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Welcome to the IATI Community Exchange 2025

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Opening Remarks

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands



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Introduction to the Community Exchange

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Reimagining Data Quality: A Strategic and User-Centric Approach

Plenary Session 1

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REIMAGINING DATA QUALITY: A STRATEGIC AND USER-CENTRIC APPROACH

9:20 am – 10:30 am November 27

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Panel Session 1

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DATA QUALITY AS A STRATEGIC AND USER-CENTERED INVESTMENT: KEY PRINCIPLES

1. Foundational to IATI's Future

High-quality data strengthens IATI's usability, visibility, and trust across the community.

2. Responding to User Needs

Governments and local actors need timely, complete, predictable data for real decision-making..



3. Real-World Decision-Making

The 2025 State of the Data Deep Dives shows that usability depends on practical elements—regular updates, document accessibility, financial visibility, and clear delivery chains.

4. Matching Ambition With Contextual Rigor

A strategic investment in data quality means setting expectations that reflect diverse mandates and organisational types

5. Resources Under Pressure: Maximising Value & Impact

With funding under strain and scrutiny intensifying, data quality becomes a political investment in trust and effectiveness.

CONTEXT AND CHALLENGES SHAPING DATA QUALITY

Demand for timely, reliable data…
Governments, local actors, and donors increasingly rely on predictable, structured information to plan, coordinate, and respond to complex and rapidly shifting financing environments.

Real-world decisions depend on usable information…
Effective planning and analysis require clear financial flows, accessible documents, locations, results, and meaningful, regular updates.

Ambition must reflect diverse capacities in a constrained environment…
Expectations for transparency are rising amid tighter budgets and heightened scrutiny, and a diverse publishing ecosystem needs proportionate, realistic guidance.



…but publishing practices naturally vary across a diverse community
Many publishers are making steady improvements, but data updates can still be uneven at times, with gaps in forward budgets, delivery-chain details, or key documents/results.



…but usability barriers can limit practical application
Regional dialogues, and the SotD deep dives highlight usability challenges; like broken links or incomplete financials that impact usability.



…but one-size-fits-all metrics and limited feedback loops slow improvement
Uniform indicators don’t fully reflect contextual realities, while publishers receive limited structured input on user needs, making targeted progress more difficult.

FROM INSIGHTS TO ACTION:

FOUR STRATEGIC AVENUES

1. Re-centering Data Quality Around Usability and User Needs;

2. Strengthening Feedback Loops Between Publishers and Users

3. Setting Ambition While Respecting Organisational Realities

4. Moving From Static Metrics to a Coherent, Iterative Improvement Model

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FROM INSIGHTS TO ACTION

Next Steps: What Data Quality diaognistics/feedback could look like in practice

1. **A Cross-Organisation Baseline for All Publishers…**

A shared foundation of essential parameters – including timeliness, forward budgets, structural validity, descriptive quality, core financials, and basic documentation – ensuring comparability and consistency across the entire IATI community.



2. **Differentiated, Organisation-Type-Specific Feedback…**

Tailored expectations for different publisher types (bilaterals, MDBs, UN entities, INGOs, local partners), reflecting their distinct contexts, data structures, and user needs..



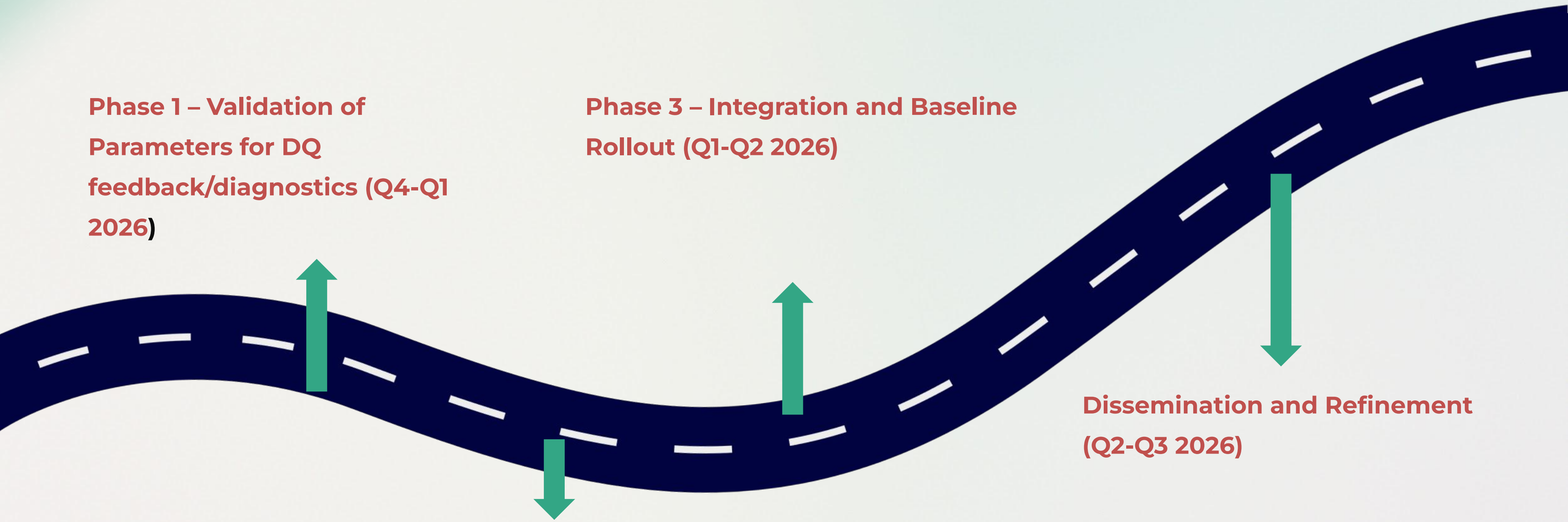
3. **A “Publishers-in-Focus” Cohort for Targeted Support…**

