



Advancing towards IATI's Strategic Goals

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Foreword



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2023 marked a year of institutional renewal for IATI, when members voted on new hosting arrangements for the initiative. For over a decade, the Secretariat consortium of UNDP, UNOPS and Development Initiatives (DI) together established a solid foundation of policy and technical support for the initiative, contributing to its rapid expansion and global endorsement. I know our members have been enormously thankful for the work of DI which has been an integral part of IATI's Secretariat since 2008, providing IATI's Technical Team and delivering vital services to our publishers and data users. I extend my personal thanks to DI for excellent support throughout our period of working together.

In 2022 when I became chair of this Governing Board, we made a commitment to ensure a transition between hosting arrangements that would be as smooth as possible. With such good cooperation within the Board together with Secretariat partners both old and new, we exceeded our ambitions. IATI stakeholders have continued to receive uninterrupted services and support throughout the transition period in 2023. IATI's incoming technology delivery partner Open Data Services quickly assumed responsibility from Development Initiatives and set up a strong new team of technology providers. New hosting arrangements came into force on 1 July 2023 and the new Secretariat is working closely together to take IATI from strength to strength.

At the heart of IATI's mission is its commitment to drive sustainable development outcomes. In 2023 there was an increase by close to 25% in the number of activities tagged as addressing SDGs, compared to 2022. By delivering transparency and open data on sustainable development activities, decision-making and accountability can be strengthened, helping to accelerate progress towards achieving Agenda 2030.

During the year, IATI's membership and community also continued to expand, with participation increasing and satisfaction for our annual event in Copenhagen in March ranking higher than any previous IATI event.

Looking ahead, one of our priorities will be to comprehensively set out what the initiative will offer post-2025 when our existing Strategic Plan ends. Our efforts as an initiative must be laser-focused on making a useful contribution to sustainable development. This means identifying gaps and ensuring that IATI data covers a range of important policy areas, such as action on climate change and promoting gender equality. With our growing membership and community offering a wealth of expertise, experience and dedication, I am confident that we will create an even more ambitious and meaningful strategic plan. And together we will ensure that IATI continues to offer significant value to international development and humanitarian actors across the world.

Lastly, I wish to share that I will step down as Governing Board Chair when elections take place at the end of this two year cycle. It's been an enormous privilege to hold this role, and I thank my colleagues working alongside me on the Board for their trust and support throughout.

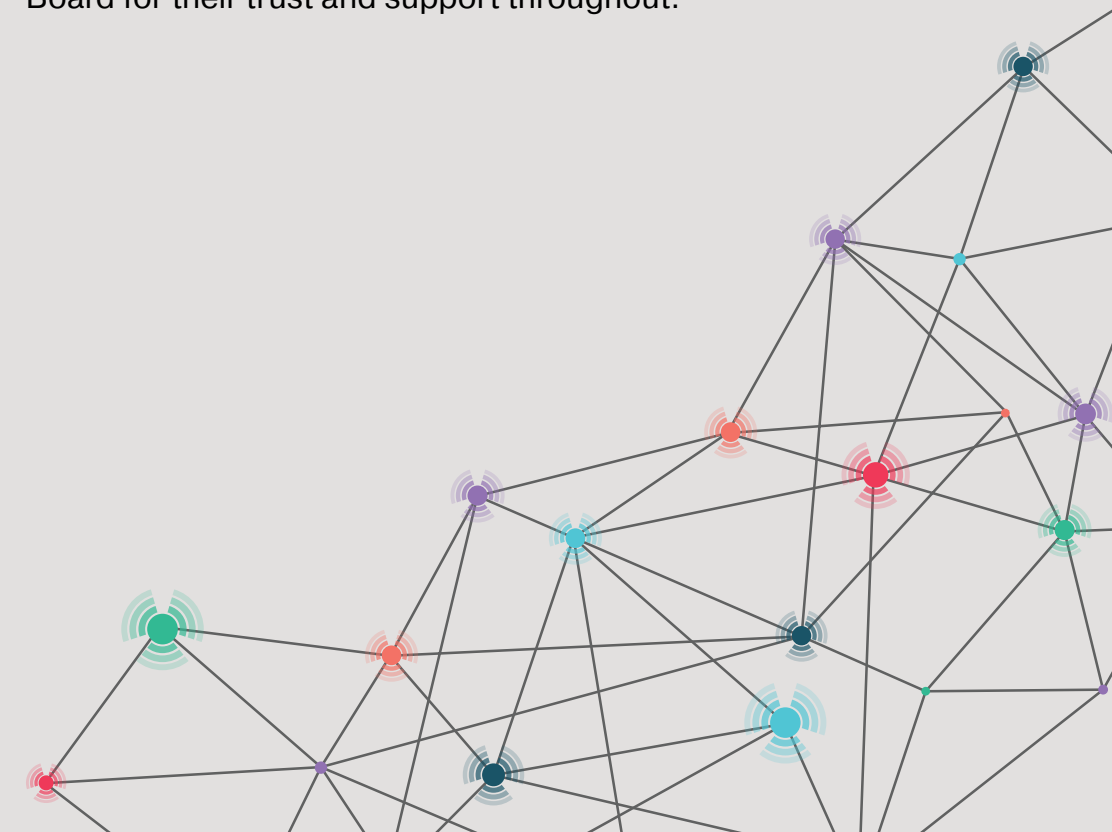
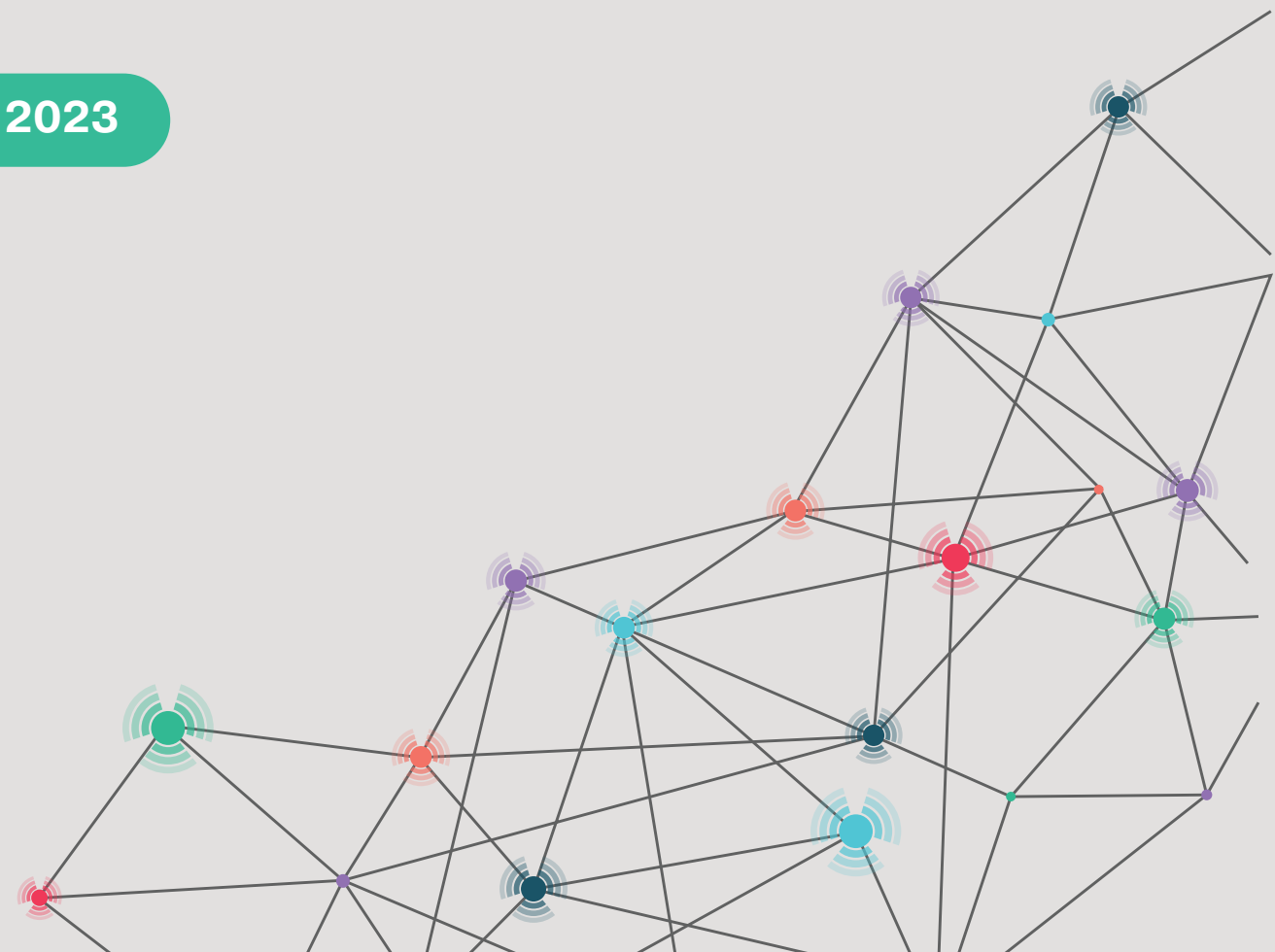


