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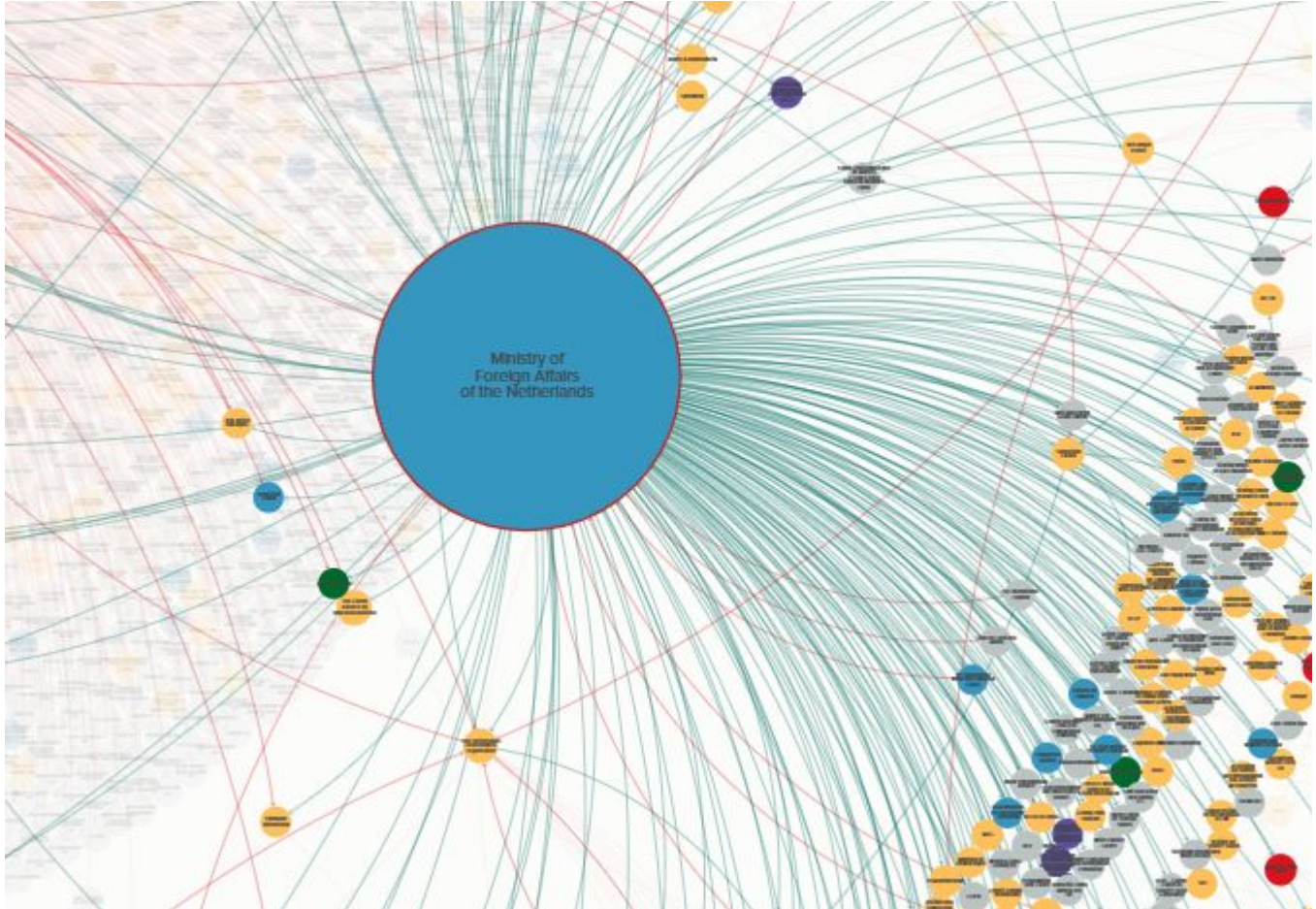
# IATI network data: why and how?

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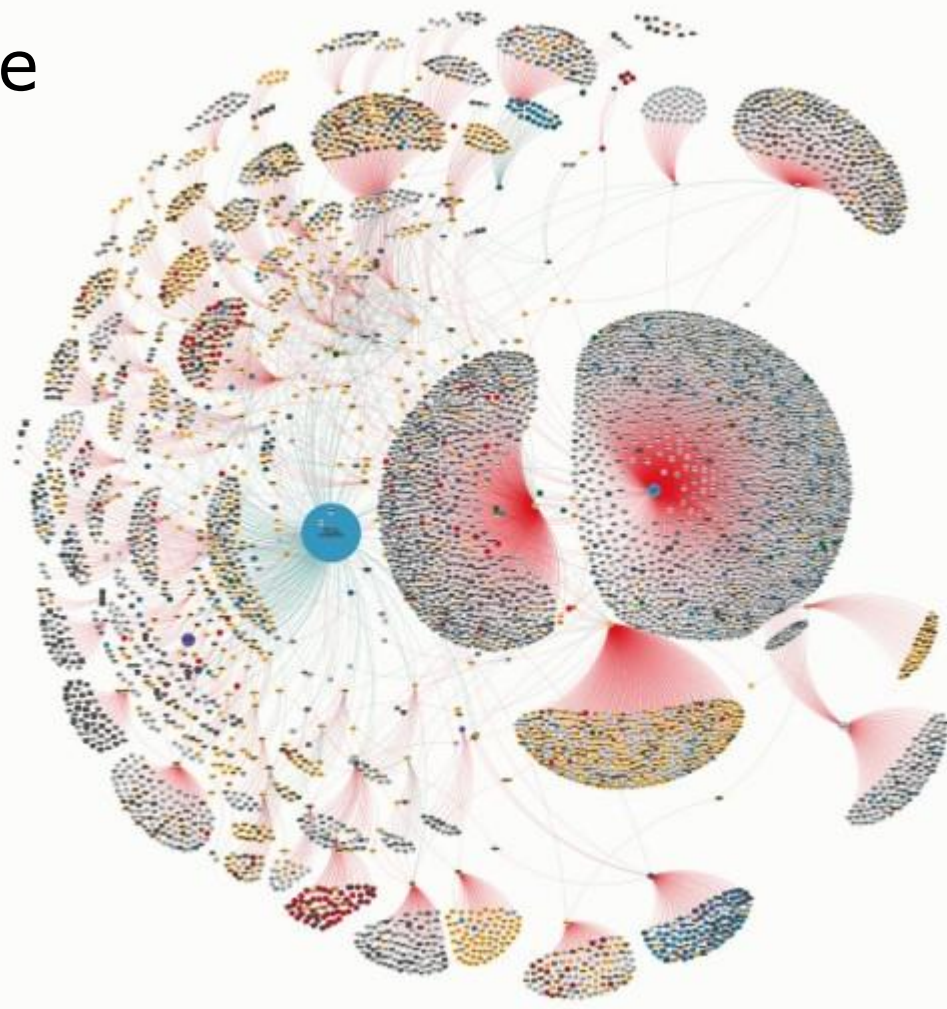