Tactically focusing scarce resource on prioritsed set of high-volume and strategically important publishers receiving deeper dianostics, hands-on engagement, and support -- enabling measurable improvements where data visibility and usability matter most



NEXT STEPS: ROADMAP

Phase 1 – Validation of Parameters for DQ feedback/diagnostics (Q4-Q1 2026)



Phase 2 – User-Needs and Contextual Testing (Q1 2026)

Phase 3 – Integration and Baseline Rollout (Q1-Q2 2026)

Dissemination and Refinement (Q2-Q3 2026)

State of the Data 2025: Review

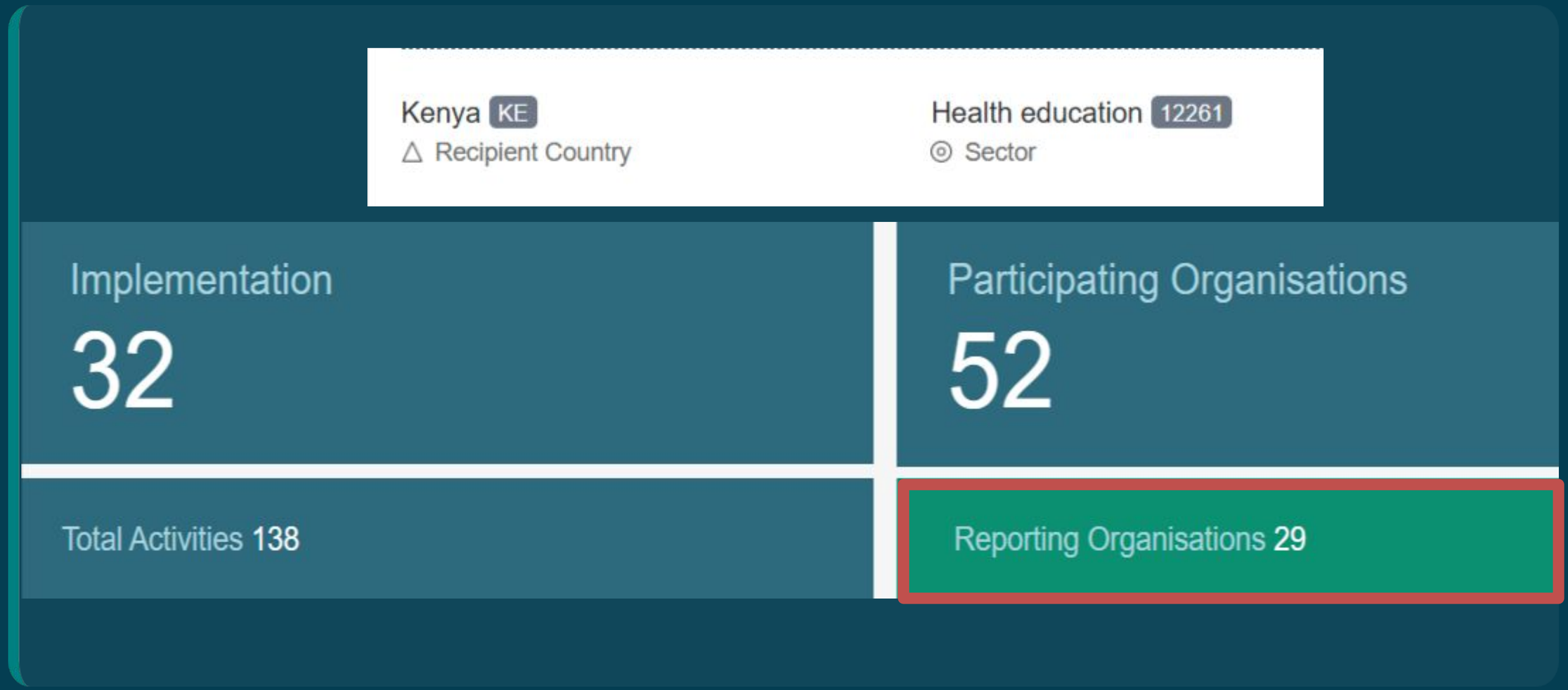
From Analysis to *Action*

Steven Flower (ODS)

State of the Data = SotD

SotD: New news!