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About IATI



The International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) works to ensure that transparent, good quality information on development cooperation and humanitarian assistance is available and used to help achieve sustainable development outcomes.

Organisations publish information according to the rules and guidance set out in the IATI Standard, generating data that is freely and openly available to anyone. The initiative supports its publishers to improve the quality of IATI data and facilitates access to effective tools and guidance to use this information to drive decision-making and accountability.

IATI is funded and governed by its members and a member-elected Governing Board, and it is supported by a global community of development and humanitarian practitioners, advocates for transparency, data experts and technical specialists. IATI's Secretariat is hosted by the UN Development Programme (UNDP), which is responsible for policy and technology services, with Open Data Services as the Secretariat's technology delivery partner and the UN Office for Project Services (UNOPS) as the provider of operational and financial services.

Annual Report 2023

This year's Annual Report shares the progress and challenges in 2023 of implementing the IATI Strategic Plan 2020 - 2025. This report is accompanied by a separate Financial Report.

[Access Financial Report 2023](#)

Overview of data available from IATI

For more information, see [Annex: IATI Annual Report statistics and methodology](#)



Budget and Spending data available from IATI

By the end of 2023, **1550** organisations had published data on their development and humanitarian resources and activities. The unit of work described by an ‘activity’ is determined by the organisation publishing their data, and **863,996** activities have been published.

Budget data

Budget data indicates the amount of money an organisation plans to spend. The following data is available on 2024 budgets, which in 2023 could enable decision makers to be better informed about future resource flows:

USD \$147 billion
in 2024 budgets

This covers **205***
recipient countries

Multilateral organisations
published 70% of this
data followed by bilateral
governments (at 16%)

Spending data (disbursements and expenditures)

Spending data (disbursements and expenditures) on development and humanitarian activities shows money being transferred from one organisation to another across delivery chains, and the eventual spending on goods and services. The following data is available on 2023 spending:

USD 225 billion in
spending for 217*
recipient countries

*The IATI Country codelist is generated from the ISO 3166-1 part of the ISO 3166 standard



IATI data available on humanitarian assistance

By the end of 2023, organisations had published data on over **97,000 activities** identified as specifically responding to humanitarian crises, in 204* countries.

IATI's terminology and definitions are aligned with other humanitarian initiatives, ensuring IATI data is meaningful for the sector. In 2023, more organisations published data on the ways in which their humanitarian activities relate to international responses.

Publishers have indicated which humanitarian emergencies their activities are responding to by using internationally recognised GLIDE codes (GLObal IDentifier number). **IATI data is available on activities addressing 508 unique GLIDE codes, including codes for 15 humanitarian emergencies that took place in 2023.**

Organisations publish IATI data on the ways their activities are contributing to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)'s Humanitarian Response Plans and Flash Appeals. **There are 410 unique Humanitarian appeals referenced in IATI data.**

*IATI Country codelist is generated from the ISO 3166-1 part of the ISO 3166 standard



IATI data on the UN Sustainable Development Goals

Users can see how over **153,000** activities are contributing to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

These activities cover all 17 goals and 169 targets of the SDGs. In 2023, there was a **23% increase** in the number of activities published with SDG data (compared to 2022).

IATI data is published on a wide range of policies and sectors. For example:



IATI data on climate action

Organisations are continuing to share data on which of their activities are targeting climate change adaptation and mitigation.

Over **27,000** activities were marked as targeting mitigation by 181 publishers.

Over **33,500** activities were marked as targeting adaptation by 202 publishers.



IATI data on gender equality

In 2023 organisations shared data on which of their activities are targeting Gender Equality.

440 organisations identified that one or more of their activities were targeting Gender Equality.

Nearly **153,000** activities were identified as targeting Gender Equality.

