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Mohinga - AIMS IATI Sync
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Designing a more equitable world
Chatting about...

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“We work with people around the globe to create change through design & technology”
A platform to support large scale activity reporting, financial tracking and performance monitoring.
Features

- IATI Native
- Cloud Based
- Donor & activity profiles
- Strong focus on data visualisation
- Integrated help desk
- Simple and intuitive use
- Sub-national geocoding of activities
- Decentralised data entry & publication controls
- Data Quality Reporting Tools
- API & Interoperability
Successes

1. Aid information management & monitoring
2. Multi-sector nutrition coordination and results tracking
3. Tracking financing of major government investments
MOHINGA

Tracking aid funding through open data in Myanmar
The Mohinga AIMS application is now tracking over **US$20 billion** in aid commitments and **US$11 billion** dollars worth of disbursements to Myanmar.  

More than 2,200 individual development initiatives 

The Mohinga AIMS is regarded as a “**emerging best-practice**” example of aid information management systems globally by Publish What You Fund.  

In an independent assessment of AIMS systems globally from the London School of Economics and Political Science, the Mohinga AIMS was identified as a ‘**Category A**’ AIMS, indicating frequent utilisation and data regularly entered into the system.
IATI integration needs to mean ‘less work’
IATI Transformation

STARTING STATE

- Manual data entry for each transaction
- Lack of compliance due to amount of effort
- Duplicated reporting, IATI and national systems
- Inconsistencies between in-country and the home office reporting
- Bulk IATI import is nice but still has hurdles. (DFID imported 219 activities, 971 transactions)

TRANSFORMED STATE

- Automated integration and synchronization with national and international reporting systems.
- Little additional effort - shift from compliance to utilisation.
- Focus on data quality, and contextual information in national systems i.e language, sector working groups, national strategic plans, etc.
Syncing with IATI

- **We focused on the financials**
  - Descriptions, sectors, locations -- rarely change.
  - Majority of ongoing data entry is dedicated to reporting budgets and transactions
  - Localised information is important
- **Having an IATI native data model is critical**
- **We do it like this ...**
Syncing financials with IATI

CONNECT

SELECT

SYNC
Select
Switch on by Category
Then every morning the application automatically checks for newly reported data and updates Mohinga.
USAID Case Study

- Fully sync 23 of 36 USAID activities reported to the AIMS
- Partially sync 8 of 36 USAID activities reported to the AIMS
- Unable to sync 4 of 36 USAID activities reported to the AIMS
# of Transactions Comparison

With the Mohinga AIMS 'IATI Sync' feature enabled for USAID projects, the total number of transactions handled by the system went from 188 to 596.

Source: Mohinga AIMS
USAID Case Study

Successful IATI syncs resulted in:

- Total number of transactions increasing from 188 to 596
- Total commitment for all activities decreasing from US$472,044,223 to US$430,345,359
- Total disbursement for all activities increasing from US$235,339,242 to US$242,201,242
- Total budgets for all activities decreasing from US$292,596,750 to US$112,113,558
Challenges remain...

- **IATI Awareness** - Need to build greater understanding of IATI and how Sync can reduce time and effort for reporting.
- **Data quality and interoperability** - Some interested partners have had invalid IATI XML which prevented Sync.
- **Correctness** - Locally reported transactions and budgets vs those published in IATI.
- **Double counting & traceability** - is still an issue.
Next Steps: Rolling out IATI Sync

- Additional Donors are opting into IATI Sync
  - EU, GIZ, DFID, Italy, Japan, Canada, Australia, ADB, WB
- Working directly with partners to identify and resolve data issues
- 18th October - IATI Sync Workshop in Yangon hosted by EU
Thank you!

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