The Netherlands MFA's network of partners



# The full picture





## Why do the Netherlands consider IATI vital?

### Pragmatic

- 80 % of our funding is indirect
- To properly inform our parliament and the public, we need information from our partners in data format

### Accountability for the sector

Donors like MFA should ask questions like:

- Are we doing the right things?
- Are we working in the right locations?
- If we follow the money, where does it end up?

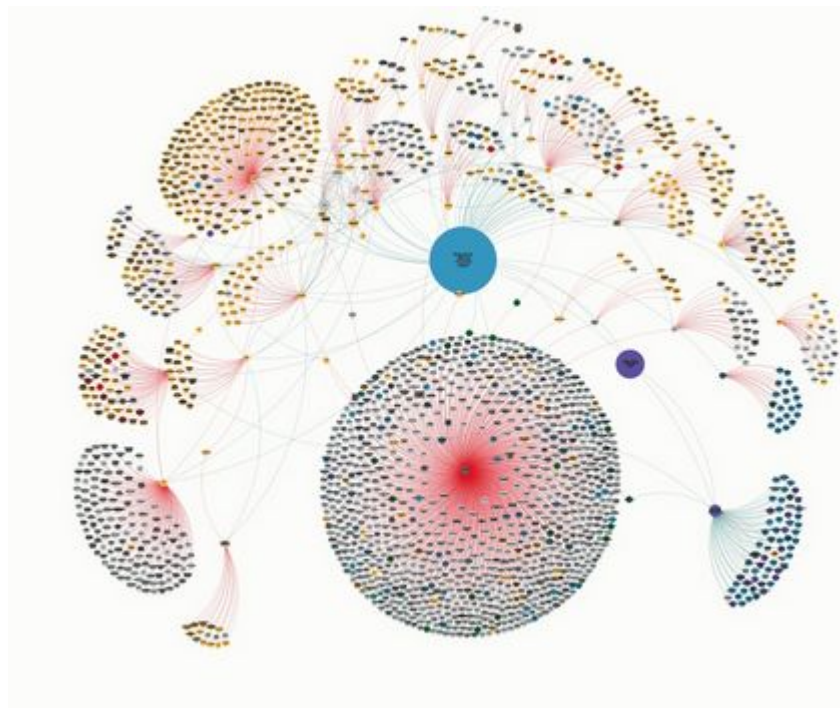
Others in the network may ask:

- What happens in my area?
- Are those the things we need?
- Did NGOs and donors learn from past mistakes?



## Data quality is vital

If links are not made correctly, the network is incomplete



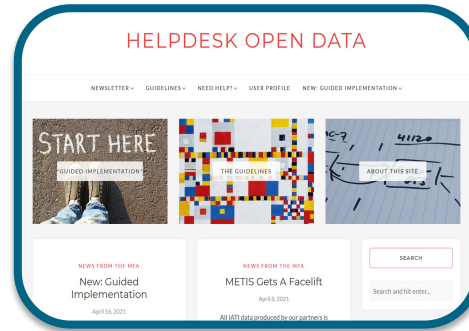




# How we support our partners



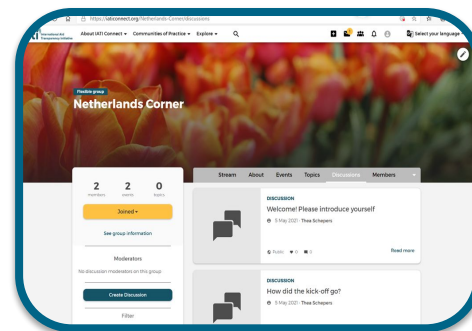
"Guided Implementation"



