Data-Enabled Development Cooperation:
Enhancing Development Impact and Accountability in FfD4

Side event to the Third FfD4 Preparatory Committee Meeting

1:15pm - 2:30pm, Tuesday 11th February 2025

Meeting Room 8, UN Headquarters, New York



Opening Remarks

Sarah McGill Mulbah

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Framing the Challenge

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Framing the Challenge

Mr Dirk Meyer

Director-General, Multilateral Development Policy; Transformation; Climate, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Government of Germany



Data-enabled Development and Accountability lessons from country and global initiatives:

Transparency for effective development cooperation

Yemesrach Workie, Executive Director
International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI)

International Commitments to Transparency & Open Data

Decades of commitments to Better Development Data

✔ Recognised need for **timely**, **detailed**, **forward-looking**, and **results**-focused data on development cooperation.

2008

IATI is launched at the Third High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Accra

2011

International development community endorses IATI in Busan Partnership Agreement

commitment by donors to publish development cooperation to IATI Standard by 2015

2015

FfD3 references IATI in Addis Ababa Action Agenda

2016

International humanitarian community endorses IATI in the Grand Bargain Agreement

commitment made to publish humanitarian finance to IATI Standard in 2 year

2025

Calling for renewed & stronger commitment to transparency & open data in Ffd4

WHAT DOES **IATI DO?**

ORGANISATIONS addressing international poverty and crises

iati DATA STANDARD

Publish data on external resources



Open & free data online

Partner Country Govts, civil society journalists

USERS access data

Better resource allocation, coordination, accountability

EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

AGENDA 2030

PROGRESS ACHIEVED

Diverse & increasing IATI publishers

- Donor governments
- Multilateral organisations
- Philanthropic foundations
- Development finance institutions
- National non-governmental organisations
- Fund managers
- Academic, training and research organisations
- Private sector organisations

Data in one place → Greater coordination, inclusivity and less fragmentation

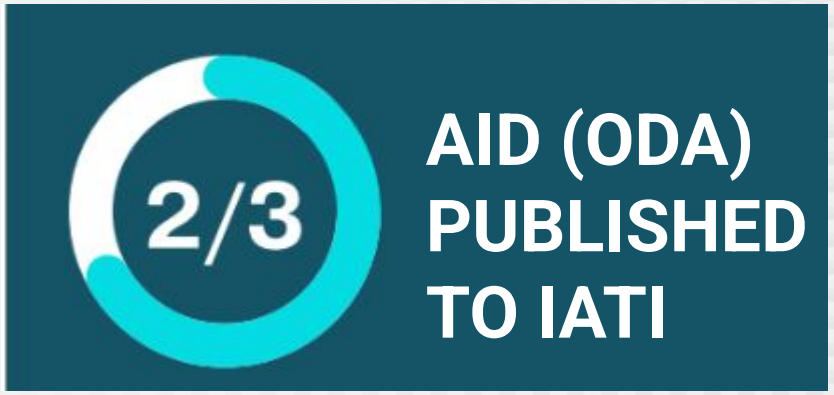
1700+ IATI PUBLISHERS

1 million Development & Humanitarian **ACTIVITIES**

HOW DOES IATI CONTRIBUTE TO DEVELOPMENT EFFECTIVENESS?

4 Development Effectiveness principles:	IATI Role in enhancing effectiveness:
Country ownership	delivering the **timely** & **project-level** development finance demanded
Inclusive partnerships	promoting coordination & **reducing fragmentation**
A focus on results	IATI Standard has robust results framework, enabling tracking of **impact**
Transparency & accountability	**Traceability** is enabled through orgs publishing throughout delivery chains

1. COUNTRY OWNERSHIP



Many of the world's largest donors are providing **timely**, **project-level** financial information, vital for improving the visibility and predictability of aid for recipient countries.

USD 3.5 trillion
on spending published to date

19 developing countries
are using IATI data to inform:

- **National budgets**
- **Development cooperation reports**
- **Donor and partner coordination**
- **Aid Information Management Systems**

2. INCLUSIVE PARTNERSHIPS

INCLUSIVE:

IATI data is working with a global initiative to help to plug gaps in tracking development funding to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs).

IATI data is also being used in a global initiative to track data on land governance and land use.



land portal 15 years anniversary

HUMANITARIAN PARTNERS:

Work to integrate IATI data into OCHA's Financial Tracking Service – with Government of Denmark.

