Accountable Grant Arrangement for the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) 200286-101 (Purchase Order No. 40025232)
Grant Report – July to September 2012

This is a report on Accountable Grant 200286-101 to Development Initiatives Poverty Research for technical and administrative support for the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) Technical Advisory Group (TAG) and for outreach and communications work.

The grant began on 1st April 2012, and this is a request for payment of £112,343 for the quarter July to September 2012. The report reflects our actual expenditure on this project up to 30th September 2012.

1) Maintaining and Developing the IATI Standard £ 14,050
   • Travel, expenses and accommodation for common standard meetings in London £ 428
   • IATIstandard.org support desk software £ 97
   • Development and maintenance of the IATI standard (Steven Flower and David Carpenter) £ 2,184
   • Brian Hammond (4.45 days at £670 per day) £ 2,978
   • Kim Borrowdale (11 days at £500 per day) £ 5,500
   • Simon Parrish (1.375 days at £500 per day) £ 688
   • Matt Bartlett (1.25 days at £200 per day) £ 250
   • Bill Anderson (5.5 days at £350 per day) £ 1,925

2) Managing the IATI registry £ 1,925
   • Bill Anderson (5.5 days at £350 per day) £ 1,925

3) Supporting Country Implementation £ 4,233
   • Translation costs from DRC country work visit in Apr-Jun £ 133
   • Visa costs from DRC country work visit in Apr-Jun £ 50
   • Bill Anderson (5.5 days at £350 per day) £ 1,925
   • Victoria Room (2.5 days at £350 per day) £ 875
   • Isabel Bucknall (5 days at £250 per day) £ 1,250

4) Supporting Donor Implementation £ 44,287
   • Travel and expenses to attend IATI tech team meetings in London £ 748
   • Travel and expenses for meetings with BOND and UK NGOs £ 307
   • Licensing review and support to publishers on licensing £ 5,400
   • Remaining expenses for US trip – changes to flights £ 266
   • IATI support planning meeting £ 304
   • IATI donor support meetings in London £ 284
   • Data reviews and data validation (Steven Flower and David Carpenter) £ 9,550
   • Brian Hammond (4.4 days at £670 per day) £ 2,978
• Kim Borrowdale (22 days at £500 per day) £11,000
• Bill Anderson (5.5 days at £350 per day) £1,925
• Simon Parrish (2.75 days at £500 per day) £1,375
• Mandy Burrows (33 days at £300 per day) £9,900
• Matt Bartlett (1.25 days at £200 per day) £250

5) Broadening the Scope of IATI Membership £12,186
• Travel, expenses and accommodation for OKFest, Finland £1,336
• Implementation support and reviewing data (Steven Flower and David Carpenter) £7,550
• Mandy Burrows (11 days at £300 per day) £3,300

6) Promoting Accessibility of IATI £3,187
• Contribution to venue for open hack day £100
• Tim Davies £3,087

7) Managing the TAG £13,936
• Final expenses for CSO attendance at TAG meeting £73
• Travel and expenses to attend IATI secretariat meetings in London through July and August £208
• Refund of expenses for partner country attendees unable to attend the TAG meeting £-233
• Travel, expenses and accommodation for common standard meeting in Paris £1,243
• Brian Hammond (8.89 days at £670 per day) £5,957
• Kim Borrowdale (11 days at £500 per day) £5,500
• Simon Parrish (1.375 days at £500 per day) £688
• Matt Bartlett (2.5 days at £200 per day) £500

8) Outreach and Communications £15,039
• First phase of IATI websites redevelopment work £8,539
• Comms officer (10 days at £300 per day) £3,000
• Carolyn Culey (10 days at £350 per day) £3,500

9) IATI secretariat support £3,500
• Carolyn Culey (10 days at £350 per day) £3,500

TOTAL payment required £112,343

Summary

As outlined above, our actual expenditure for July to September 2012 totalled £112,343 which left £22,633 remaining from this grant period (April-Sept 2012). With DFID’s permission we will roll this money over into the Oct-Dec 2012 period – this £22,633 relates to country pilot work as set out in the
proposal for Apr-Sept 2012, which was delayed due to circumstances outside of our control. This work is still planned and with DFID’s permission the money will be used for this same purpose.

**Maintaining and Developing the Standard**
Meetings in London were held with DFID to discuss IATI’s involvement as part of the common standard, in advance of the meeting with the DAC in Paris in September.

**Managing the IATI registry**
Plans for the future version of the registry and relevant requirements were drawn up, and community developers have been working to produce code to track updates at the registry. We have continued to work with some publishers to alter their behaviour so that the registry better reflects actual updates to their data.

**Supporting Country Implementation**
A framework and approach for IATI country work was drawn up during this period. There were delays in the country work in Colombia and Honduras as Development Gateway still awaited a contract for work on the AMP. However, scoping work was done, plans were drawn up and travel plans were put in place in this period, ready for the work to start in Q3. A further visit to DRC to complete work on automatic data exchange was planned – this will include collaboration with staff in the Nairobi office, and will build capacity within the ministry staff and the DI Kenya office to progress the statistical work.

**Supporting Donor Implementation**
There was a continued increase in the number of new organisations publishing to IATI during this period, and work was ongoing in supporting organisations in the process of publishing, these included CIDA, UN-Women and the Foundation Center.
The data review process continued in this period with a series of calls and meetings with publishing organisations to discuss progress to date, data quality, suggested areas for improvement and alignment of publishing activity to implementation schedules. The first draft of an IATI annual report was started – unfortunately due to an initial shortage in responses following offers of consultations, this will be delayed until late 2012/early 2013.
Work on licensing began in this period, this will include an initial review of licensing terms used by signatory publishers, as well as support to publishers to improve/establish their licenses, a subsequent review for the final annual review, and reviewing guidance materials as they are developed.

**Broadening the Scope of IATI Membership**
Presentations on IATI were given at the Open Knowledge Festival in Helsinki. There have also been discussions with DFIs and around private sector reporting to IATI – with the aim of running a workshop early in 2013.

**Promoting Accessibility of IATI**
Work has continued to build and facilitate the community of developers using IATI data and promoting it in the open data community. Further work has gone into developing tools that can be used by donors and other signatories to make their IATI data more accessible.

**Managing the TAG**
Discussions on the common standard continued during this period and culminated in agreement at a meeting in Paris in September on the common standard, including IATI. Most of the detail on common standard implementation schedules was agreed at this meeting, as well as the deadline for completion of schedules.
Outreach and Communications
Web development work to improve the user journey across all IATI websites was commissioned and started in September, with a view to completion by the end of 2012.

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