Land Projects Database

IATI Community Exchange

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Inform
Improving documentation, mapping and monitoring of land governance issues through a widely used platform providing data, structured information, tools and services.

Open
Democratising the information ecosystem by supporting the creation of a standards-based data infrastructure and building the capacities of information providers, to strengthen the flow of land governance information, from all perspectives and all levels.

Debate
Promoting, informing and enriching the global debate and practice on key land issues while raising the visibility of national, regional and international partners.
Pillar 2: Open

Global Land Projects Database
Partnership to migrate and revamp global database of land governance projects

Tracking the State of Land Information
It all started with another database...

Who’s doing what, where?

How much is invested in land governance?

- By the Global Donor Working Group on Land
- Tailored data
- Manually updated, but low capacity → outdated
The initiative

Donors’ Map

- Migration of functions & data
- Enhancement with IATI data

Land Projects Database

- Avoids duplication of reporting
- Better coordination
- Automated data harvest
- Curation by the Land Portal
- Data is open, re-usable
What we have done so far...
Data selection

- 2,020 projects harvested from IATI using a list of 32 keywords
- 1,046 projects from the Donors’ Map and Land Portal
Curation

In a spreadsheet with 3,059 records

- Find & eliminate duplicates
- Check for thematic relevance
- Filling data gaps, translation
- Convert currencies
Preliminary findings:

- Difficult to match records from IATI and Donors’ Map
- Same projects, but slightly different titles
- Different formats (currencies, languages etc.)
- Missing information (no dates, no budgets etc.)
- Data from donors, UN organizations beyond the GDWGL, e.g. IrishAid, UNDP, UN-Women
Ingestion

- Feedback & adjustments
- Open data standards
- Maintenance plan
We want to learn from you!

- Do you know any similar initiatives?
- How do you deal with duplications in IATI data, particularly budget information?
- What is the experience aggregating, curating and visualizing the data?
- How do you monitor the usability or success of your tool?
- How do you collect and incorporate feedback from users?
- Any stories of impact?
- Any advice for us?