Helpdesk website



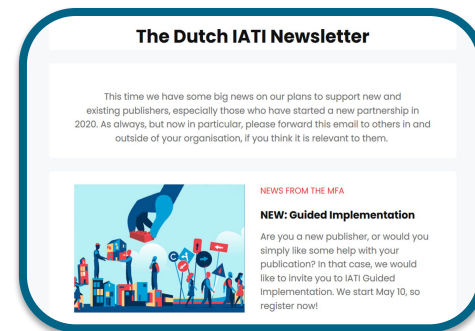
Email support



IATI Connect



Question Hours on Thursdays



Newsletter



# Our #1 article on the website:

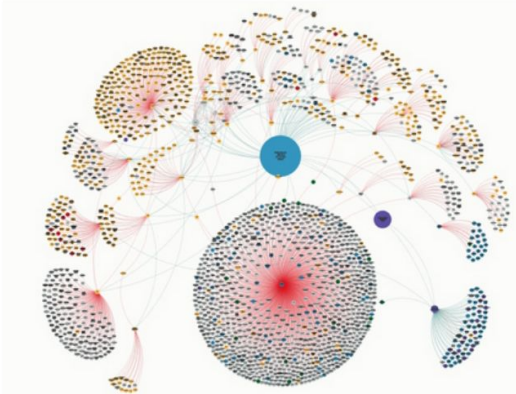
## HELPDESK OPEN DATA

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**TECHNICAL TIP**

### How To Link To The Donor

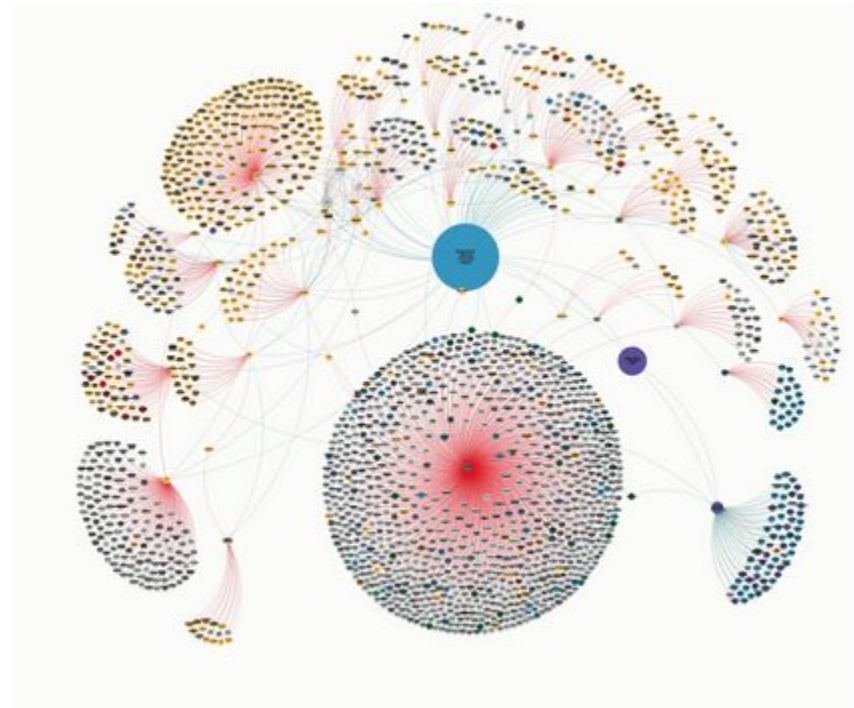
This is our very first Technical Tip for IATI publishers, and we might as well start with the big one. The number one issue in IATI files of our partners by far, is not correctly referring back to the ministry's activity. This is both very common and an issue with grave consequences. Luckily, it's easily fixed. Let's see why linking back is so important and how to do it.



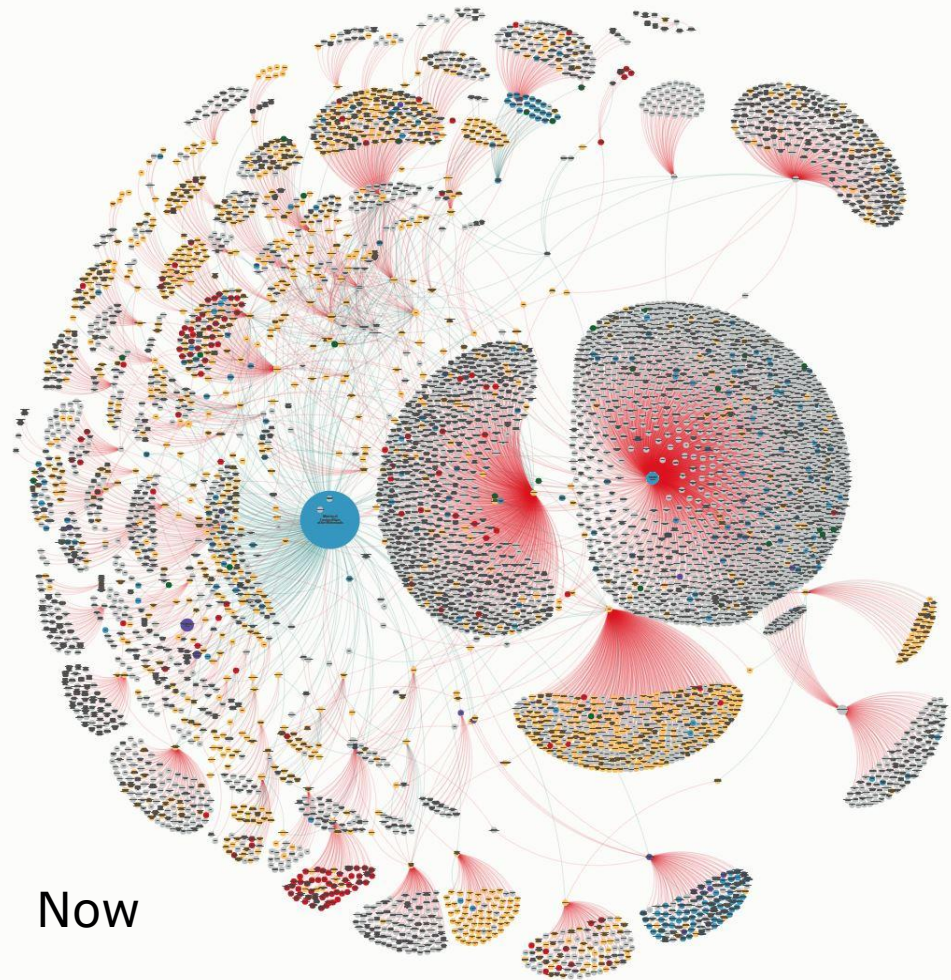
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Les directives du ministère des Affaires étrangères expliquent comment utiliser la norme de l'IITA pour publier les résultats et d'autres informations concernant les activités financées par les Pays-Bas.