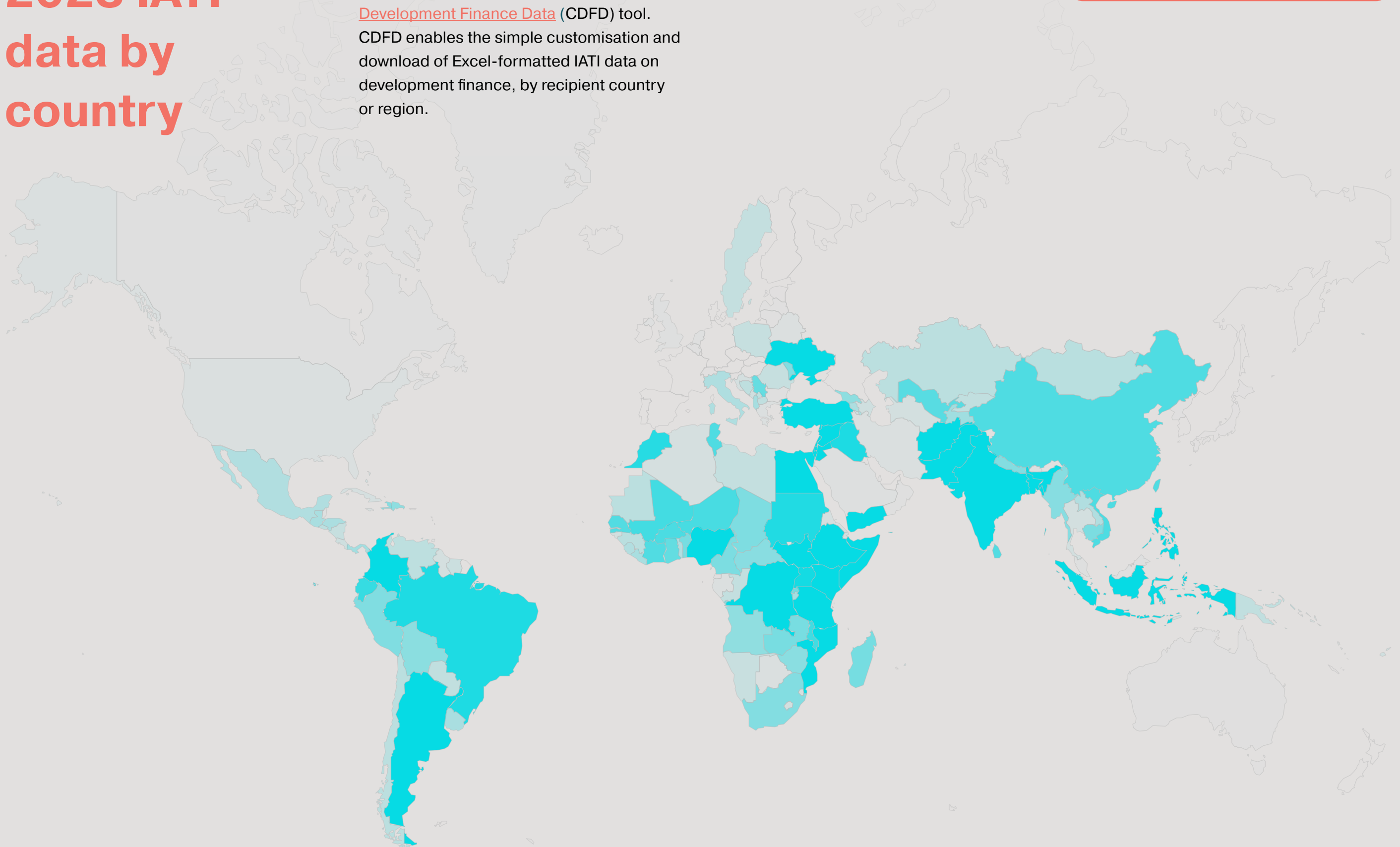
Discover 2023 IATI data by country

IATI provides a useful source of data on development budgets and spending. This data can be easily viewed in useful summary maps, charts, and tables on IATI's [Country Development Finance Data](#) (CDFD) tool.

CDFD enables the simple customisation and download of Excel-formatted IATI data on development finance, by recipient country or region.

View the following global map online to discover how much IATI data was available for each country's incoming budgets and spending in 2023.

VIEW GLOBAL MAP
OF SPENDING IN 2023



Sustaining progress towards IATI's Strategic Plan

For more information, see [Annex: IATI Annual Report statistics and methodology](#)

IATI Strategic Plan 2020-2025 sets out a clear direction for the initiative to maximise its contribution towards achieving sustainable development outcomes.

It aims to achieve three objectives:

- 1. Promote the systematic use of IATI data by development and humanitarian actor.**
- 2. Drive a significant improvement in the quality of data published to IATI**
- 3. Strengthen the IATI Standard to support objectives (1) and (2) by consolidating its technical core, maintaining its infrastructure and reinvigorating its community of publishers and members**

To measure the delivery of the Strategic Plan in each of the five years and to shape successive annual work plans, an annual monitoring exercise is undertaken based on the [Strategic Plan's Results Framework](#). As with previous years, 2023 results will be released in a separate Strategic Plan Results Framework Monitoring Report





IATI Strategic Plan objective

Promote the systematic use of IATI data by development and humanitarian actors

IATI's Strategic Plan 2020 - 2025 aims for IATI data to be systematically used to inform the planning, coordination and accountability of development and humanitarian resource flows. During 2023, the initiative promoted the use of IATI data by delivering new training opportunities and awareness raising activities.



Strengthening the use of data by Civil Society

IATI developed its first online training course: [IATI's Virtual Training for Civil Society](#), to support civil society organisations (CSOs) to use IATI data to strengthen decision-making and accountability. The course was designed in consultation with a range of civil society stakeholders and provides training on how IATI data can inform specific areas of their work:

- **Coordination:** non-governmental organisations (NGOs) can learn how to search IATI data to identify other organisations working in the same (or similar) locations or sectors. This information can be used to strengthen collaboration, reduce gaps and overlap across the development and humanitarian sectors.
- **Accountability:** Journalists and CSOs can learn how to use IATI data to investigate the delivery of development and humanitarian funding and activities, to understand if resources are delivered as planned.
- **Evidence to inform policy and advocacy:** The course explains how IATI data can be used to inform the policy of CSOs and their advocacy efforts. For example, they can gain evidence of where funding is being allocated and spent and advocate for a different allocation of resources (e.g. more funding for health or education, or more funding for a particular region/country).
- **Identifying funding:** The course also explains that IATI data can be used to understand when and where donors plan to deliver resources. This makes it possible for CSOs to use IATI data to discover funding opportunities or trends.

IATI's [Virtual Training for Civil Society](#) is a free online resource and is available in English, French and Spanish to help promote the course to a global audience.

Budget analysis and data use drop-in sessions

The initiative sought to raise awareness about the value of IATI data by undertaking [analysis at the start of 2023 on the availability of budget data](#). The analysis showed how IATI budget data can be leveraged to assess the future development and humanitarian aid landscape. During the year, the initiative continued to offer online IATI Data Use Drop-in Sessions, in which data analysis was presented and data users received information and support from the IATI Secretariat.

Awareness raising and in-person training

The initiative also promoted the value of IATI data through in-person events during 2023. In July, IATI held a workshop in Cameroon to train government staff on how to access IATI data on external resource flows to support their work, including in creating national budgets and putting together annual development cooperation reports.

Training was also delivered at IATI's first in-person Community Exchange, held in March 2023 in Copenhagen ([see page 19](#)). This event provided the opportunity for data users across the world to be trained together, enabling them to share best practices and common issues.


In November, IATI attended [Festival de Datos](#), which was the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data's (GPSSD) Data for Development Festival in Punta del Este, Uruguay ([see page 18](#) for more information). At the event, IATI held a training session entitled: How to Unlock Timely, Transparent Development and Humanitarian data, where participants were introduced to IATI data access tools ([d-portal](#), [Datastore Search](#) and [Country Development Finance Data](#) tool) and were shown recent analysis on development and humanitarian financing within Latin America.