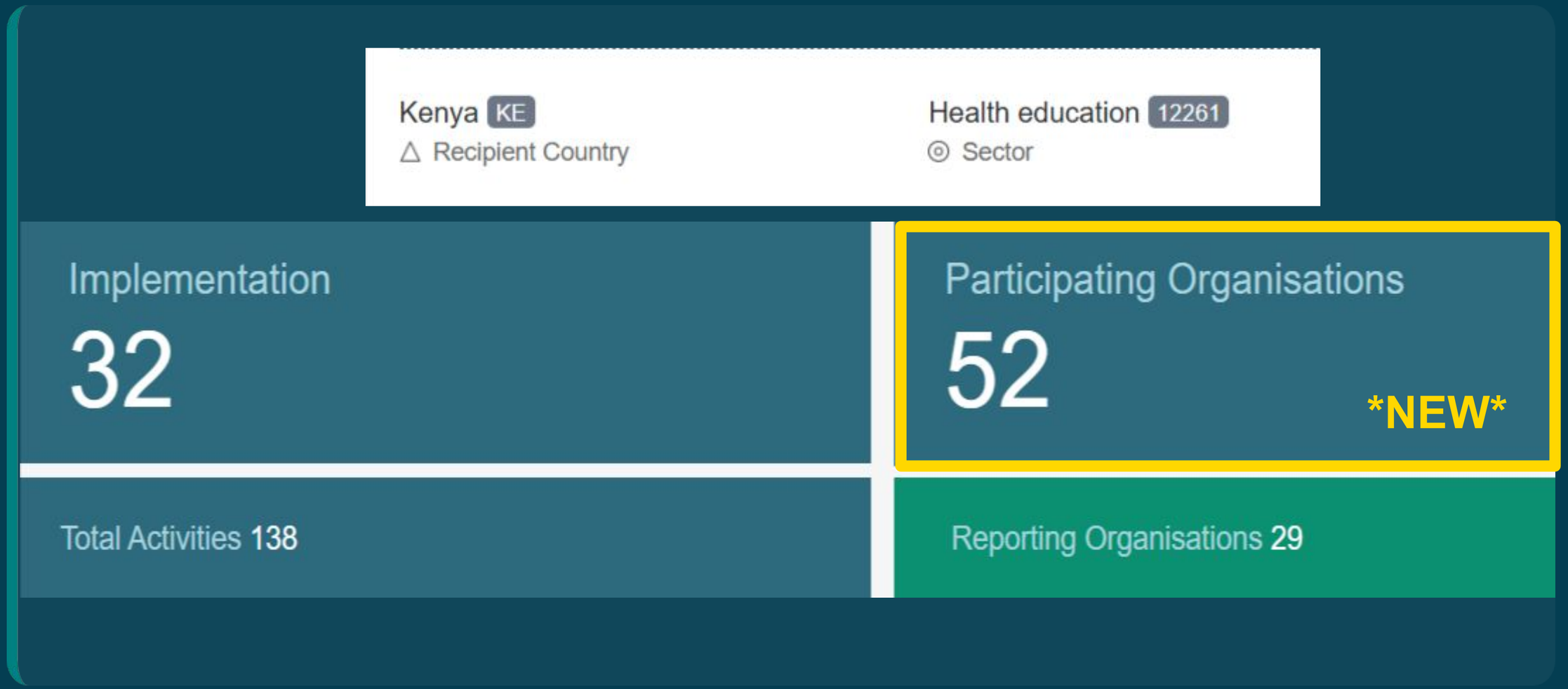
State of the Data: News!



