashboard is running, an annual contribution in the form of a license is charged to host the country dashboard and maintain it.
If you would like to receive more information about this proposal, please contact us.