Partnering with the Global Alliance for Food Security (GAFS) to provide data for crisis response.

OCHA fts Financial Tracking Service

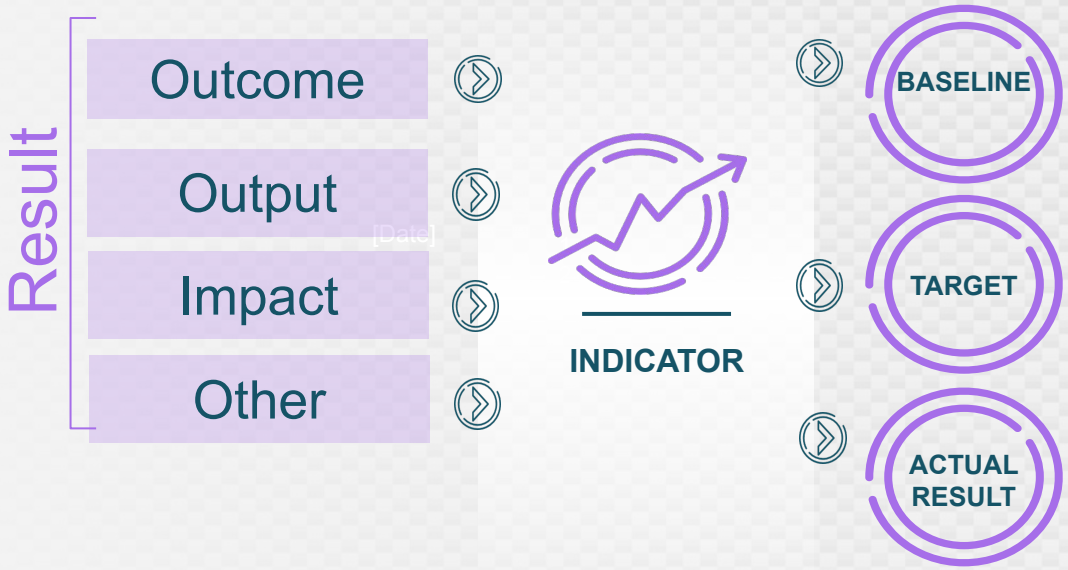
DONOR COORDINATION

IATI has invaluable data published to its Standard from all G7 countries, including the US Government publishes data to IATI monthly.
It last published on 25 January 2025.

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3. A FOCUS ON RESULTS

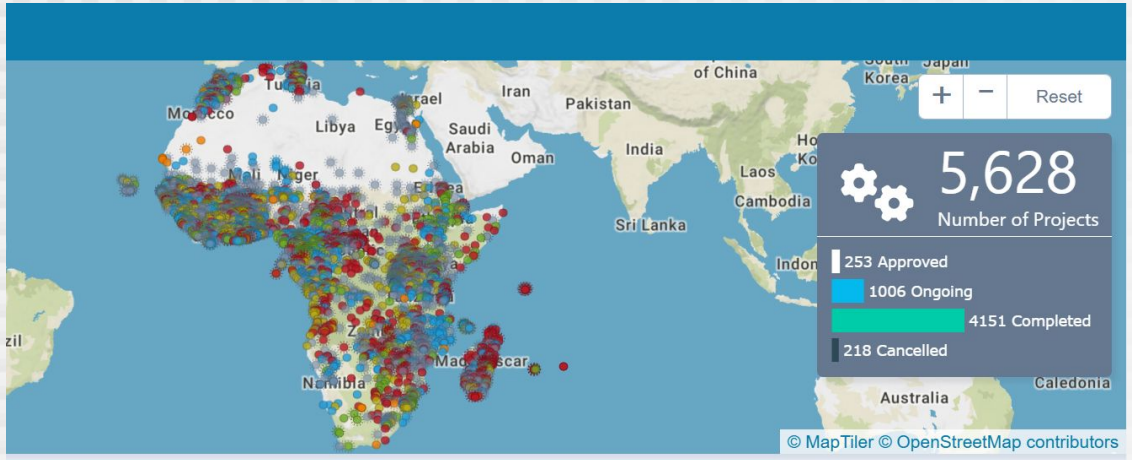
IATI STANDARD HAS A ROBUST RESULTS FRAMEWORK:



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

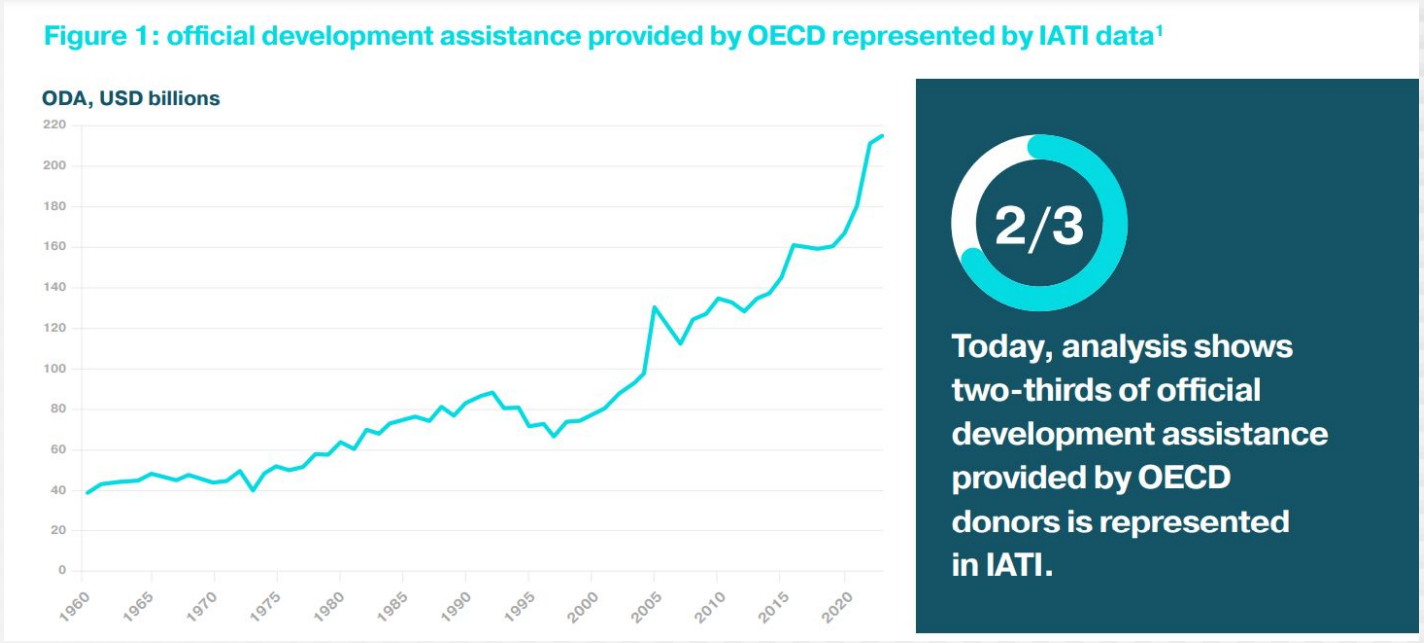
CASE STUDY:
African Development Bank Group's publishes Results Measurement Framework 2016-2025 to IATI

MapAfrica ••• Tracking the High 5s



4. Transparency and Accountability

Transparency & IATI publishing boosts public support for aid Transparency, mutual accountability to build trust between partners involved in development co-operation.





We saw our multilateral institutions ailing — unable to respond to contemporary challenges, let alone those of tomorrow. We saw faith in multilateral solutions eroding. And we saw trust in each other dissipating just when we needed it most.

UN Secretary-General António Guterres' remarks at the opening of the Summit of the Future's Action Days

4. LOOKING AHEAD TO FfD4



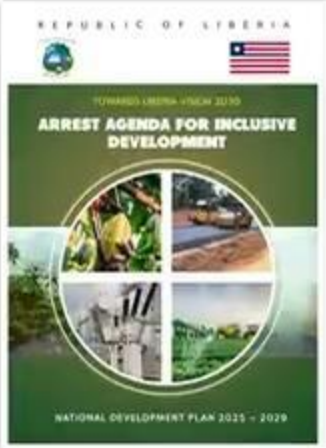


IATI inclusion in Outcome Document

- Recognition that transparency is a key mechanism of development effectiveness
- Clear commitment for finance providers to publish their data to the IATI standard
- Recognition that IATI is interoperable with other data Standards.