Case study on data use:

During 2023, the value of IATI data was recognised by even more organisations across the globe. Here are a couple of examples of how IATI data was used.

Using IATI data to inform investigative journalism

Investigative journalist Claire Provost became engaged with IATI's community in 2023 after she used IATI data to inform an [exclusive report on CNN](#). Claire used IATI's Country Development Finance Data ([CDFD](#)) Tool and [d-portal](#) to inform her report on the allocation of development funding. She discovered that some donor governments were providing ODA (official development assistance) to organisations in Ghana who were campaigning against LGBTQI+ rights. The same donors had previously pledged to support LGBTQI+ rights, however they were found to be funding supporters of a bill that could introduce harsh sentences for advocating for sexual and gender minorities' rights. The CNN report received widespread attention and opened up a dialogue with the donors on the consistencies in their funding practices. Since her report was released, Claire Provost has been a strong advocate of using IATI data, sharing her experience at IATI's Community Exchange meeting in March 2023 ([watch recording of session](#)).



“It’s the improvements in IATI data and its accessibility that really do offer new and exciting opportunities for accountability investigations”

**- CLAIRE PROVOST,
Investigative Journalist**

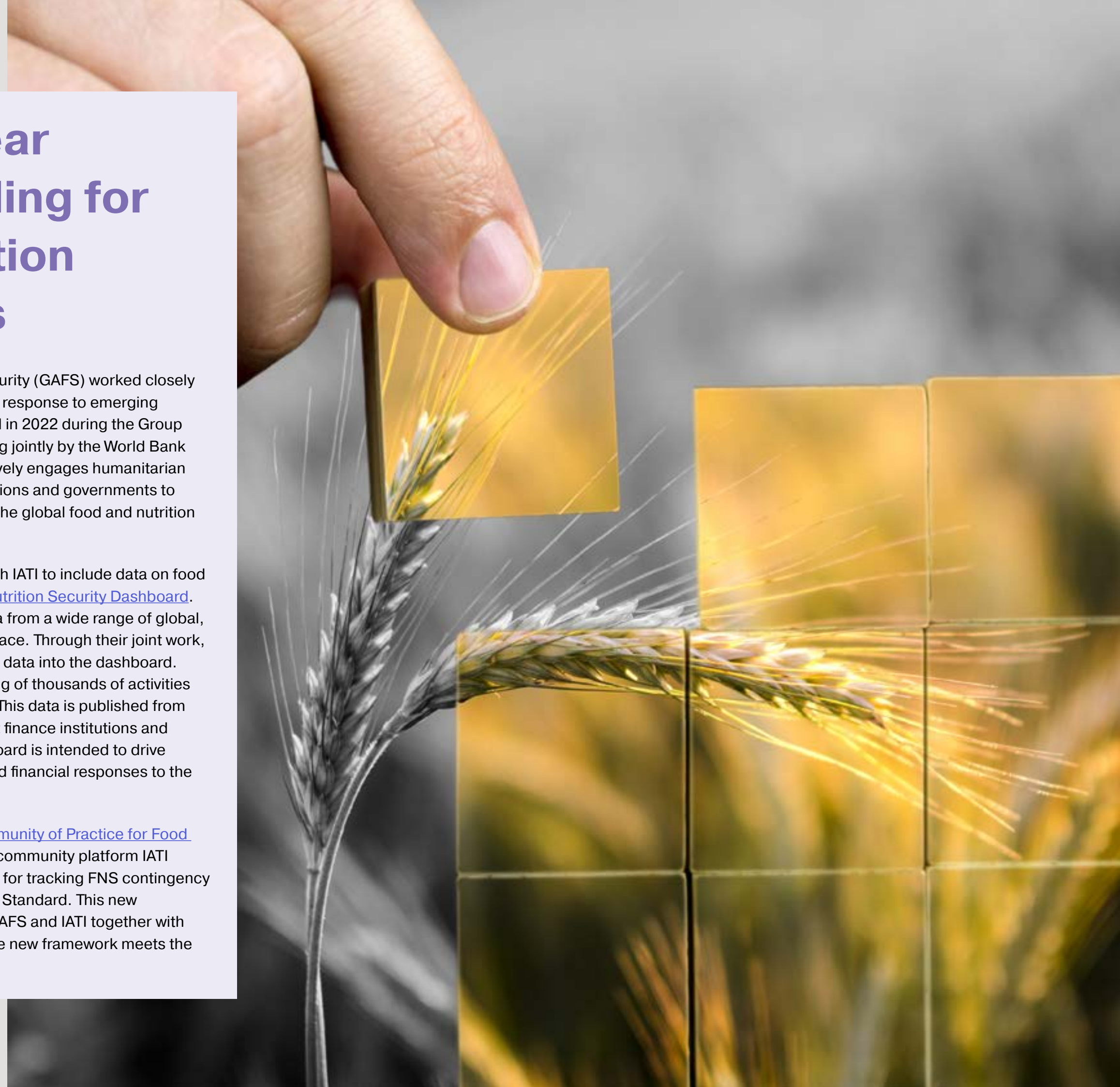


Providing a clear picture of funding for food and nutrition security crises

During 2023, the Global Alliance for Food Security (GAFS) worked closely with IATI on using open data to strengthen the response to emerging food and nutrition crises. GAFS was convened in 2022 during the Group of Seven (G7) Development Ministers' Meeting jointly by the World Bank Group and German G7 Presidency. GAFS actively engages humanitarian and development partners, regional organisations and governments to catalyse a swift and coordinated response to the global food and nutrition security crisis.

Over the last year, GAFS has been working with IATI to include data on food security financing on their [Global Food and Nutrition Security Dashboard](#). The dashboard brings together important data from a wide range of global, national, and sub-national sources into one place. Through their joint work, IATI and GAFS have successfully included IATI data into the dashboard. This means users can find data on the financing of thousands of activities that address global food and nutrition crises. This data is published from bilateral and multilateral donors, development finance institutions and NGOs. The inclusion of IATI data in the Dashboard is intended to drive improvements in the coordination of policy and financial responses to the global food and nutrition crises.

Going forward, GAFS is launching a new [Community of Practice for Food and Nutrition Security \(FNS\)](#) (in 2024) on the community platform IATI Connect. It aims to create a robust framework for tracking FNS contingency resources, focusing on using IATI's open data Standard. This new Community will link up data publishers from GAFS and IATI together with data users working on policy to ensure that the new framework meets the needs of those working in the sector.





IATI Strategic Plan objective

Drive a significant improvement in the quality of data published to IATI

To ensure that IATI data is useful, the Strategic Plan contains an important objective of improving the quality of the data published. In 2023, the IATI Secretariat continued to offer support to organisations seeking to improve their data.