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## What works?

Feedback

Support

Use



But: this way of support is labour intensive





# Automated feedback

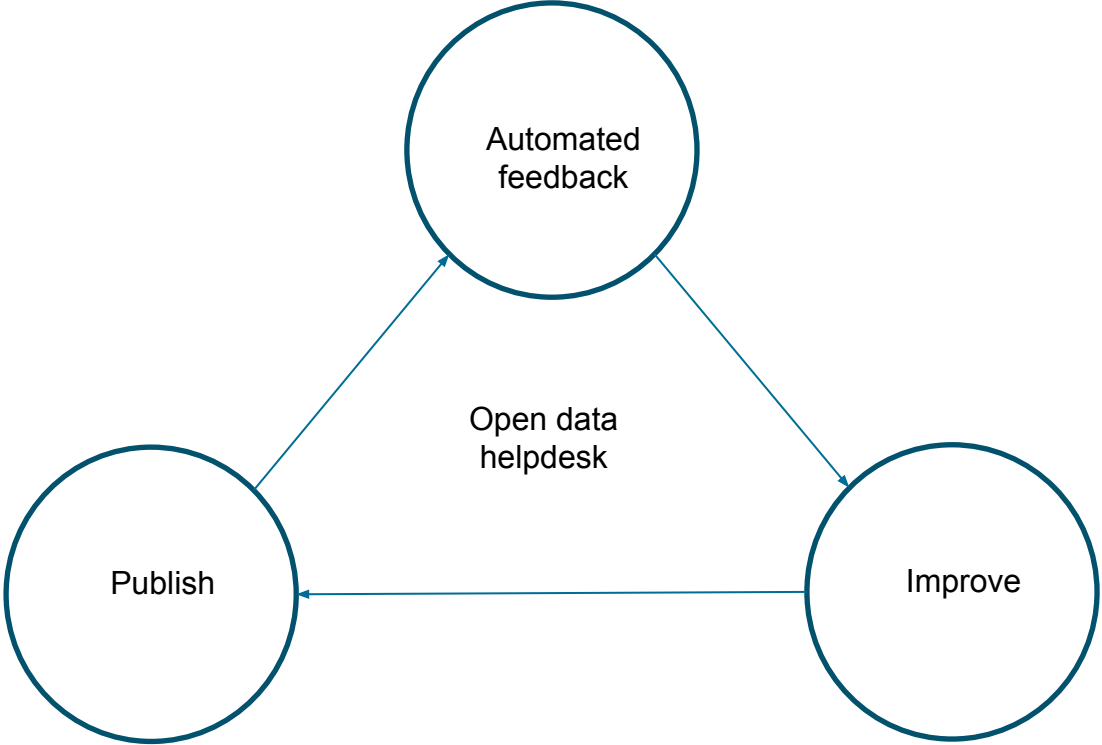
Automated feedback of data quality after publication of IATI data