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Ministry of Finance & Development Planning
Republic of Liberia



ARREST Agenda for Inclusive Development

National Development Plan 2025-2029

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Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Framework

Activity locations





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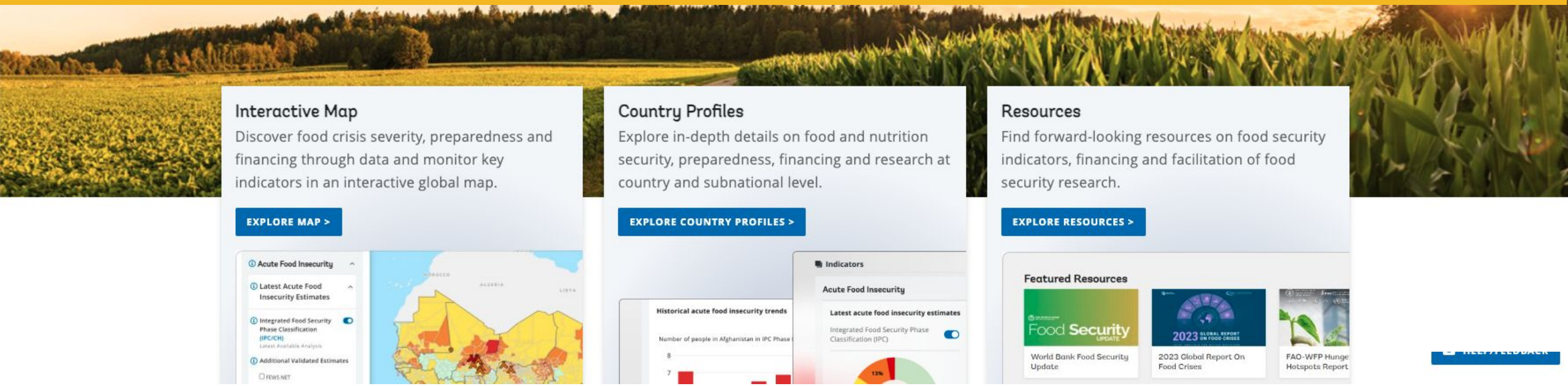
Real-time data in crisis settings

Genevieve Theodorakis, Economist
World Bank Global Food and Nutrition Security Dashboard

Global Food and Nutrition Security Dashboard:

Public Good Data Platform for Decision-Makers

February 2025



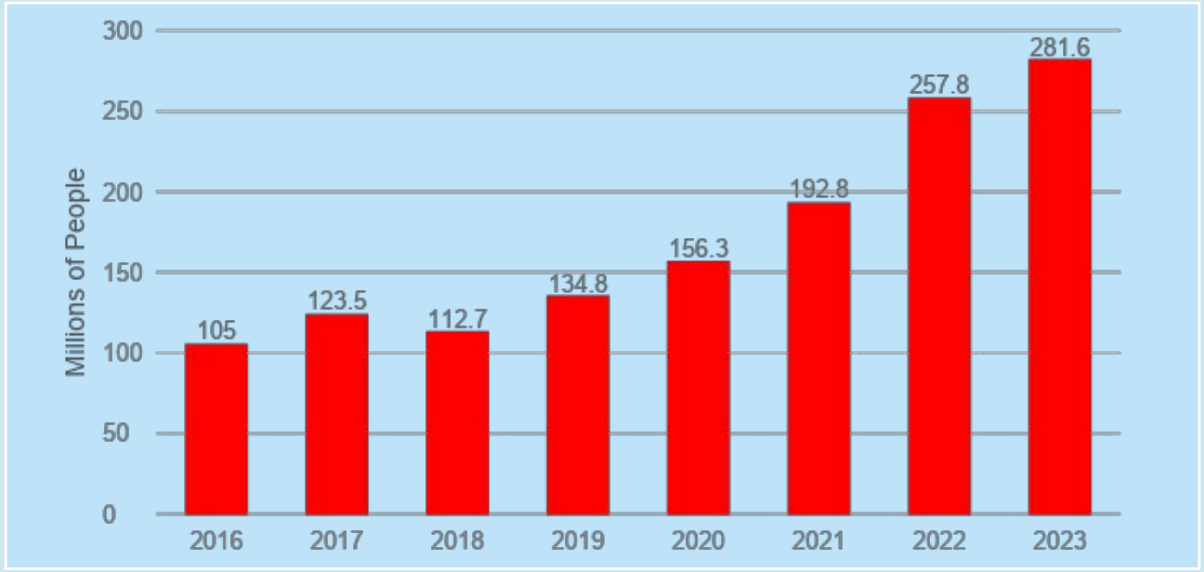
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Global food insecurity at record high and rising