IATI Publisher tool launched

In January 2023, IATI launched a new publishing tool commissioned by the Governing Board and developed for the initiative by software provider Young Innovations. [IATI Publisher](#) is an online tool that enables organisations to publish data according to the XML format required by the IATI Standard. The tool was built to support small or medium sized organisations (or those with only a limited number of activities) to publish data on their development and humanitarian activities. IATI Publisher is free to use and simplifies the process to register a publisher account with IATI. It also offers useful explanations and guidance to enable publishers to understand the data fields in the IATI Standard.



Improving validation

The [IATI Validator](#) is a key online tool that enables publishers to check whether data complies with the rules of the IATI Standard. In 2023, the usage of the IATI Validator significantly increased, with the number of unique visitors at 9,200 compared to 7,300 in 2022. This 26 percent increase suggests progress in the commitment of IATI publishers to checking and improving their data quality.

IATI support

As part of the transition to new IATI Secretariat hosting arrangements ([see page 17](#)) in July 2023, Open Data Services (ODS) began providing support to publishers and users as the Secretariat's new technology delivery partner. During the transition, ODS maintained an excellent standard of support to organisations requesting assistance to publish and improve their data, including answering over 600 requests from more than 300¹ organisations through IATI's support desk.

The IATI Secretariat also provided more extensive one-to-one support to existing publishers.

This included to the Australian Government to strengthen IATI reporting as part of Australia's new International Development Policy: [Australia's International Development Policy](#). The policy includes a commitment to enhancing the transparency of Australia's development program, and the Australian Government recognises engagement with IATI as an important component of implementing this commitment. The IATI Secretariat also provided support to CAF – banco de desarrollo de América Latina (Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean). Following CAF joining IATI as a new member ([see page 17](#)), the development bank has received extensive support to prepare to publish IATI data for the first time. CAF is a significant provider



¹ 670 requests were sent to support@iatistandard.org from 306 different organisations from 1 July (which was the start of the new Secretariat hosting arrangements) to 12 Dec 2023.

of development resources and its data will enhance IATI's relevance across the Latin America and the Caribbean region.

The Secretariat released new online resources to support publishers addressing common issues. For example, [new guidance was created](#) to help publishers overcome restrictions placed by their own websites' security products which prevented tools such as the IATI Datastore from gaining access to their published data.

Financing the Aid Transparency Index 2024

In March 2023, the IATI Governing Board [announced its decision to finance Publish What You Fund's next Aid Transparency Index](#), to be released in July 2024. The Index uses IATI data to help track the progress of the world's major development agencies towards improving their transparency. The last Aid Transparency Index, released in July 2022, assessed 50 organisations which represented 84% of all IATI data. The provision of funding by IATI ensured that PWYF was able to deliver the assessment of donor transparency again in 2024. As with previous years, the Aid Transparency Index 2024 remains independently managed by PWYF and is carefully firewalled to ensure there is no potential for conflict of interest by IATI's Governing Board or other IATI stakeholders.

As part of the funding arrangement, PWYF researched the feasibility and value of applying the Aid Transparency Index's automated tests across all IATI publishers. As the Index assesses around 50 large donors, PWYF provided clear guidance on how a much larger group of IATI publishers could be assessed, to help improve data quality. The Governing Board expect that PWYF and the Secretariat will deliver these assessments on a data dashboard during 2024.





IATI Strategic Plan objective

Strengthen the IATI Standard by consolidating its technical core, maintaining its infrastructure and reinvigorating its community of publishers and members

To support organisations to publish and use IATI data, a wide range of technical services and tools are provided. IATI also works throughout the year to maintain the IATI Standard, ensuring organisations are engaged in any changes to the way data is published.

Maintaining stable services during Secretariat transition

In 2023, the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) focused on transitioning its technical services and tools to the new IATI Secretariat hosting arrangements ([see page 17](#)). The outgoing Technical Team at Development Initiatives worked hard in the first part of the year to produce documentation on IATI's technical services alongside the incoming IATI Secretariat delivery partner, Open Data Services (ODS). In July 2023, all services were successfully moved over to the responsibility of ODS, with no downtime or break in any of IATI's technical tools during the Secretariat transition. This provided a stable service to IATI publishers and users. Since then, the Secretariat has implemented various works to improve the hosting platforms used by the initiative. For instance, staff have enhanced monitoring through new automatic alerts. This additional work undertaken by the Secretariat increases the security and long-term sustainability of services provided by the initiative.

Improving IATI Datastore

Following a successful transition of technical services, the Secretariat worked to enhance the reliability and resilience of the [IATI Datastore](#), a key tool for downloading IATI data in CSV, JSON and XML formats. The Secretariat focused on use cases from its community, whilst also being informed by ongoing research and benchmarking. This resulted in enhancements around the methods the Datastore uses to process and store data, handling the increasing numbers of publishers who update daily. In turn, this provided a more accurate picture of IATI data to those using the Datastore regularly.

Additionally, improvements were implemented to ensure clearer and more accurate querying of tools, particularly around budget data, whether using the website [Datastore Search](#) or the Datastore API. New work also commenced on [validating IATI activity identifiers](#), which is a vital cog for uses around traceability and network mapping. In all instances, the Secretariat communicated and discussed planned changes on IATI Connect, both prior, during and after each stage of implementation.