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Reported by Ireland - Department of Foreign Affairs
Reported by Germany - Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
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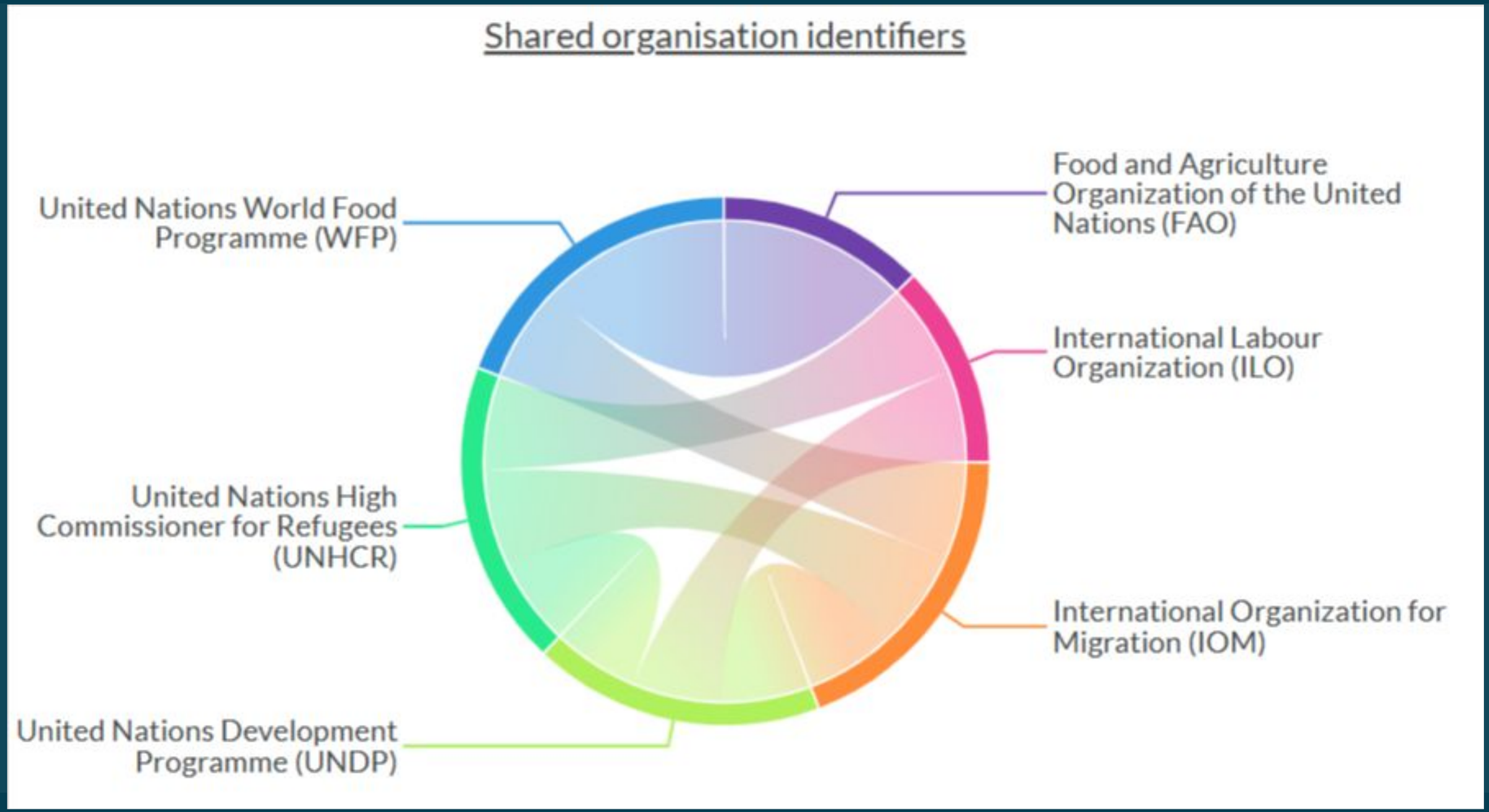
NEW

18.	Charles Kendall Group
19.	Kisumu Medical and Education Trust
20.	Centre for the Study of Adolescence
21.	ADS-Nyanza
22.	UNICEF Netherlands National Committee

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MILD APPLAUSE

SotD: How? What?