- Immediate feedback
- Easily scaled up





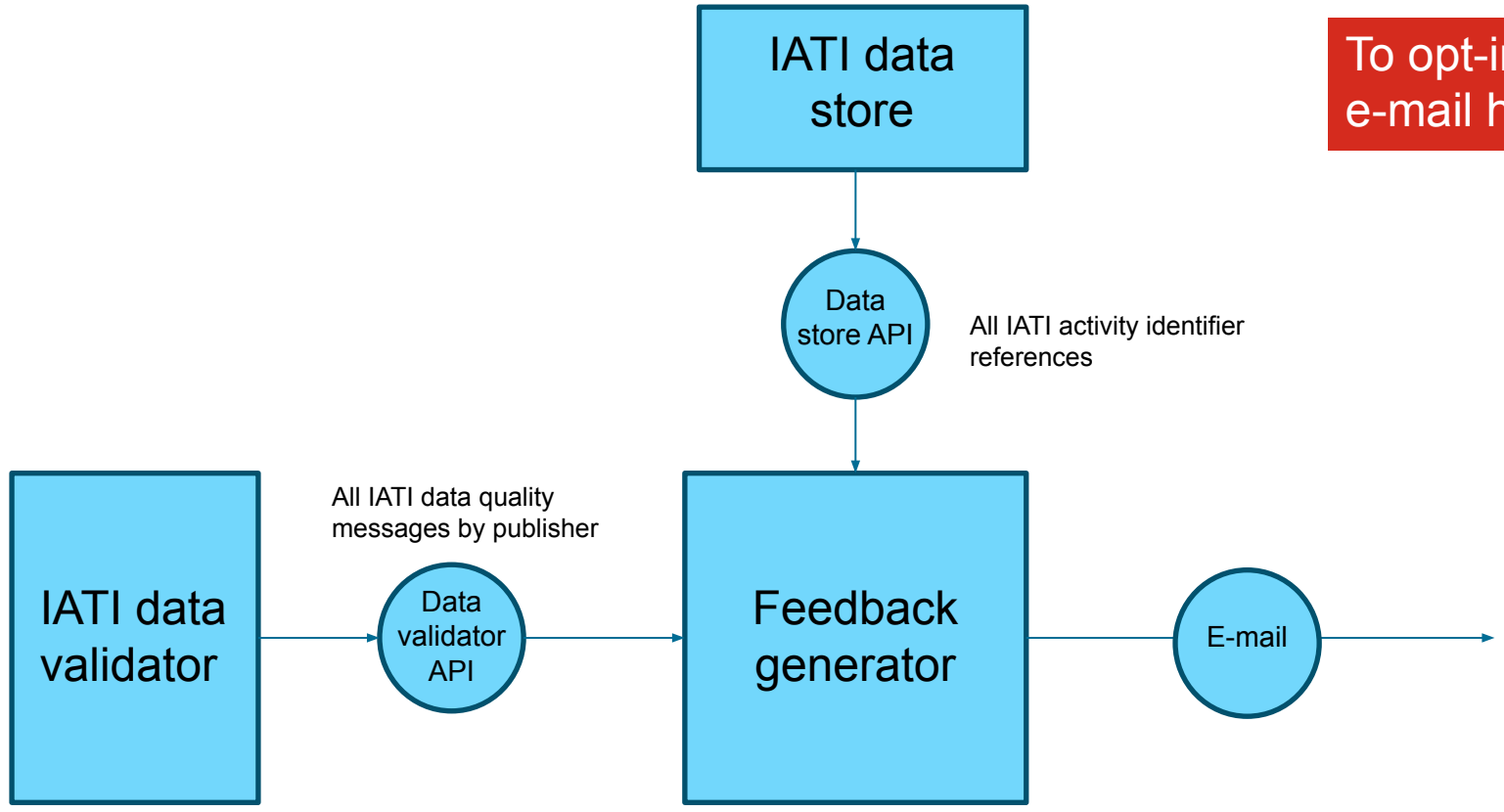
# The IATI data quality cycle





# Automated feedback using IATI tools (in beta now on opt-in basis)

To opt-in for this service please e-mail [helpdesk-opendata@minbuza.nl](mailto:helpdesk-opendata@minbuza.nl)





# Example

## IATI data quality feedback

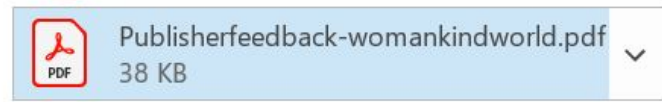


Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs IATI team <nmfa-i

To [redacted]



14-07-2022



Dear IATI publisher, many thanks for the latest publication of your activities. The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs has processed your data and has performed a data quality check via the IATI Validator, which is maintained by the international IATI Secretariat. The attached report is what the Validator found. You can always perform this check yourself as well, on <https://iativalidator.iatistandard.org/>. If you have questions on how to fix your data, please let us know with an email to [helpdesk-opendata@minbuza.nl](mailto:helpdesk-opendata@minbuza.nl). Please be aware that the Validator does not find all errors, so you may receive other feedback from the ministry that does not appear in the Validator.

Message date: 2022/07/14 08:33:48.978





# Example

## IATI publisher feedback report

### *iati-activities*

<https://www.oxfamnovib.nl/redactie/Downloads/XML/iati.xml>

Thu Feb 23 14:54:34 CET 2023

**NMFA-2 error: Non existing provider organisation activity identifier used. All references must be to existing valid IATI identifiers.**

Invalid non existing provider organisation activity id US-EIN-23-7069110 used in a transaction of activity NL-KVK-27108436-A-04766-02:MZ

**1.8.13 warning: The receiver-org identifier must not contain any of the symbols /, &, | or ?. (1 activities)**

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Invalid reference to an IATI activity