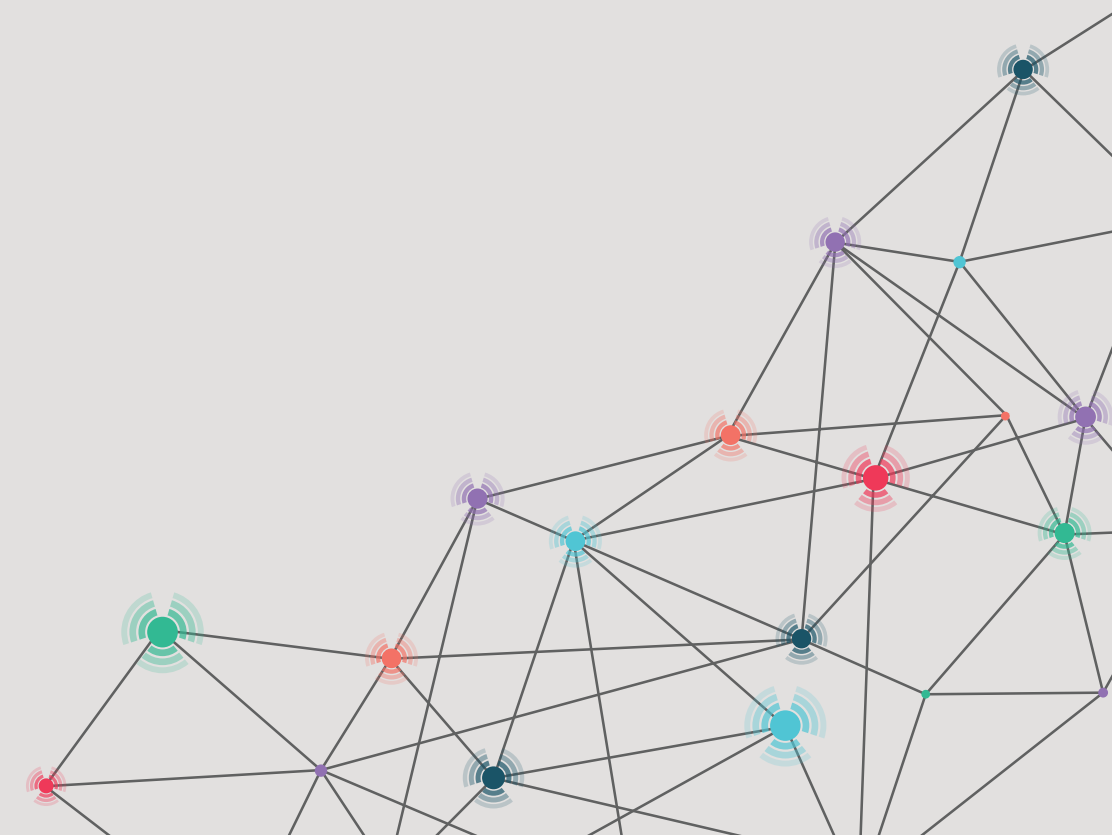


Maintaining engagement on the IATI Standard

The IATI Standard is the foundation by which the initiative works to improve the usefulness of development and humanitarian data. Organisations publish data according to the rules and framework set out in the IATI Standard. Major upgrades are undertaken infrequently, with the last upgrade taking in 2018, to Version 2.03. The IATI Secretariat monitors external sources such as ISO and OECD DAC and incorporates changes in their relevant codes into IATI code lists to remain synchronised with these sources, and ensures that the IATI community remains informed of updates where these are relevant for publication or use of IATI data.

For example, in 2023 the Secretariat [sought input from the community](#) on how best to reflect a change to the OECD CRS reporting guidelines in the IATI Standard. The Secretariat also consulted the community on [clarifying the use of NGO Organisation Types](#) when it became apparent from publisher feedback that there was confusion on how to describe different types of NGOs using the Organisation Types in the Standard (i.e. International, National, Regional and Partner Country based NGOs). This discussion on IATI Connect revealed that this was a longstanding issue and it attracted a high volume of community engagement.

In 2023, the Standard was also updated outside a formal upgrade process to meet the needs of specific data communities with the addition of a new vocabulary to support the European Commission and member states to annotate relevant IATI activities in relation to the [Team Europe Initiative \(TEI\)](#). Team Europe consists of the European Union, 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). Whilst the addition of the new vocabulary did not require a formal upgrade, it does illustrate the continued flexibility of the Standard, which is important to all stakeholders. This example shows how the IATI Standard can be utilised to meet the increasing need for common practices between specific communities of publishers. IATI's new partnership with the Global Alliance for Food Security ([see page 11](#)) is one recent instance that demonstrates this approach in practice.



Community and Governance

The IATI Strategic Plan 2020 - 2025 sets out several cross-cutting action areas which are essential for the initiative to meet its objectives. They include goals and activities relating to outreach and engagement to IATI's members, community and other important external stakeholders, as well as executing effective governance of the initiative.

Governance and membership

IATI is run by its members who govern and fund the initiative through membership contributions. Any organisation committed to improving the transparency of development and humanitarian resources can join IATI as a member. In 2023 the initiative warmly welcomed five new organisations: CAF – Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean, the Government of Niger, CanWaCH (the Canadian partnership for women and children's health), and the development data organisations Emergently and Open Data Company. Waivers of membership contribution were approved by the Board for 24 partner countries, in accordance with the IATI Standard Operating Procedures (2.3.6) and for a period of one year after which these waivers will be reviewed. Work is being undertaken by a Working Group on Standard Operating Procedures to examine and make a proposal on language governing availability of waivers for civil society organisations in addition to partner countries, where they meet certain criteria.

IATI's seven-member Governing Board elected by IATI members in 2022 for a two-year term, continued to meet quarterly. The Board also continued to hold 'IATI Board Drop-in Sessions' ahead of quarterly meetings, inviting IATI members to discuss pressing governance issues. During 2023, the Board set up three working groups: a Technical Working Group; a reinstated Data Use Working Group, and a Publishing Working Group. These groups aim to strengthen the voices of members and IATI's community in key decisions and activities of the initiative.

Transition to new IATI Secretariat Hosting Arrangements

In 2023, members voted on new hosting arrangements for IATI following the expiration of the previous hosting mandate in December 2022 (extended for a six month period for transition).

The IATI Governing Board worked with an Institutional Working Group of IATI member representatives to develop terms of reference and subsequently to carry out a robust selection process for new hosting arrangements which concluded in 2023. Following an open invitation to bid launched in 2022, the Board and the Working Group submitted options to the IATI Members' Assembly in March 2023. Members reviewed the options and selected UNDP as the host (with responsibility for policy and technology services), Open Data Services as the new technology delivery partner and the UN Office for Project Services (UNOPS) as the provider of operational and financial services.

The transition process included cataloguing services, preserving and transferring the institutional memory, and securing budgets and resources needed to ensure ongoing Secretariat support to IATI. The smooth handover of responsibility ensured that all IATI stakeholders continued to receive a high level of uninterrupted services and support throughout the transition period. The new hosting arrangements came into force on 1 July 2023 and the new Secretariat entities have established new working practices for effective collaboration.



Outreach and engagement

During 2023, IATI undertook a range of outreach activities to engage new audiences in the initiative. The Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data's (GPSSD) [Data for Development Festival "Festival de Datos"](#), held in Uruguay in November gave IATI access to a network of hundreds of development data experts from leading organisations across the globe. Participation further provided the opportunity for IATI to engage with data users from across Latin America and the Caribbean, ahead of strategic expansion of the initiative into the region in 2024 ([see page 20](#)).

As more evidence of the wide ranging sectors and groups of stakeholders finding value in using IATI data, IATI was invited to participate [in a workshop in Paris](#) (6-7 November 2023) on improving the tracking of development funds to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs). Organised by the Global Alliance of Territorial Communities and Charapa, the workshop focused on overcoming data gaps on the pledging and implementation of funds to IPLCs, and the results achieved. IATI was invited to present its role on capturing data on international development and humanitarian funding. Many representatives from IPLCs, donors and international NGOs learned about IATI for the first time, and the workshop was a valuable opportunity to raise awareness about IATI data available on IPLCs.

During the UN Climate Change Conference - United Arab Emirates (COP28), IATI raised awareness of the kind of data that is available on climate action by releasing a [detailed briefing](#). It included analysis showing that IATI data has been published on over 33,300 activities targeting climate adaptation and more than 25,300 targeting climate mitigation. The briefing was promoted via social media and targeted at the COP28 participants, and received interest from a range of climate action stakeholders.