IATI: The DQ word

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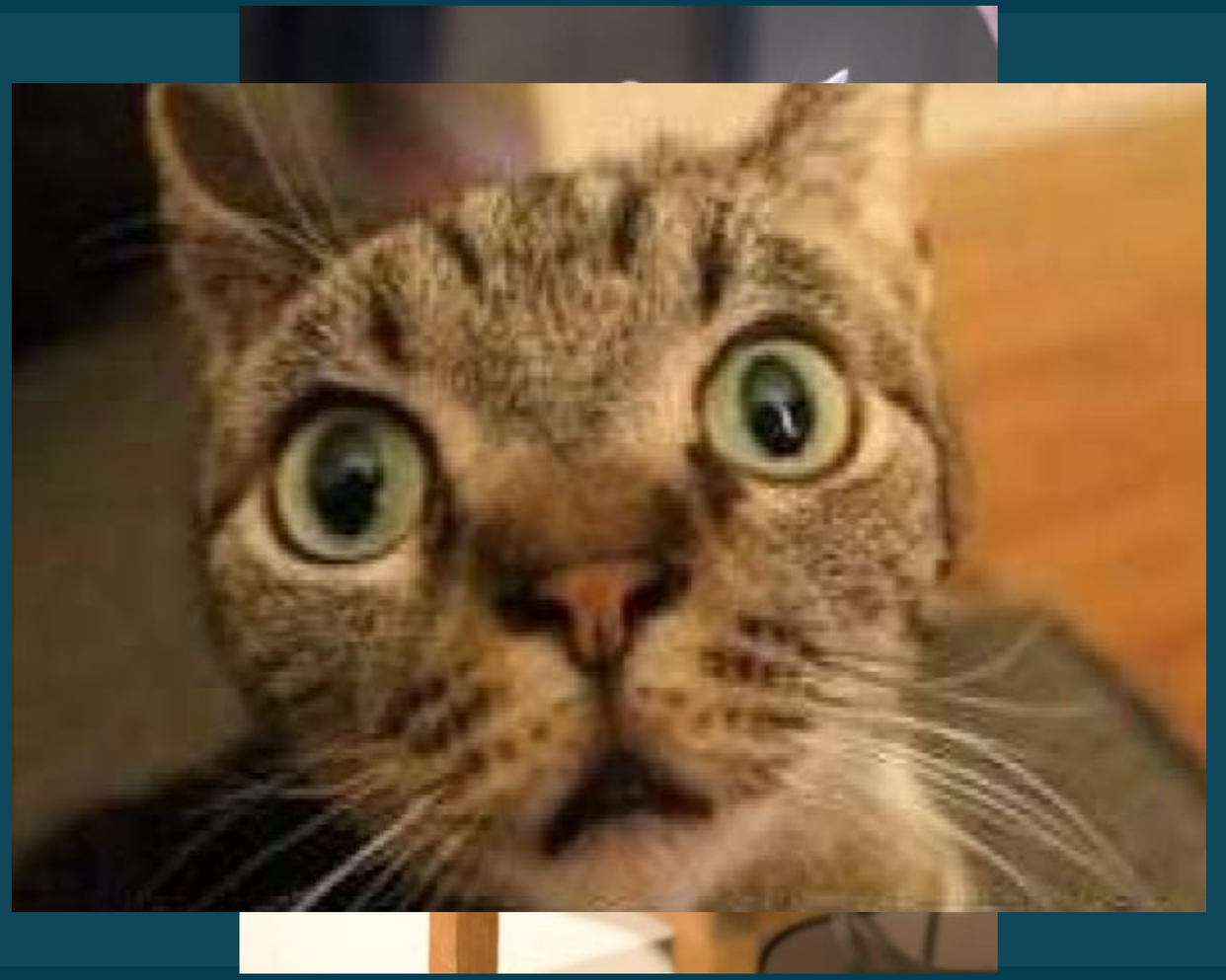
Data Quality



