Land Projects Database

IATI Community Exchange

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The Land Portal works to enable an open, inclusive and democratic land information ecosystem to help decision making at all levels

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.

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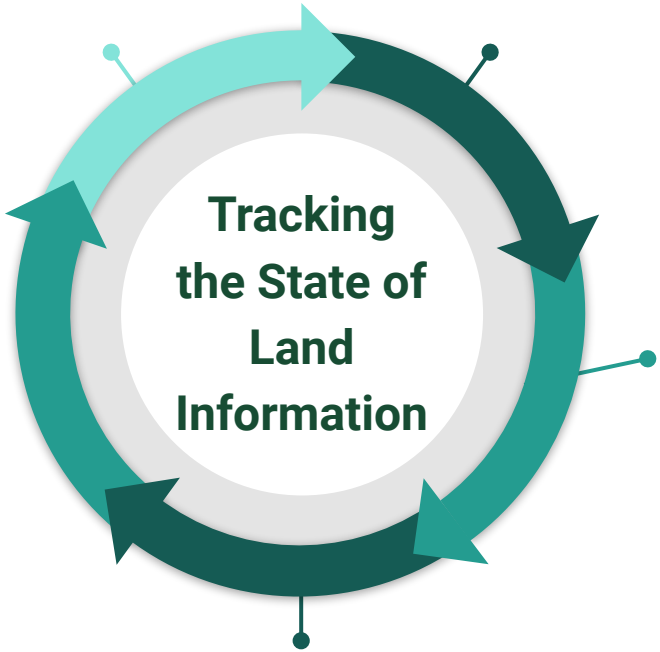


Global Land Projects Database

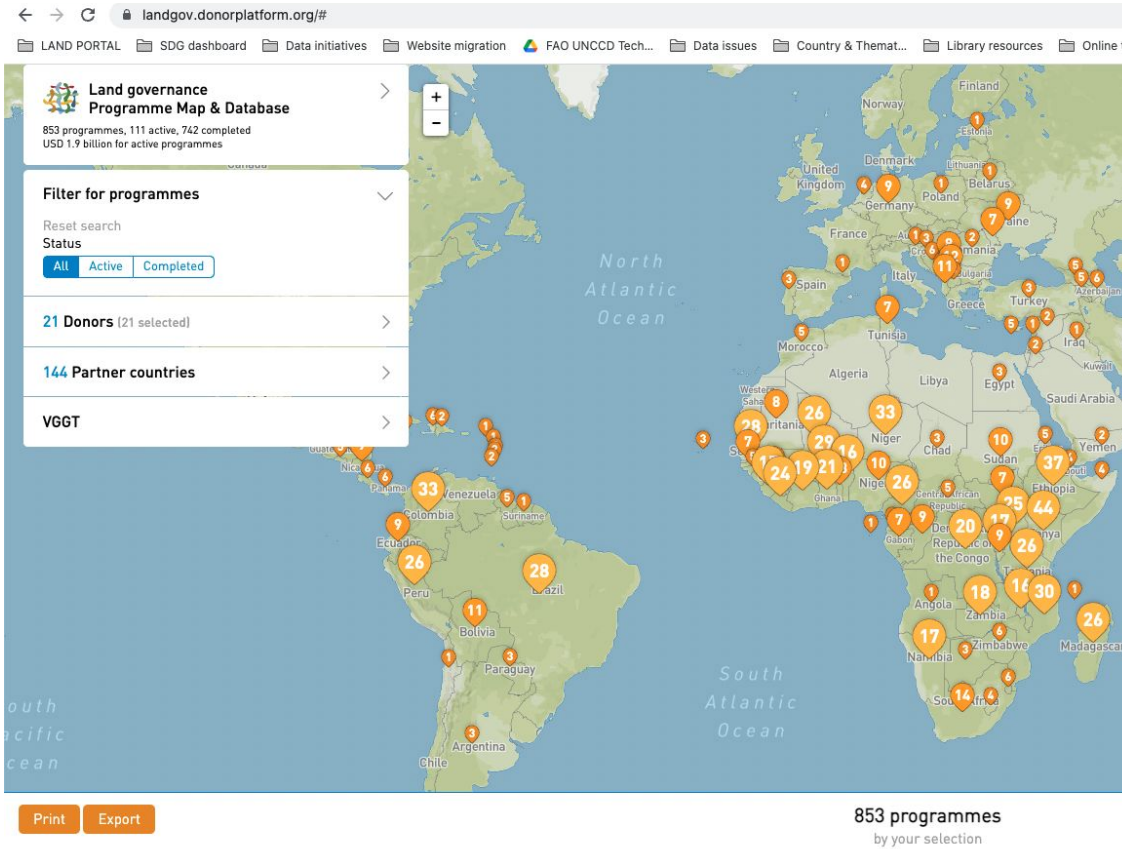
Partnership to migrate and revamp global database of land governance projects

It all started with another database…

Who's doing what, where?