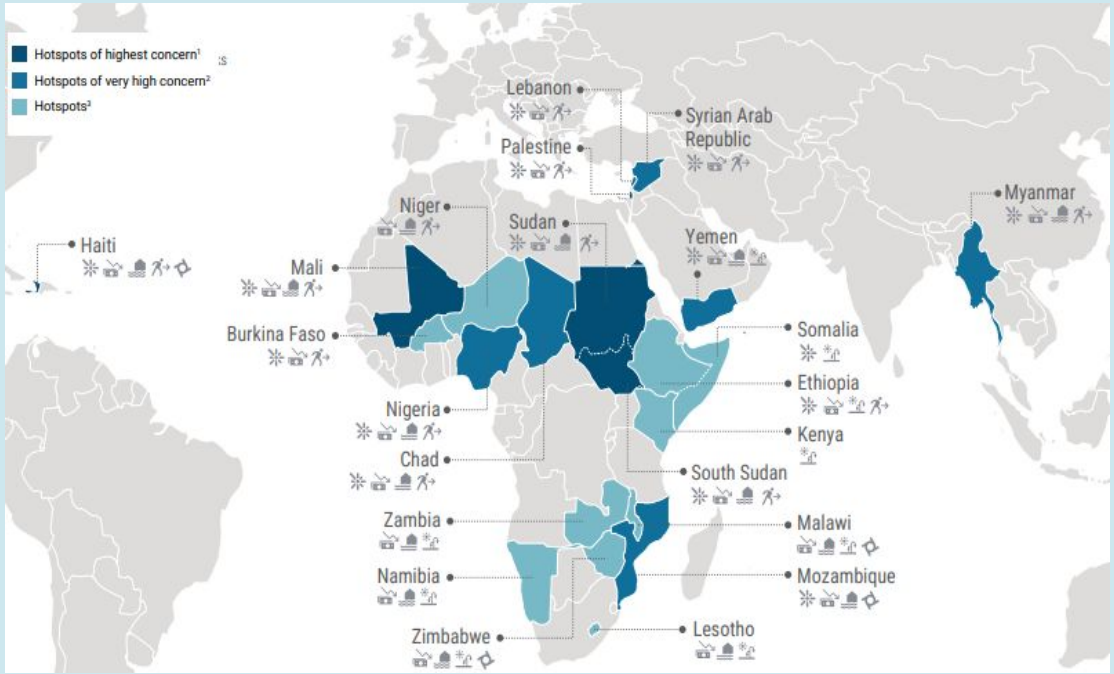
Between **2016 and 2023**, the number of people facing a food crisis or worse conditions increased from **105 million to 281.6 million**

IPC Phase 3+ (Crisis, Emergency, Famine) and non-IPC/CH moderate + severe food insecurity



Source: Global Network Against Food Crises/Food Security Information Network
Note: Country coverage changes over reporting period.

16 "hunger hotspots“ expected to experience **worsening food insecurity from November 2024- May 2025**



Source: FAO-WFP Hunger Hotspots Report (November 2024 – May 2025)
Note: Hunger Hotspots have been identified by FAO and WFP, including 14 countries and 2 regional clusters which comprise 8 countries.

GAFS established as agile forum for coordinated FNS action

Establishing GAFS

German G7 Presidency and World Bank launched the Global Alliance for Food Security (GAFS) in May 2022 to **catalyze an agile and coordinated response to the global FNS crisis.**



Adding value

GAFS brings together **60+ partners**, including governments, humanitarian, and development partners, to **exchange information and coordinate global and country responses.**

One-stop-shop for decision-makers with interactive maps of key food and nutrition security data

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Global Public Good

adding value through:

Shared understanding of FNS crises information and country needs

Strengthened linkages across country- and global-level decision-making

Enhanced coordination of humanitarian and development policy & financial responses



Facilitating access to various inter-related global and country-level FNS data and resources

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Advice

offers timely knowledge-sharing on latest food security crisis developments

Alert

provides status of the development, launch and triggering of Food Security Crisis Preparedness Plans