Engaging IATI’s Community

IATI hosted its first in-person annual meeting since 2019 (due to Covid-19 travel restrictions) on 13-16 March 2023 at UN City in Copenhagen. The event included IATI’s Members’ Assembly and Community Exchange and a total of 179 people attended the event 133 in-person participants and 46 online participants). The attendance was higher than recent IATI annual events as shown by Figure 1.

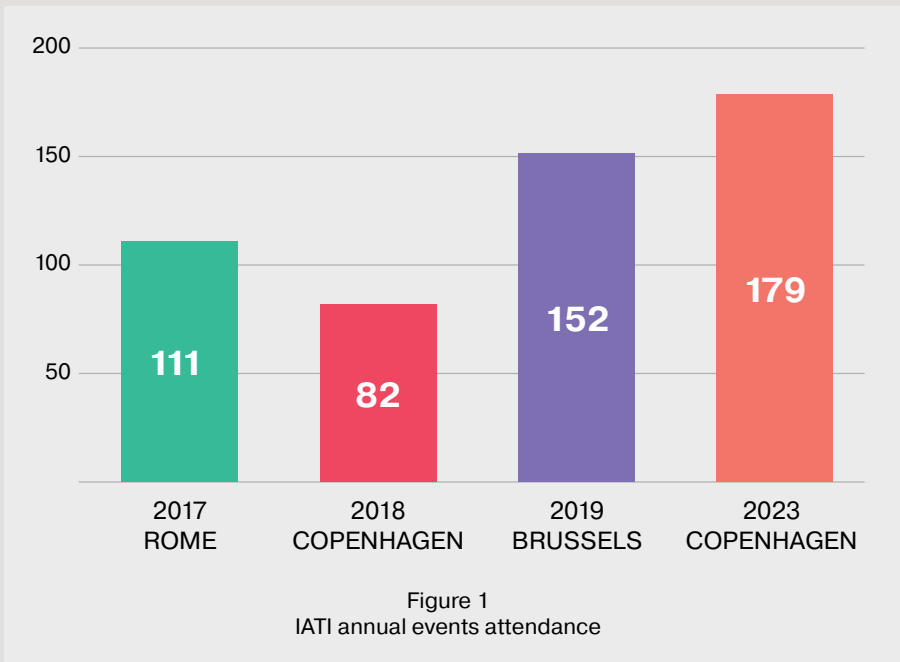
At the Members’ Assembly, members of IATI discussed important governance issues, including the IATI Secretariat’s new hosting arrangements (see page 17). The Members’ Assembly also successfully engaged major development organisations. For example, the United Arab Emirates Ministry of Foreign Affairs (UAE MOFA) and the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) were invited to attend the event as observers for the first time. Following successful engagement, both organisations began publishing the data to IATI for the first time towards the end of the year. Furthermore, IsDB decided to join the initiative as an IATI member (with membership confirmed in January 2024).

The Community Exchange invited IATI’s community to lead sessions on topics related to their IATI work and relevant open data issues. The 2023 Members’ Assembly and Community Exchange received the highest satisfaction rating recorded by IATI through its annual event participation survey. Recordings of the sessions of the Community Exchange (15-16 March) were made available on [IATI Connect](#).

Later in the year, IATI provided another opportunity for its global community to meet at the fifth IATI Virtual Community Exchange (VCE5) on 15 November. The event offered 29 speakers in nine sessions, ranging from how to scale IATI Publishing, to enhancing global food security tracking. VCE 5 attracted 170 participants from across the globe and more [watched the sessions back](#) on IATI Connect.

Between meetings, IATI’s community engaged with the initiative through its community platform, IATI Connect. The platform enables discussion amongst IATI’s Communities

of Practice on publishing data, using data and on IATI’s technical services. It also enables the IATI community to set up their own discussion groups, for example ‘Netherlands Corner’. During 2023, the number of user accounts steadily increased by 17% and the platform attracted 12,200 unique visitors.



Looking ahead

For more information, see Annex: IATI Annual Report statistics and methodology



After a year of transition, restructuring and change management in 2023, the initiative will have a strong external focus in 2024. IATI will work to expand its presence in the region of Latin America and the Caribbean, with a view to engaging new publishers, data users and members. The initiative will hold its annual [Members' Assembly and Community Exchange](#) in the



region for the first time. The Agencia Presidencial de Cooperación Internacional de Colombia (APC-Colombia), in collaboration with the Departamento Administrativo Nacional de Estadística (DANE), has agreed to co-host the annual event in Bogotá, Colombia between 23-26 April 2024. This location provides an excellent opportunity to forge new partnerships and focus on how IATI can meet specific regional needs, including on improving access to data on South-South Cooperation. IATI also plans to raise awareness and build networks in the region by attending the fifth UN World Data Forum, which will be held in Medellín, Colombia in November 2024.

As part of its successful bid in 2023, the new Secretariat host committed to incorporate a policy advisory role for the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and this will be delivered in 2024. Working with OCHA, the Secretariat will deliver

a range of activities to improve the availability and use of IATI data on humanitarian resources. Supporting the humanitarian community to access better open data was a key ambition of [IATI's Strategic Plan 2020-25](#) and with humanitarian assistance reaching record levels, it is important to increase the transparency of these resources.

Over the next year, engagement with IATI's community will be strengthened with a new community engagement roadmap which will aim to enhance the transparency of the initiative's work, and ensure that the vast expertise of the IATI community are sought and integrated into future plans. For example, sharing technical roadmaps will ensure that IATI's community is kept informed and consulted on the delivery of IATI's technical tools and services. It will also set out how the initiative will leverage expertise through existing community channels such as Working Groups and Communities of Practice.

With IATI's existing strategic plan ending in 2025, the initiative will launch an extensive consultation to develop its vision for 2030 and its next strategic plan. In-person and virtual consultation activities will be held with IATI members, its community and the wider open data and transparency sectors. The process will be initiated at the IATI Members' Assembly and will reflect on the delivering of the existing strategic plan to date. This will ensure that the initiative learns from the successes and outstanding challenges of the delivery of the ambitious Strategic Plan 2020-2025.

Annex: IATI Annual Report statistics and methodology

All budget, spending, humanitarian and SDG data presented was pulled from the [IATI Registry](#) on 1 February 2024. This data was processed using both Python and R studio. Climate and gender data were pulled from [IATI Datastore Search](#) on 31 January 2024. The number of organisations publishing to IATI presented in the report was counted as of 1 February.

Budgets

[Activity budget](#) data has been analysed in the report. When an original and revised budget has been reported for the same period, only the revised budget has been used. Data for budgets commencing in 2024 reported as of 1 February 2024 has been analysed. Only budgets with [recipient countries](#) reported at the activity level have been included.

Spend

For the spend analysis, [transaction types](#) (3-disbursement and 4-expenditure) with transaction dates in 2024 have been analysed.

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

For the SDG analysis, SDGs reported at the sector, tag, and result indicator levels have been used. All activities including SDG data as of 1 February 2024 have been counted.