How much is invested in land governance?

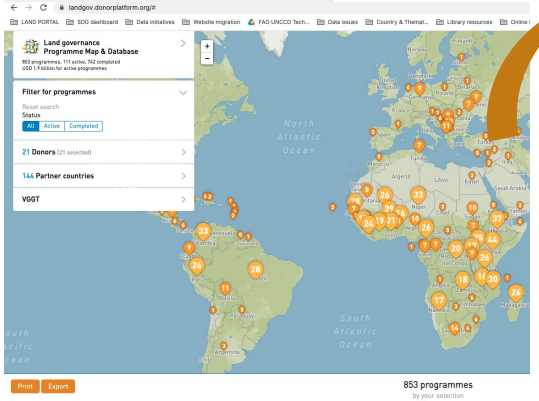
- By the Global Donor Working Group on Land
- Tailored data
- Manually updated, but low capacity → outdated



The initiative

- Migration of functions & data
- Enhancement with IATI data

Donors' Map



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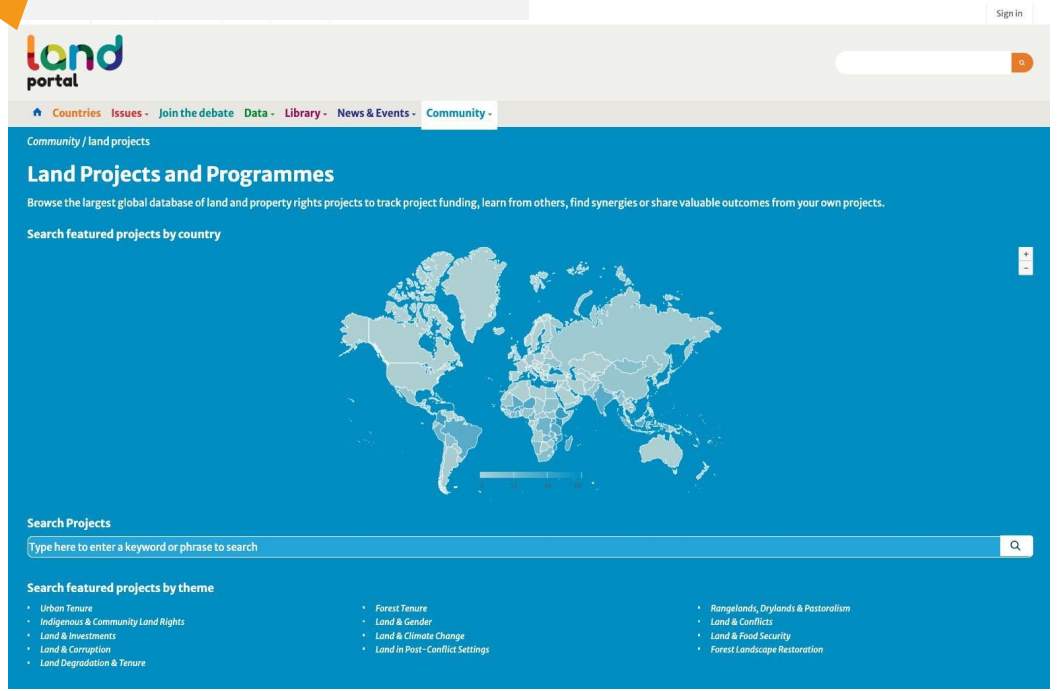