Action

tracks and shares information on global food security and nutrition financing

Advance

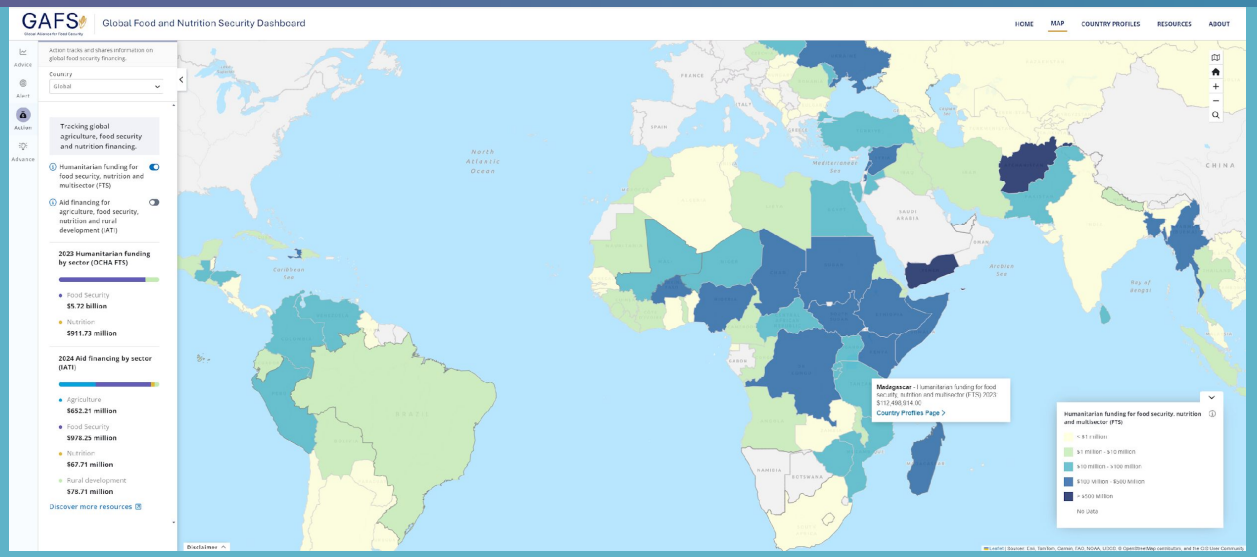
presents emerging risks to global FNS and potential measures to help strengthen agri-food systems

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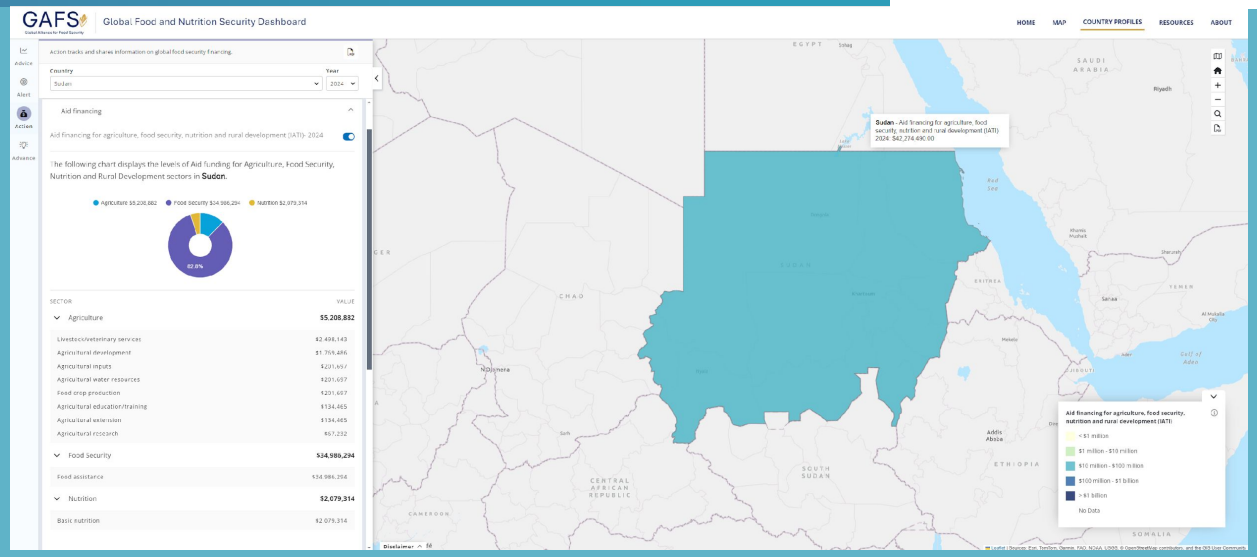
revisits and reorients agricultural policies to maximize efficiency, sustainability and social equity in farming practices