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Data Quality

Quality of Data

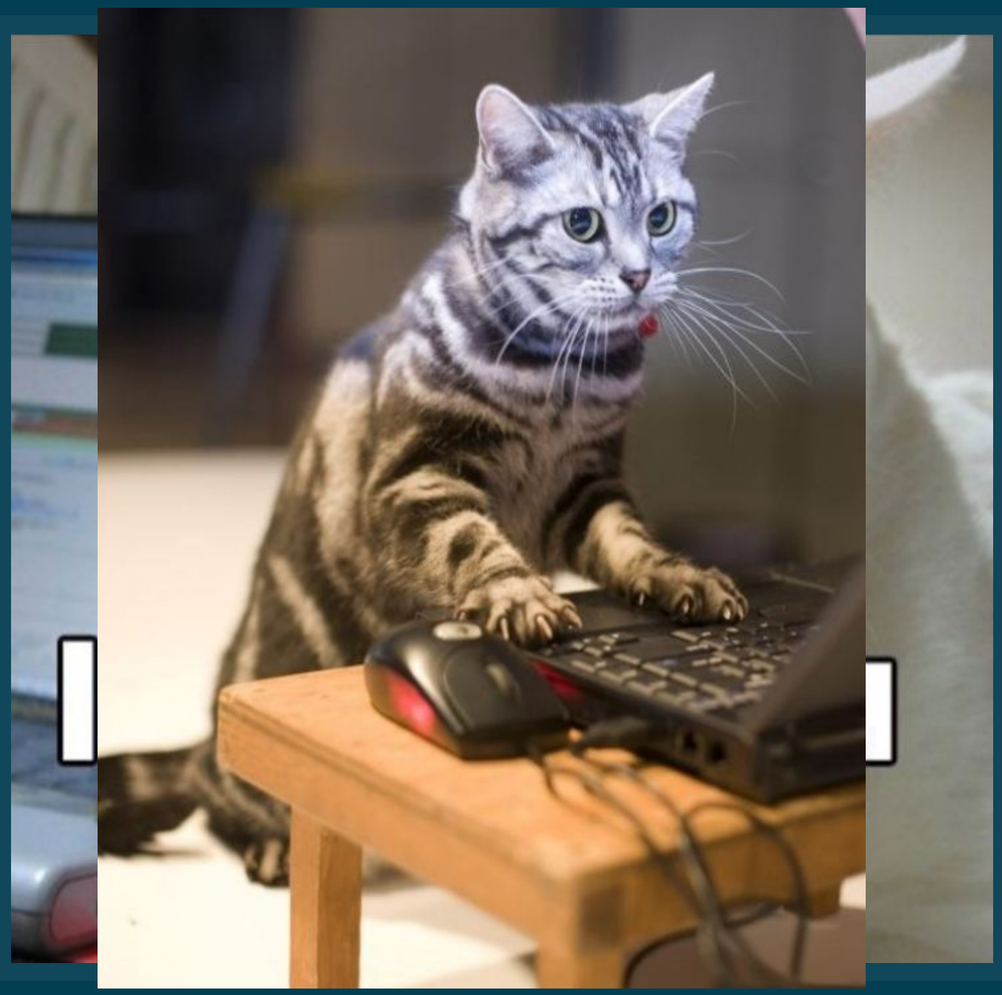


IATI: The DQ word

Data Quality

Quality of Data

Qualities of Data



State of the Data: Elsewhere

Analysis:



Events:

State of the Map 2025

Manila, Philippines & Online

3rd to 5th October 2025

State of the Map 2024

Nairobi, Kenya & Online

6th to 8th September 2024

State of the Data: How

1. Analysis

- In-depth *research* on IATI data

2. Dialogue

- Community *events*

3. Action

- **Follow-up** activities

State of the Data: 2025

July 2025

Document Links

441,986

unique documents

September 2025

Organisations

17,000+

participating orgs

November 2025

Timely Data

14+ years

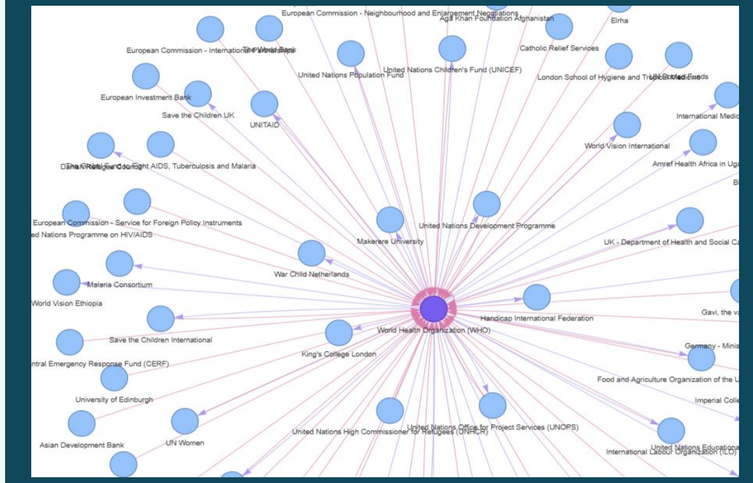
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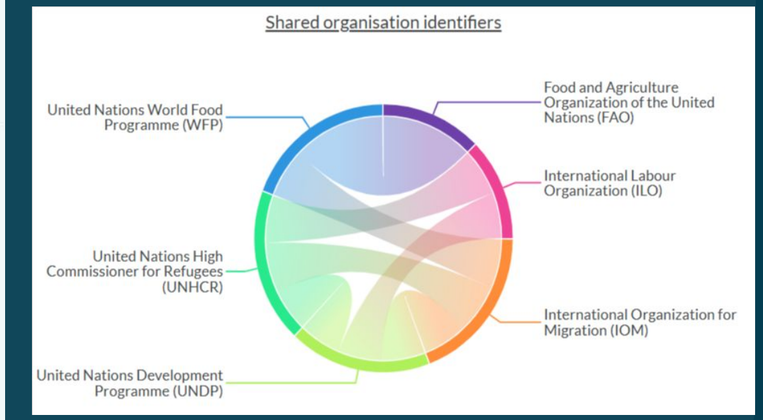
SotD: Analysis

Analysis

- Focus on specific aspects of IATI
- Publish interactive notebooks
- Open & transparent approach