Humanitarian

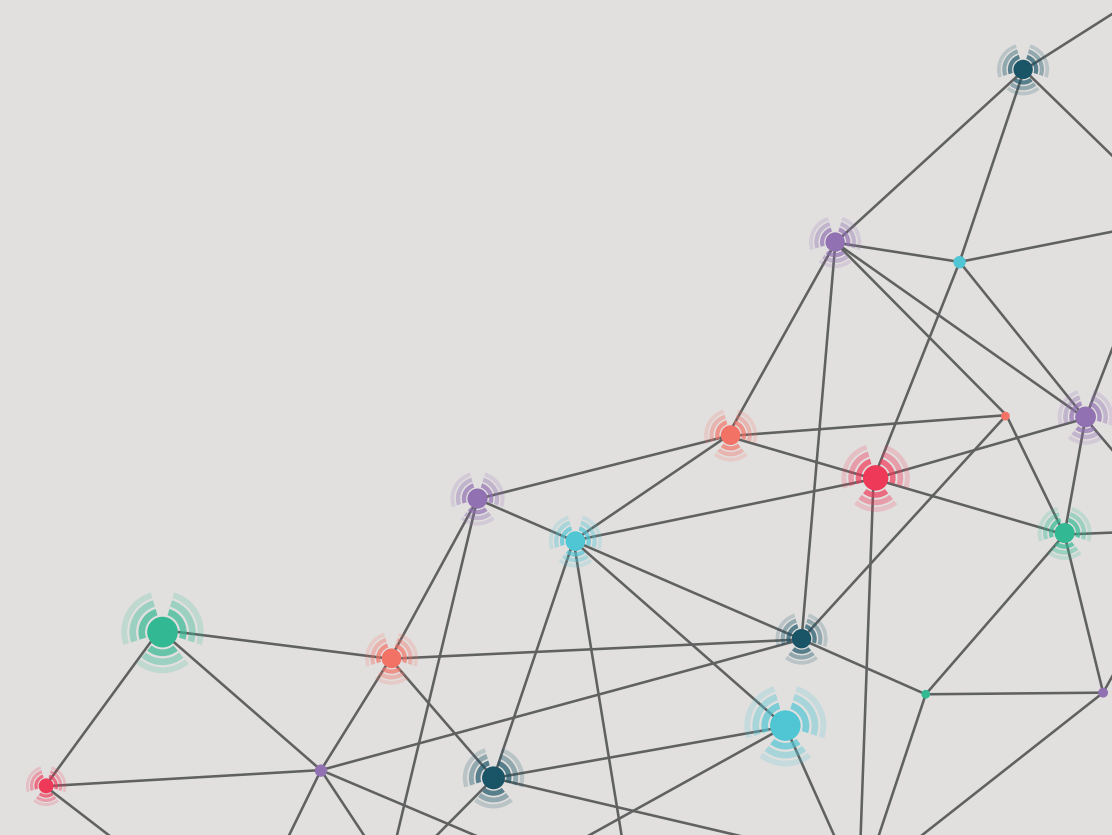
Activities have been classified as humanitarian if the humanitarian flag has been used at activity level. For the analysis of GLIDE and HRP, any activities that have used the humanitarian scope element and [humanitarian scope vocabulary](#) 1-2 (GLIDE) and 2-1 (HRP) were included. Emergency and appeal activities numbers have been counted by using the [humanitarian-scope type](#).

Climate action

Climate data were pulled from the Datastore Search on 31 January 2024. Data for activities pertaining to climate change adaptation and mitigation were collected. Activities were included in this classification if they included the policy marker code 6, “Aid Targeting the Objectives of the Framework Convention on Climate Change - Mitigation”, or policy marker code 7, “Aid Targeting the Objectives of the Framework Convention on Climate Change - Adaptation” as a “principal” or “significant” objective.

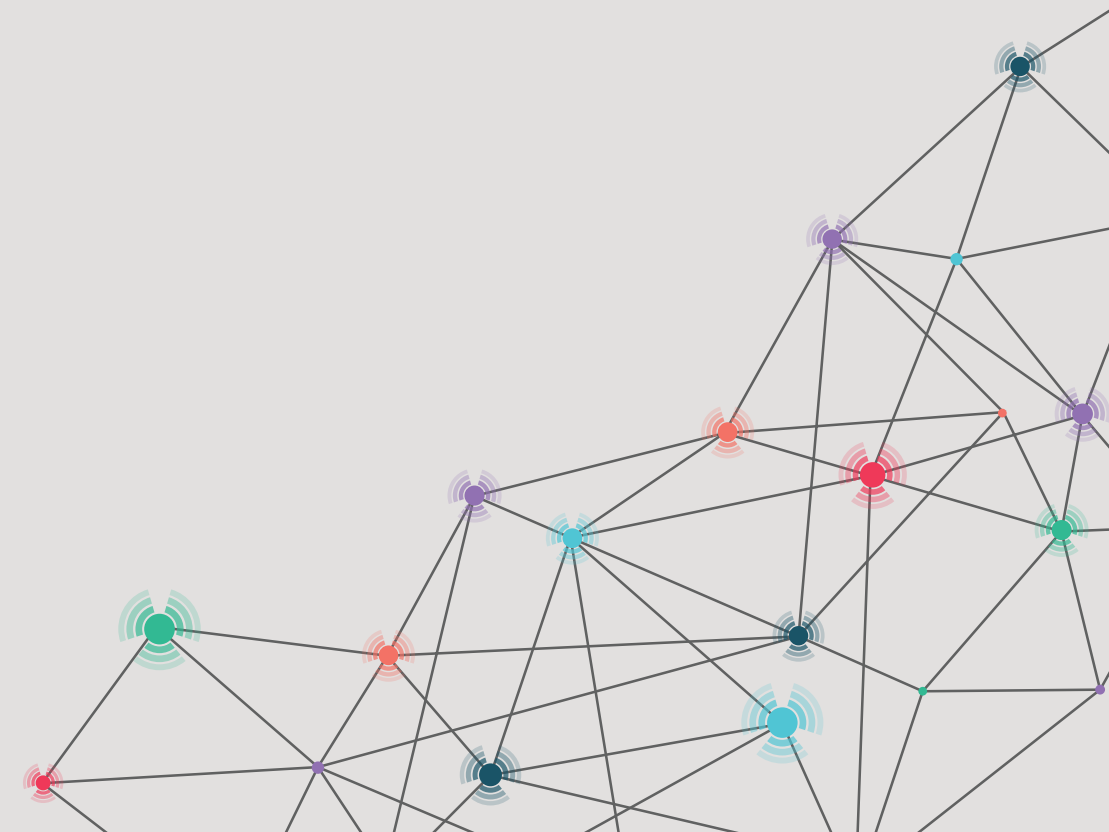
Gender equality

Gender data was pulled from the Datastore Search on 31 January 2024. Data for activities pertaining to gender equality were collected. Activities were included in this classification if they included the policy marker code 1, “Gender Equality” as a “principal” or “significant” objective.



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