Action: Comparing humanitarian and development funding for food security, agriculture, and nutrition side-by-side

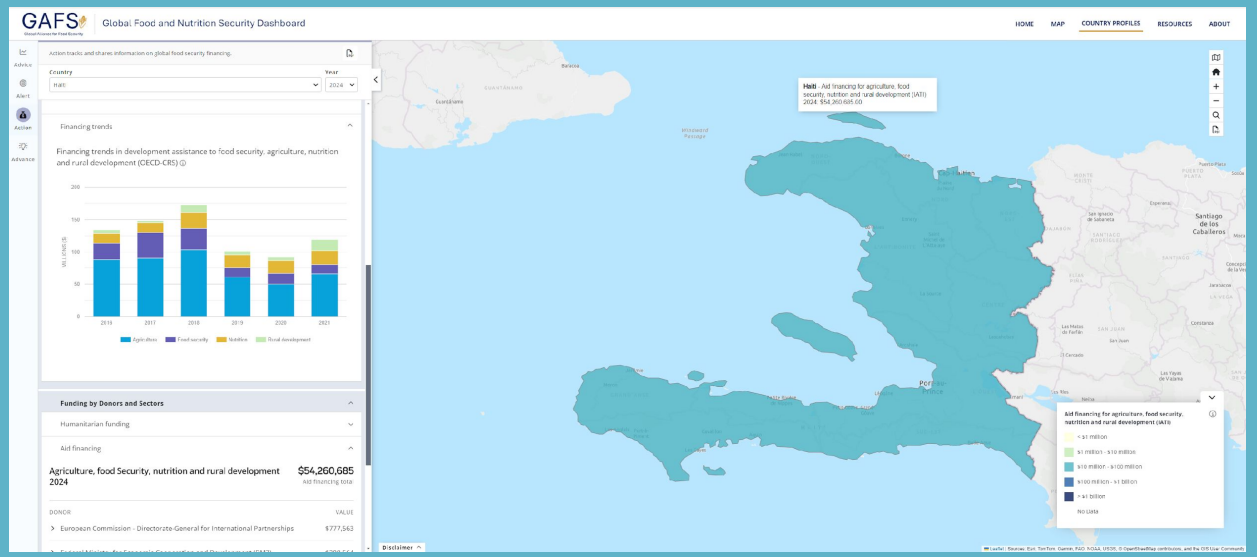
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OCHA FTS: Humanitarian funding by sector



IATI: Sudan – Aid financing for agriculture, food security and nutrition



IATI: Haiti – Financing Trends



IATI: Yemen – Aid financing – Funding by Donors and Sectors

Using IATI data: Next Steps

Next steps

- The *next* step is to support publishers to "tag" their data with more precision
- This can help us find, track and use IATI data about specific responses made by donors and partners, including to triggered Preparedness Plans for FNS Crises
- To do this we will:
    - Propose a new <tag> vocabulary in the IATI standard for Preparedness Plans
    - Provide guidance on ways to annotate IATI data for Preparedness Plans
- Distinguishing between new, continued and repurposed funding will require further discussion

Tag Vocabulary

The Tag Vocabulary codelist defines external codelists which themselves provide codes and descriptions for tag elements.

Codes

Code	Name	Description	URL
1	Agrovoc	A controlled vocabulary covering all areas of interest of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, including food, nutrition, agriculture, fisheries, forestry, environment etc.	https://agrovoc.fao.org/browse/agrovoc/en/
2	UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)	A value from the top-level list of UN sustainable development goals (SDGs) (e.g. '1')	http://reference.iatistandard.org/codelists/UNSDG-Goals/
3	UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Targets	A value from the second-level list of UN sustainable development goals (SDGs) (e.g. '1.1')	http://reference.iatistandard.org/codelists/UNSDG-Targets/
4	Team Europe Initiatives	A value from the list of Team Europe Initiatives. Team Europe consists of the European Commission, the EU Member States — including their implementing agencies and public development banks — as well as the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).	https://europa.eu/capacity4dev/joint-programming/documents/tei-codes-0

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Open data and digital governance for development effectiveness

Kathrin Frauscher, Deputy Executive Director
Open Contracting Partnership

Open Discussion

Envisioning an FfD follow-up mechanism that supports data-enabled development



Closing Remarks

H.E. Mr James Larsen, Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Government of Australia

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Event recording, presentations and other resources here:

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