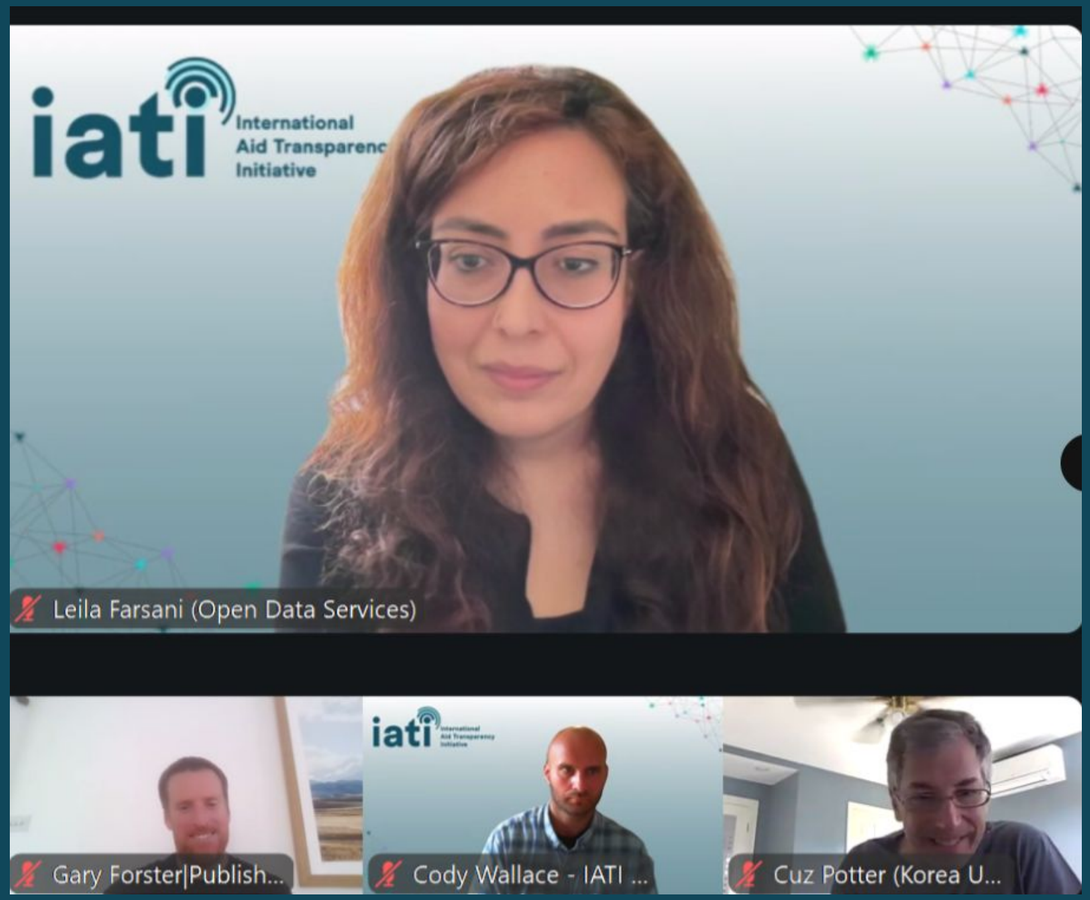




SotD: Dialogues

Dialogues

- Community discussion
- Policy & practice audiences
- Connecting to use cases



SotD: Communications

Explore IATI State of the Data Analysis: How can half a million documents enhance aid transparency?

JUNE 29, 2025

Aid in Motion: What We Learned About Making Organisations Visible

OCT. 7, 2025

Interactive Analysis: Nearly 900,000 Activities Reveal the Need for Timely Data

NOV. 14, 2025

SotD 2025: Follow-ups

Actions & ideas

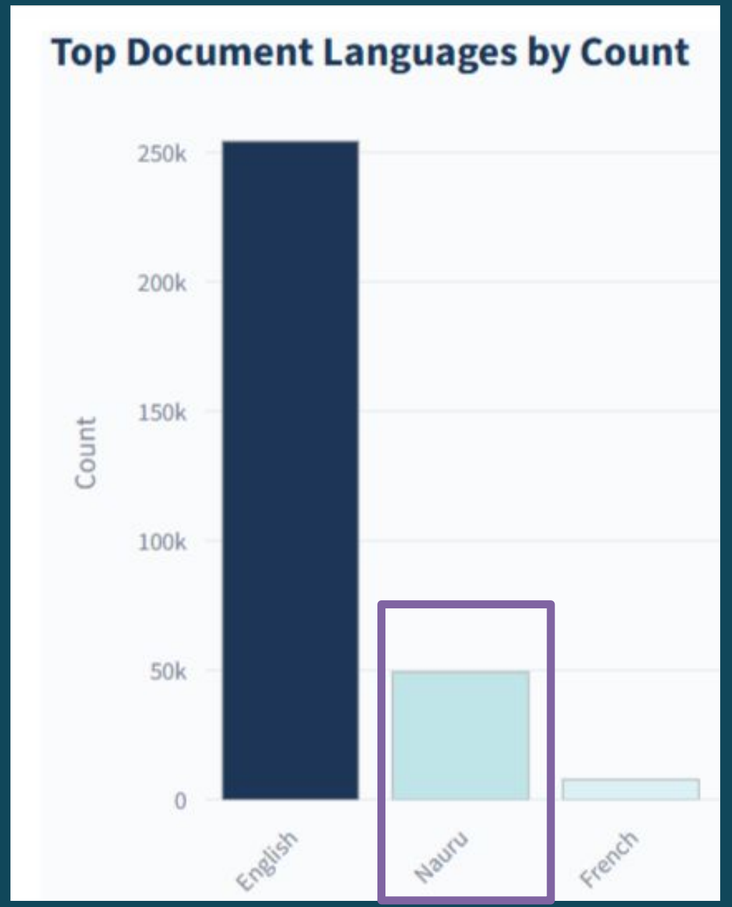
SotD: Follow-ups

Now	Next	Future
Fixes	**Improvements**	**Ideas**
Done	*Doing*	*Needs discussion*
		and resources

SotD: Fixes

Fixing issues

- In published data
- In services & tools
- Providing support



SotD: Improvements

Improving our lot

- Guidance materials
- Rules in the Standard
- Feedback mechanisms

Session 3 today

Changing the IATI Standard

Status	"Implementation" ⚠
End Date	"2023-12-31"

Logical contradiction in IATI data

Next step

- New validation rules to be proposed

SotD: Enhancements

Ideas & suggestions

- New services, tools & infrastructure
- Directions for the Standard
- Partnerships



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Session 5 today

Emerging tools for IATI Data



Next step?

