**Useful links to IATI and open data information**

**General information and getting started as a publisher**

A 3 minute accessible video from Publish What You Fund that explains what IATI is and why it's important (useful for colleagues that might be brought into the project but not actually get involved in publishing): <https://vimeo.com/24621998>

Short video on IATI in English and French: <https://youtu.be/cfjxWLB9kpE> (English) <https://youtu.be/sK0_XOyxGXs> (French)

Information in French and Spanish: <http://www.aidtransparency.net/resources/speakers-kit>

IATI Registry (list of all organisations using IATI to share information on projects, and links to their IATI open data): <https://www.iatiregistry.org/publisher>

Step by step guide to using AidStream (specifically for CSOs): <https://www.bond.org.uk/effectiveness/aidstream>

Information on developing an open information policy, which may be useful to set your IATI publishing in context, and also gives you an opportunity to describe any exclusions in your data: <https://www.bond.org.uk/effectiveness/open-information-and-ngos>

From the Open Data Institute: 2 minute video on what it means when we say data is open: <https://vimeo.com/125783029> and some useful guidance on open data licencing: <http://theodi.org/guides/publishers-guide-open-data-licensing>

The list of websites currently using IATI data: <https://www.bond.org.uk/effectiveness/websites-using-iati-data> - this gets updated regularly.

**Technical information about the IATI data standard**

The IATI data standard has technical guidelines that are publicly available at <http://iatistandard.org/202/>

The codelists for the different elements (fields) included in the Standard are available at: <http://iatistandard.org/202/codelists/>

The XML Schema is available at <http://iatistandard.org/202/schema/>

**Using the data**

Data can be accessed through a growing number of websites that make the data ‘human-friendly. Examples include <http://d-portal.org/> which is owned by Development Initiatives, a UK-based research organisation and IATI Studio, which is owned by a company based in the Netherlands: <https://www.iatistudio.com/> IATI Studio allows users to analyse IATI data from many different organisations to create graphs and visualisations.

Many donor governments and partner governments are also using the data in their own websites. For example, DFID in the UK has <https://devtracker.dfid.gov.uk/> and the Netherlands Government has <https://www.openaid.nl/>. Bangladesh also uses the data in their public aid platform: <http://aims.erd.gov.bd/>

Each organisation using IATI has their own page on the IATI Registry, and the About page: ie <http://www.iatiregistry.org/publisher/about/bond> shows you things like any exclusions on their data, frequency of publication that they've committed to etc.

To check whether an organisation has stated an open data licence for their data, click on the 'View Metadata' blue text under each file, for example: <http://www.iatiregistry.org/dataset/bond-activities>. We'd recommend organisations use the Creative Commons Attribution License 4.0: <http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/> and more information about why the license is important here: <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/>.

Additional information on the quality of an organisation’s data can be found on the IATI dashboard: <http://dashboard.iatistandard.org/>.

* <http://dashboard.iatistandard.org/timeliness.html> tells you about the timeliness of the data (whether they are publishing quarterly) BUT doesn't take into account the extra time DFID gives organisations to publish, so only use it as a guide.
* <http://dashboard.iatistandard.org/forwardlooking.html> tells you whether organisations are publishing budgets for the current and future years in their data.
* <http://dashboard.iatistandard.org/index.html> it gives you a list of organisation names - click on one to see their organisation profile ie <http://dashboard.iatistandard.org/publisher/bond.html>.