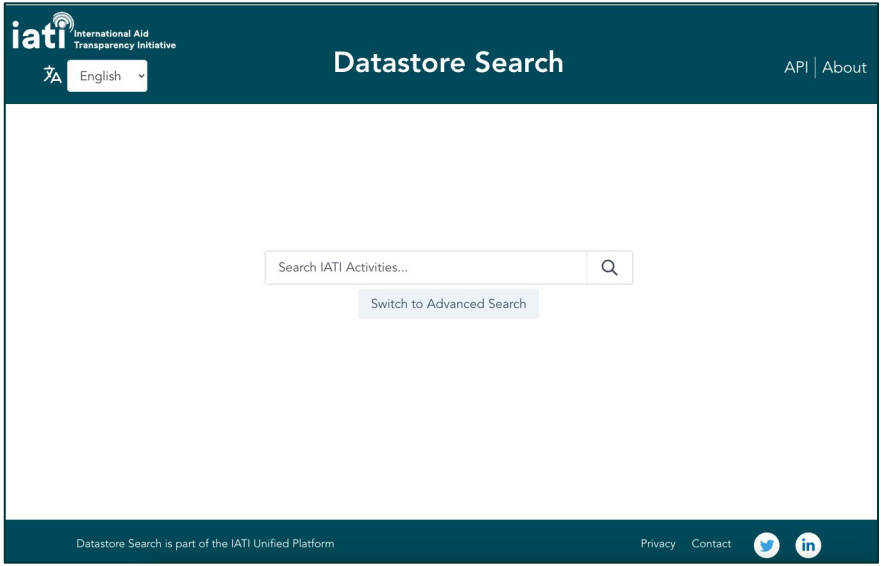
- Avoids duplication of reporting
- Better coordination
- Automated data harvest
- Curation by the Land Portal
- Data is open, re-usable

What we have done so far...

Data selection

Data selection → **Curation** → **Ingestion**

- 2.020 projects harvested from IATI using a list of 32 keywords
- 1.046 projects from the Donors' Map and Land Portal



Curation

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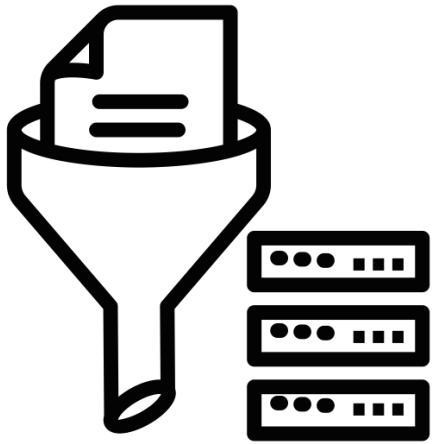
In a spreadsheet with 3.059 records

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



Curation

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

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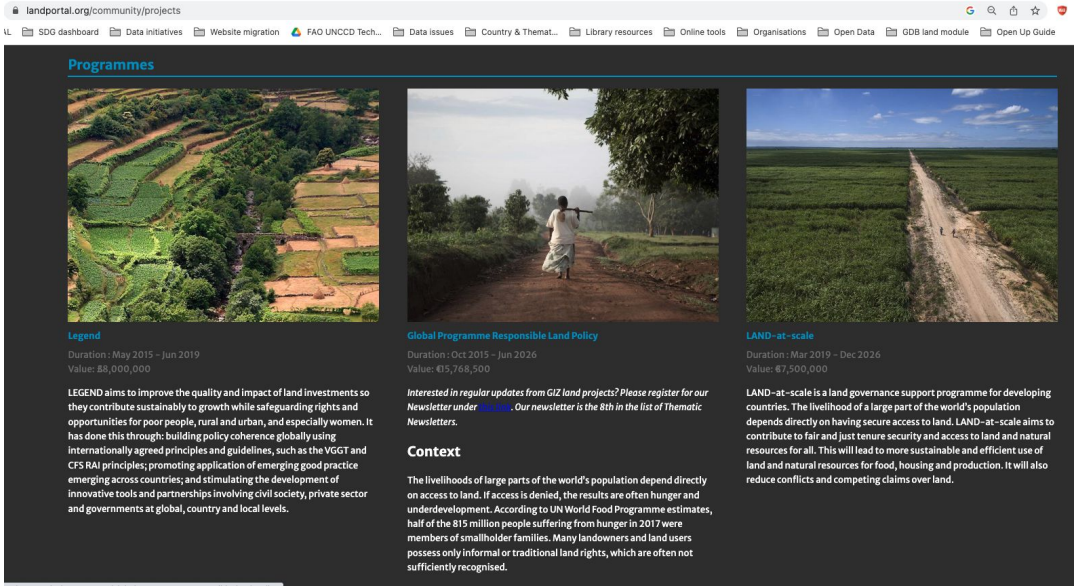
- Feedback & adjustments
- Open data standards
- Maintenance plan



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?