Partner activity id

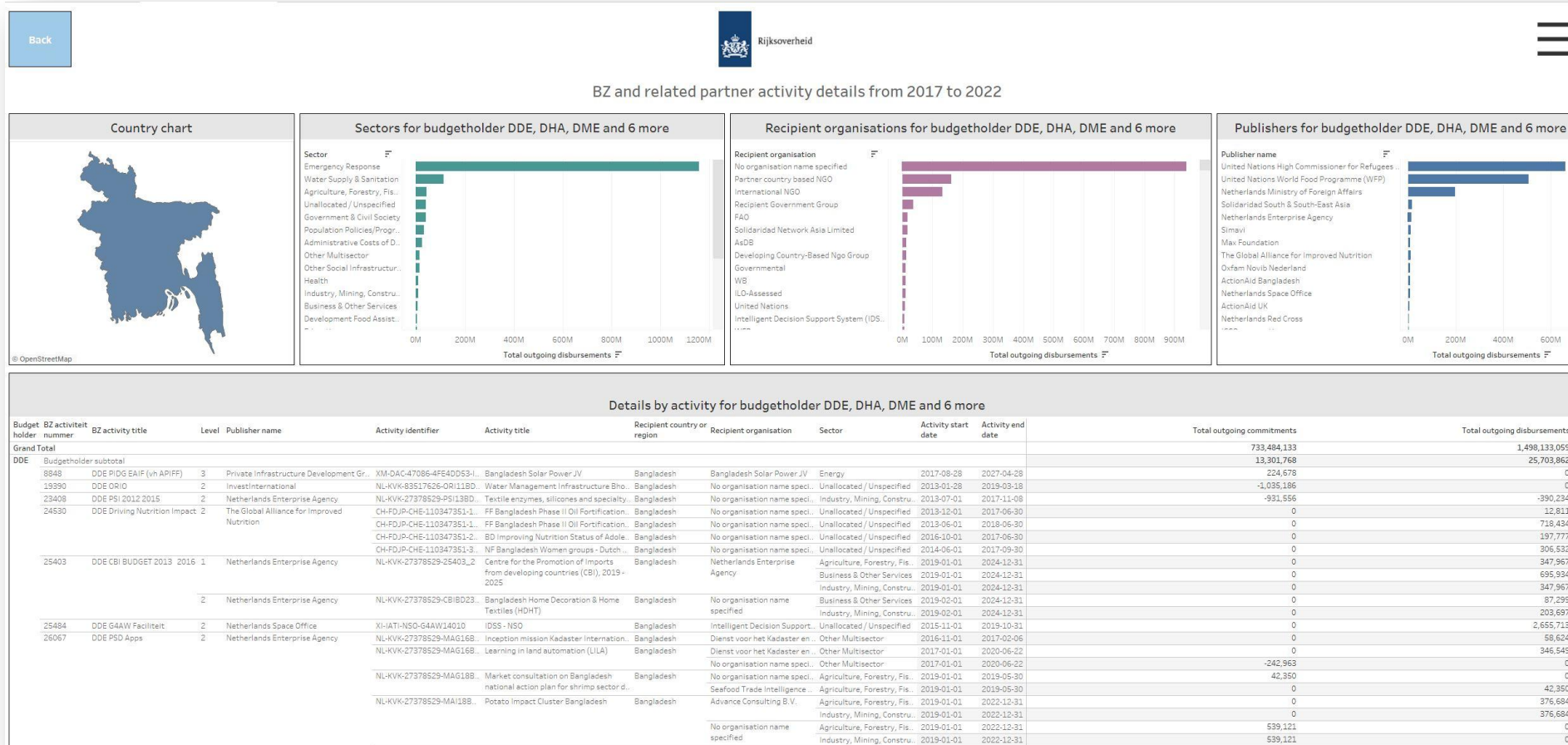
Generated by the feedback process

Generated by the IATI data validator

Invalid character in identifier



# Example: monitoring direct & indirect activities in Bangladesh





# Example: monitoring the locations of activities in Bangladesh

Back
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### Activity locations

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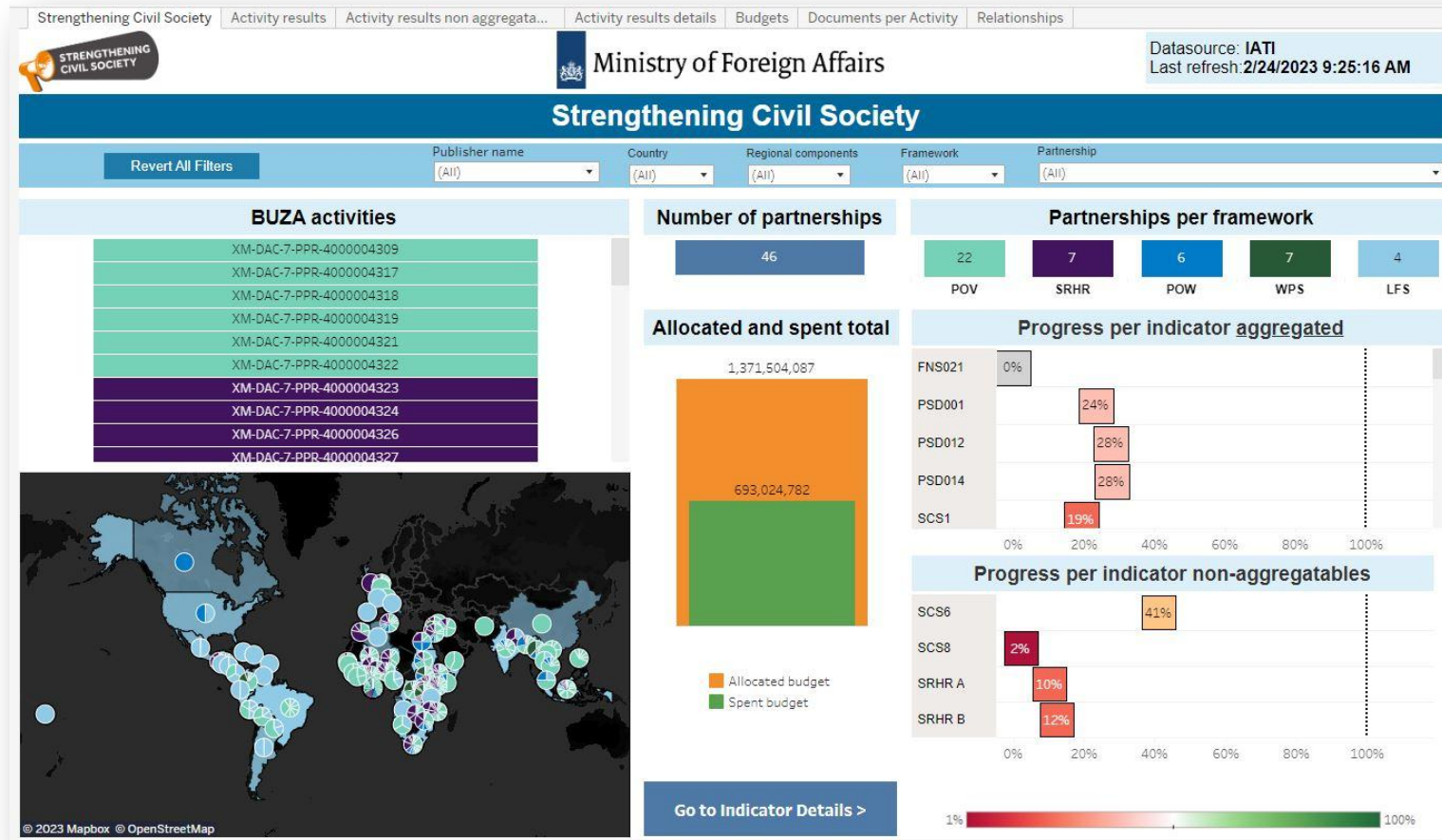
### Details by activity

