

IATI Members' Assembly and Community Exchange 2025

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IATI Community Exchange

Thursday 27th November 2025

Concept Note: Session 2

Data Use Cases: Optimising public finance in public services and social sectors

Venue: **Main Plenary Room**, Mt. Rwenzori

Simultaneous Interpretation: **English - Spanish - French**

Time: 10:45 – 12:15

Facilitator: Zeinab Al-Azzawi, UNICEF

Objective: Demonstrating uses of IATI data for public services and social sector:

1. Show concrete use cases from education and health where combining IATI with other reporting systems improves visibility of crisis financing.
2. Discuss the data gaps flagged in the UNESCO paper (different systems, different taxonomies) and what that means for IATI publishers.
3. Explore what partner countries actually need: timely, disaggregated and linkable data that can feed budget planning and sector reviews.
4. Capture community suggestions for how IATI should support sectoral resource tracking in the 2026–2030 Strategic Plan.

Agenda

| Time | Section | Speaker |
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| 10:45am (5 mins) | Introduction by Moderator | UNICEF: Zeinab Al-Azzawi |
| 10:50am | 1: USAID Cuts Rapid Analysis | Sierra Leone: Ishaka Nyallay |

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| (10 mins) | | |
| 11:00am (10 mins) | 2: Funding for Education in Crisis and global total resources | UNESCO: Murakami, Yuki (remote) |
| 11:10am (10 mins) | 3: Aligning ODA with health budgets | Saliou Diop, Senega; Mark Brough, Emergently |
| 11:20am (10 mins) | 4: Girls Not Brides report | Publish What You Fund: Alex Tilley |
| 11:30am (10 mins) | 5: Global Food and Nutrition Security Dashboard | GAFS: John Dearborn (remote or pre-recorded) |
| 11:40am (30 mins) | Moderated discussion and reflections | Comments and questions from the floor |
| 12:10pm (5 mins) | Closing reflections | Zeinab Al-Azzawi, UNICEF |
| 12:15pm | End for Lunch | |

Additional cases and resources to be shared:

ECW - [Data in Distress: Joint Policy Paper](#)

Background

Global development gains are at risk. According to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) 2023/24 Human Development Report, progress in human development has slowed to its lowest rate in 35 years. Meanwhile, the World Bank estimates that inequality is worsening—progress varies widely by region, gender and income — deepening development divides.

The financial context is equally precarious. Many low- and middle-income countries are now highly indebted following the COVID-19 pandemic and face the triple planetary crises of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution. Domestic public finance is increasingly strained and social-sector spending is under pressure. At the same time, the official development assistance (ODA) landscape is shifting: the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) reports that total ODA from DAC donors fell by **7.1**

% in real terms in 2024, reaching US \$212.1 billion. More strikingly, ODA for health is projected to decline between **19-33 % by 2025** compared with 2023 levels.

For education, UNICEF analysis projects a US \$3.2 billion (~24 %) drop in education aid by 2026. In this constrained scenario — rising poverty, retreating human-development momentum, growing inequality, tighter fiscal space, and declining external aid flows — it becomes **more important than ever** that resource allocation and decision-making are guided by robust data and evidence. Yet despite longer and more complex crises, funding remains fragmented. Education and health financing straddle humanitarian (e.g., United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Financial Tracking Service), development (e.g., OECD’s Creditor Reporting System) and real-time disclosure (e.g., International Aid Transparency Initiative, IATI) frameworks — making it difficult for governments and partners to map who funds what, where and how.

This community-exchange session will bring these strands together and ask: *how can IATI make cross-system data more usable for ministries of education and health, for advocacy (e.g., girls’ education, crisis education), and for aligning ODA with national budgets?* It will also examine emerging tools such as the GAFS Dashboard, illustrating how sector actors are aggregating complex financing data.

Note Takers:

The meeting will be captured by audio recording, auto-transcription and the Secretariat team will work to take note of the discussions.