- A document store for IATI?

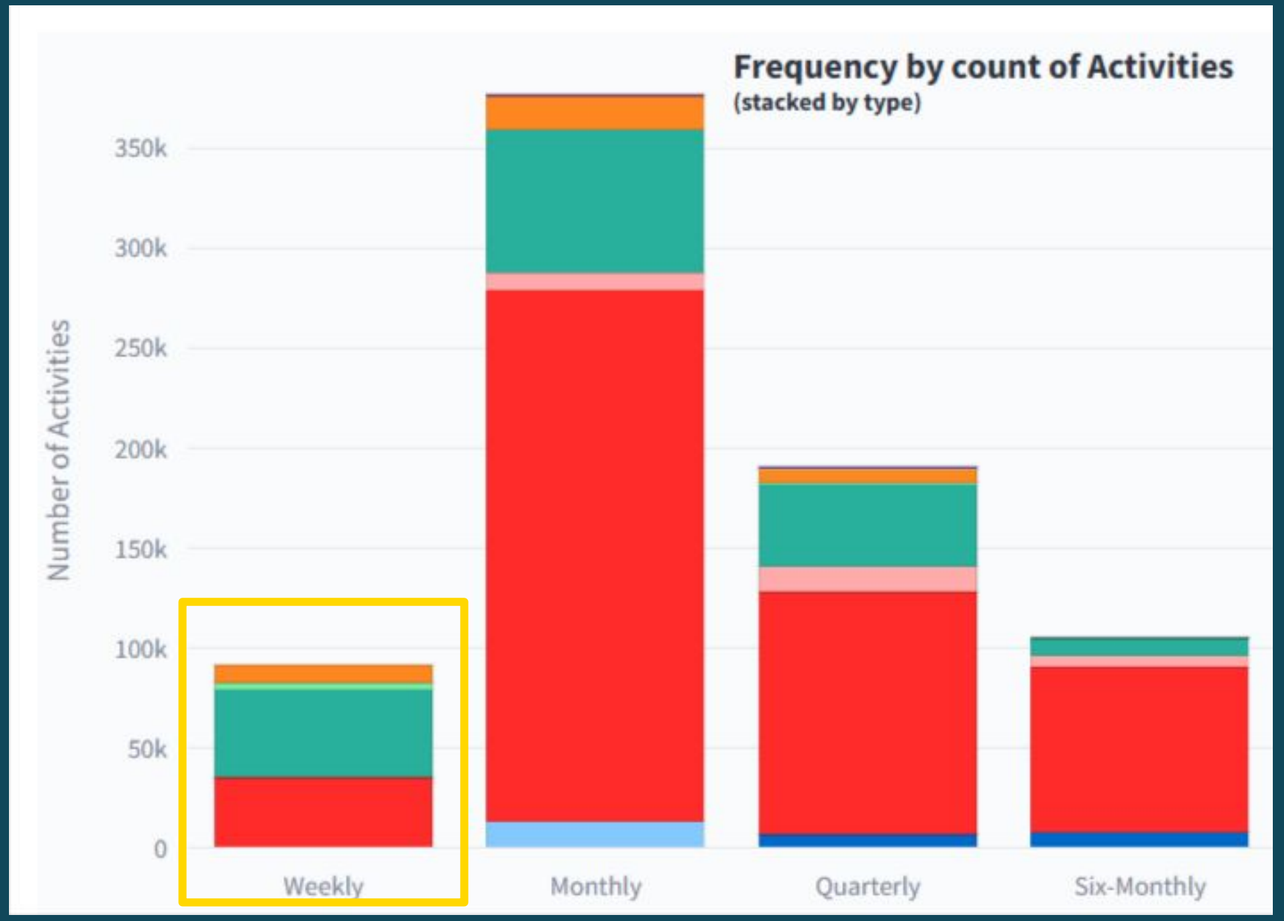
State of the Data 2026: What next?

More working together

SotD: So what?

SotD: Timely data

- Some publishers are weekly
- Others may be *real time*
- Can we explain **why** this is good?



SotD: Virtuous circle

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SotD: Take part in 2026

- Share your user stories
- Set up feedback loops
- ***Build a better state of data***

SotD: Thanks!

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