BZ activiteit nummer	BZ activity title	Publisher name	Partner activity title	Recipient country or region	Total outgoing commitments	Total outgoing disbursements	
<b>Grand Total</b>					<b>637,675,683</b>	<b>655,904,557</b>	
<b>Budgetholder subtotal</b>					<b>420,571</b>	<b>3,402,371</b>	
23408	DDE PSI 2012 2015	Netherlands Enterprise Agency	Textile enzymes, silicones and specialty c...	Bangladesh	-931,556	-390,234	
25484	DDE G4AW Faciliteit	Netherlands Space Office	IDSS - NSO	Bangladesh	0	2,655,713	
26067	DDE PSD Apps	Netherlands Enterprise Agency	Consultancy for support to the White Paper and Round Table Conference on Land Reclamation in ...	Bangladesh	-1,026	0	
				Bangladesh	0	46,974	
				Bangladesh	0	8,740	
				Bangladesh	0	13,004	
				Bangladesh	0	1,365	
				Bangladesh	65,900	0	
				Bangladesh	0	65,900	
				Bangladesh	0	54,074	
4000001360	Strategic Development Goals Partnership	Netherlands Enterprise Agency	Coastal Opportunities and Agricultural Solutions to Tackle Salinity in Bangladesh	Bangladesh	1,079,048	0	
				Bangladesh	0	606,964	
				<b>Budgetholder subtotal</b>		<b>632,217,759</b>	<b>641,453,995</b>
				29281	Electoral Empowerment Women	Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs	
29353	Max WASH II	Max Foundation	Max Nutri-WASH	Bangladesh	0	9,231,711	
4000002073	SAFE Plus Project	Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs		Bangladesh	4,619,624	4,619,624	
4000003259	Support to Refugee and Host Communities	United Nations World Food Programme (WFP)	Non Activity Specific	Bangladesh	28,173,289	28,173,289	





# Example: monitoring the results of 42 partnerships & 4 Funds





## The Strengthening Civil Society (SCS) IATI dashboard is....

the latest addition to the series of IATI dashboards, providing insights in policy, grant instrument and partnership level, including information about which partnerships works where, which topics they focus on, the targets, progress and baseline situation of each partnership and the structure of the consortia.

The dashboard is an all-in-one window to ease monitoring, reporting, and policy dialogue.



## SCS IATI indicator guidelines -> SCS IATI dashboard

### Information asked

- Information at country/regional level
- Quantitative and qualitative information
- Indicator periods
- Indicators codes



This enabled us to build the SCS IATI dashboard

### Disclaimer on the dashboard

- Do no harm -> some partners received permission to publish anonymized data, aggregated data (instead of country-based data) or not publish at all.
- The SCS IATI dashboard is therefore not 100% complete, but it gives interesting insides in the partnerships publishing information.





