

Update on IATI activities, April - June 2017
Prepared for 21 June 2017 Board meeting

This is provided to update the Board on the status of delivery since the last Board meeting. The update covers the period 5 April to 21 June 2017.

Workplan area	Activity	On/off-track or guidance required
1 - Promoting Data Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 15 Partner Country profiles created from UNDP survey on IATI data use (to be released over 15 weeks leading up to MA) ● Initial planning on taskforce with bilateral donors on data use ● Synthesis of WeAreSnook insight / research to inform data use strategy 	
2 - Improving IATI data quality, breadth and depth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 22 new IATI publishers (to 19 June), including the World Health Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization and UN pooled funds ● USAID became a separate IATI publisher from 'United States', making it easier for users to access USAID-specific data ● Publisher numbers have risen to 547 ● 180 new tickets were received via the IATI helpdesk (to 31 May) of which 153 have been 'solved' ● Data quality strategy has been revised to focus on 100 publishers to proactively contact on data quality issues, or to support with initial publication (e.g. FAO, WHO). Each publisher now has a dedicated business analyst who will support them to deliver improvements to data quality, start publishing humanitarian data, or publish for the first time. 	
3 - Maintaining and Strengthening IATI Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● IATI Standard version 2.03 upgrade process has been launched - the IATI community has submitted new proposals and discussed existing ones; the tech team has reviewed these proposals and discussions and decided which ones should go forward to be 'under consideration'; the community is now asked to further refine these proposals (until 7 July). The next phases are: Proposals worked up into finished examples and the community can submit minor changes (8 - 28 July); Community 	

	<p>inspects final proposals in GitHub (29 July - 15 September); Tech team works up final version based on any comments and ensures core tools are updated (16 September - 2 October); Version 2.03 goes live (3 October).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress and announcement on decommissioning process of CSV2IATI publishing tool - individual publishers affected are being contacted and supported to move to an alternative tool; the tool will not be decommissioned until all users have alternative methods of publishing data. We hope this process will be complete by April 2018. • Work has begun on a Python Library to drive reusable (by anyone) standalone tools for manipulating data (e.g. currency conversion), validating data (e.g. implementing a rule such as start date being before end date) or using data (e.g. flattening IATI-xml into a simple spreadsheet). 	
4 - Communications & Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website/brand project: IATI insight report produced from research from over 100 participants • IATI referenced in Financing for Development follow-up report launched at the ECOSOC Forum on meeting (22 – 25 May) • NOR-Stat meeting (8-9 June, Helsinki) and and plans to attend and contribute at Paris WP-Stat meeting 19-21 June • Joint technical meeting to look at respective standard governance and technical roadmaps of OECD DAC and IATI technical teams and identify areas of synergy, e.g. on codelists (10 May) • Planning for IATI representation at upcoming AODC (Africa Open Data Conference) taking place in Accra, Ghana on 17-21 July; Discussion underway with Interaction, Akvo, Madagascar and organisers. • Input into and support for Development Initiatives' Grand Bargain transparency workshops and resulting Baseline Report and Dashboard 	
5 - Institutional Arrangements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial position here. Actual funds received \$2,361,849 (\$1,793,440 from membership fees and \$568,409 from voluntary contributions). • Extensive research to identify venue and plan for next MA meeting • Planning underway for a Secretariat work planning retreat in Sweden on 12-13 July 	