IATI Competition for Young Journalists 2018

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Journalism Career

- Wrote news mainly on sports and debate competitions and read during assembly every Mondays and at times Thursdays.
- In 2014, I co-founded Media Press Club to mentor other students who wanted to venture into the media.
- I was introduced to a community newspaper in Mutare called Pungwe News, they first gave me a lecture on the basics of news writing-5Ws and H concept.
- After high school in 2015, Pungwe News published my first article in November.

International Journalism Career

- In 2018, I went international by contributing articles to United States based Quartz Africa.
- Covering international events, published articles on various newspapers including The Namibian.

Awards

• In 2018, Became the 2nd runner up of #IPDCTalksSA 18, a competition for students in Southern Africa.

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- About IATI competition, <u>d-portal.org</u>
- First heard of the website when I saw the call for entries in 2018.
- Observed there are a lot of data about NGOs.
- The competition coincided with my trip to Lupane and Binga that year that is why I chose World Vision Zimbabwe.
- I used information on the website and also talked to World Vision Zimbabwe Public Relations staff, who gave me some extra information through links to their websites, brochures and interviews.

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 As a journalist, I feel it is my responsibility to help experts and policy makers to communicate with the masses on SDGs. With this in mind, I participated in the IATI research challenge, tracking the progress on SDGs in Zimbabwe by the World Vision Zimbabwe.

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• IATI data enables journalists to trace funds spent by organisations in communities and give them an opportunity to trace the progress of SDGs in those areas by visiting just a website without necessarily knocking at organisations' doors seeking information. matiashefarai@gmail.com, +263773342278

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