

2014 IATI Annual Report covering the period January – December 2013 Key Messages

1. The 2014 IATI Annual Report demonstrates that IATI is truly a multi-stakeholder movement and is gaining momentum. The provision of better quality data can enable developing country governments receiving development cooperation to make more informed decisions on budgeting and resource allocation, thus increasing the impact of their own resources as well as those from donors.

2. In 2013, a key milestone was achieved when the remaining G8 members who were not yet publishing to IATI, committed to implementing the Busan Common Standard for Aid Information, including both the Creditor Reporting System (CRS) of the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) and IATI by 2015.

3. IATI welcomed five new members in 2013: the Adaptation Fund, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF,) Bond, the European Investment Bank (EIB), and the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

4. In addition to the increase in membership, there were 109 new publishers to IATI in 2013, bringing the total number of publishers at the end of the year to 210. Many of the new publishers represent international, regional and national NGOs, philanthropic foundations and academic, training and research organisations, as well as the first private sector companies.

5. Partner countries continued to make progress towards strengthening aid management capacity and improving the efficiency of development cooperation.

6. The IATI Annual Report includes updates from CSOs such as Plan International USA and other stakeholders, including the Climate Investment Funds. The report also highlights initial steps being made towards improving transparency in the publication of humanitarian aid.

7. IATI has reached critical mass in terms of membership and growth in publishers and it is now important to strengthen the quality of data and its use at country level.

8. The new IATI hosting arrangement, which came into effect in September 2013, comprises a UNDP-led consortium, with the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), the Governments of Ghana and Sweden and Development Initiatives (a UK-based not-for-profit organisation). In building on achievements to date, the IATI Secretariat will continue to provide support to increase the number of publishers to the IATI Standard, improve the quality of IATI data and enable people to use the data effectively.

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