Reporting results in IATI: Lessons from measuring and reporting against Canada's Feminist International Assistance Policy (FIAP)

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Who We Are

- Collect and analyze information;
- Strengthen capacity to use data;
- Explore what incentives, structures, and processes are needed to enable evidence-based decisions.

DG creates tools that help institutions...

...at national, local, and global levels
Canada’s Feminist International Assistance Policy
Canada’s Feminist International Assistance Policy (FIAP)

“Canada has adopted a Feminist International Assistance Policy that seeks to reduce extreme poverty and build a more peaceful, inclusive and prosperous world. The policy recognizes that promoting gender equality and empowering women and girls is the most effective approach to achieving this goal.”
- Minister of International Development, 2017

Global Affairs Canada to commit 15% of bilateral international development assistance on projects advancing gender equality and improving the quality of life of women and girls.
The “Placemat”

● 6 action areas
  ○ 26 global indicators - tied to SDGs; informing where to focus
  ○ 24 GAC-funded key performance indicators - informing progress on the achievement of results in each action area

● 6 advocacy indicators
  informing GAC on how well it is promoting and influencing Canada’s interest and values in the world

● 8 corporate indicators measuring progress on advancing the feminist government agenda within GAC
Retrofitting feminist indicators onto existing results frameworks is a lot like aggregating results across development partners:

- Issues aggregating across units and definitions
- Difficulty locating and extracting results data from various reporting formats
- No common results framework → subjective determination of a project indicator’s relevance to a result of interest

- Nuances of development partner results reporting make it difficult to identify, isolate, and extract relevant data from project information
  - Varying reporting systems, definitions, processes, mandates

- Important lessons on data features and functionality required to use IATI results data
Calculating a Feminist Baseline
GAC-IA recognized the opportunity to landscape entire portfolio of project data

- What data are available → What is GAC’s “feminist baseline”?  
- What needs additional methodological guidance
- Where data management and reporting processes can be improved
- Where project data collection can be improved

→ Inform an agency-wide reporting tool that facilitates aggregation from project to corporate level, customized based on current portfolio
Calculating FIAP Baseline

1. Prepare FIAP database
   a. Compile list of all active projects for your period of interest (n ~ 2,600)
   b. Compile all accompanying documentation that may contain results information (3 documents per project)
   c. Prepare document (spreadsheet) to “park” the extracted results, for aggregation

2. Select one Action Area KPI. Use DAC codes to isolate list of projects potentially relevant to this KPI
   a. Using mapping of DAC codes to KPIs, completed by GAC-IA results advisors

3. Read all project documents & classify each project on the list:
   a. Determine whether or not project has components (activities or outputs) that are relevant to the particular KPI
   b. Assign classification code: “Applicable,” “Not Applicable,” “No Data,” or “Unclear”

4. Extract relevant results

5. Record caveats and questions for clarification in methodological note

6. Sum all of the extracted project results

7. Turn in results to respective thematic teams
   a. Use documentation to further develop and refine methodological notes

8. Recalculate baseline
Challenges & Lessons Learned
Lesson 1: Don’t let perfect be the enemy of good

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Lesson 2: In order to use results data, you have to be able to find it
Application to IATI results:

*Executing the use case*
We know that IATI users want to know whether and how projects were successful. This requires three pieces of information:

- whether project achieved intended results (target, baseline)
- accompanying results data/evidence from project results framework
- project narrative

Ex: I want to know how & what projects were successful in mobile ICT adoption, and...

→ Which projects were involved in ICT adoption in 2016?
→ How many people gained access to ICTs in 2016?
→ How did they gain access? What was the value-for-money? Challenges? Surprises? Success stories?
How many people gained access to mobile ICTs in 2016?

1. Search using OECD sectors, keyword search, filters, etc.
   - many different ways to search \(\rightarrow\) varying search results
   - data/project relevance to results indicator based on subjective judgement

2. Search through lists of projects to see if they uploaded results data

3. Select one project with results data. Review all results indicators to see if they are relevant

5. Extract and log relevant data from list of indicators

6. Return to step 1 and repeat.
How would we search for results in d.portal?

*Search for the sector “ICT” on d-portal:*
Next Steps
# Recommendations for IATI Results

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<td>Disaggregations/ metadata</td>
<td>• results should be disaggregated by gender, age, country, and year</td>
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