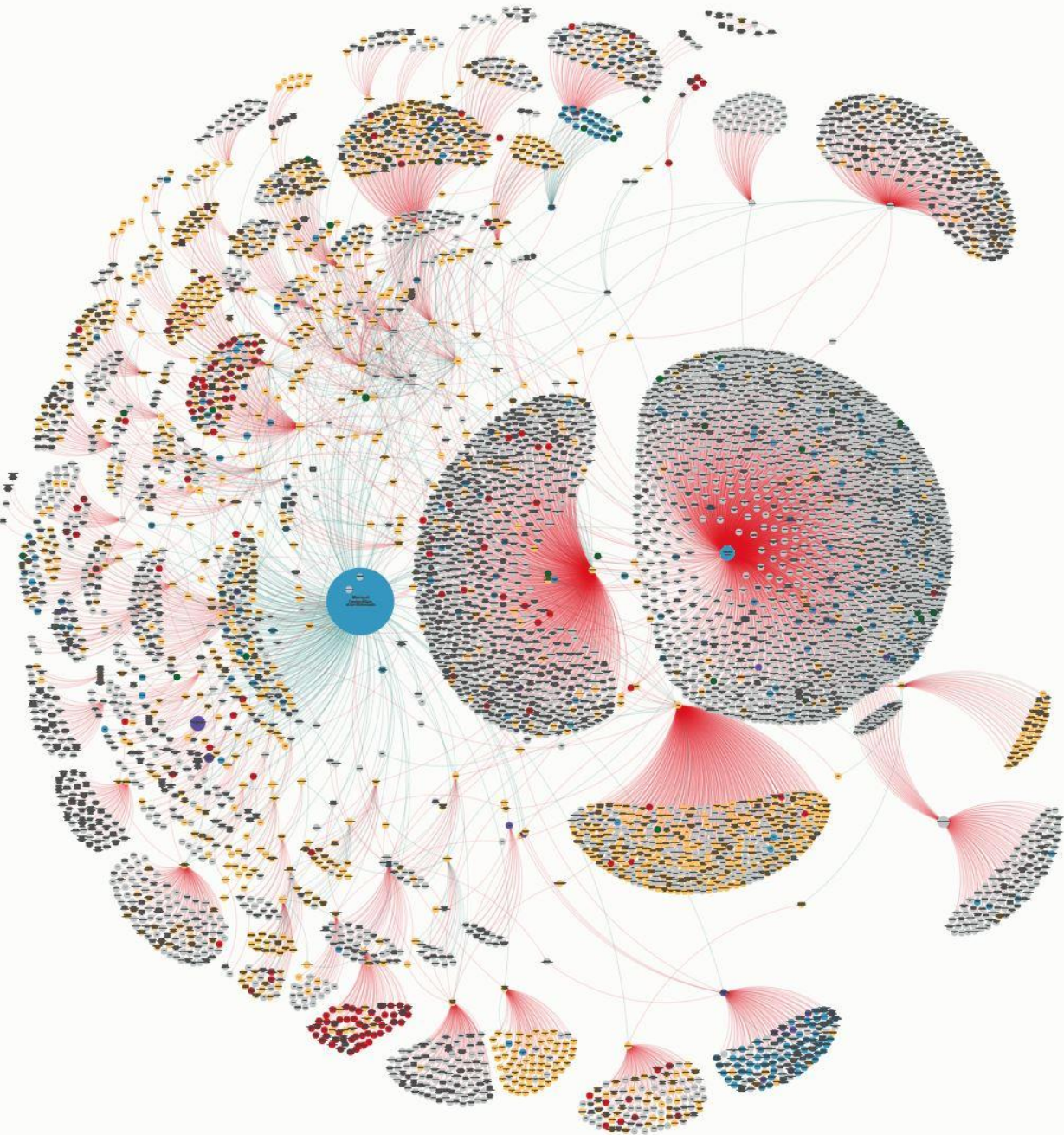
# What can we (= the MFA) use the data for?

Indicator title	partnership	indicator-title	Activity ID + Title	Country/region name	Year period end	Baseline value	baseline-comment	Actual value	actual-comment	Target value	target-comment
3061 # of women led CSOs included in SPs programmes	XM-DAC-7-PPR-4000004324 SRHR - Power to You(th)	# of CSOs participating in Power to You(th) (SCS 6)	NL-KVK-41193594-PTY8020GH Power to You..	Ghana	2021	0	Null	1	Sontaba	Null	Null
		# of women led CSOs participating in Power to You(th)	ET-MFA-0001989741-R216 Power to You(th) Ethiop..	Ethiopia	2021	0	Null	0	Due to the national security problem we're not able to engage the intended CSOs	2	Null
			ZA-PBO-064-502-2107M Power to You(th) Malawi	Malawi	2021	Null	Null				
	XM-DAC-7-PPR-4000004326 SRHR - We Lead	# of women led CSOs included in SP programmes	NL-KVK-41198677-00.0148-Guatemala We	Guatemala							
			NL-KVK-41198677-00.0148-Hondur								
			NL-KVK-41198677-00.0148-We Lead								
			NL-KVK-41198677-								

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	WPS - Palestinian Women and Girls Lead		POWER-QR177HR-MIFTAHWarChil	Palestinian territories	2021	0	Null	30	Building on its ongoing partnership with the Palestinian women's coalition for the imple..	30	Null	Y	
			PS-MOI-QR-209-HR-159 Palestinian women and gir..	Palestinian territories	2021	0	Part of WCLAC's strategy to community engagement is to deliver its services through aire..	2	WCLAC partnered with two CSOs in Hebron and Jericho and they worked together to deliver ser..	2	WCLAC aims to establish two MoUs with two CSOs in Hebron and Jericho to deliver legal	Y	
	SCS061		NL-KVK-27108436-A-06684-04:PS CO-Oxfam Nov..	Palestinian territories	2021	0	Null	Null	Null	12	Null	Y	
	Women-led		BI-NIF-4000450306-14P-21-C1	Burundi	2021	0	No women-led CSOs included in the program activities now	15	15 leaders representing the three main women's organizations in each of the 5 provinces.	0	Target value at the end of the year (2021): 0 Target value at the end of the program in 2025:	Y	
					2021	0			NIMD has not worked previously with women led CSOs at territorial levels. NIMD's interest for this first year is to build trust with these actors and consolidate a network of support and work that intends to develop L&A initiatives for territorial implementation of peace projects.				
					2021	0			As far as July 31 NIMD conducted a preliminary survey with partner CSOs of national coverage to measure their capacities to mobilize and position women and peace agendas in decision-making scenarios. This survey allows us to develop interventions more tailored to their needs and the expectations of NIMD. 9 actors from national CSOs were surveyed.				
					2021	0			NIMD has not worked previously with women led CSOs at territorial levels. NIMD's interest f..	0	This indicator was not measured since the target is set to start in 2022	By the end of the year NIMD expects to map territorial and local networks of CSOs and f..	Y

To inform programming & policy:

- Progress: compared to baseline, over years, budgets, potential risks?
- Dialogue: with CSO partners, national authorities, multilateral and other stakeholders



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Thank you!

All info:

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