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Mohinga - AIMS IATI Sync

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Chatting about...

1. About Catalpa
2. Mohinga AIMS
3. IATI Transformation
4. USAID IATI Sync case study
5. Challenges & Next steps

**“We work with people
around the globe to create
change through design &
technology”**

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**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



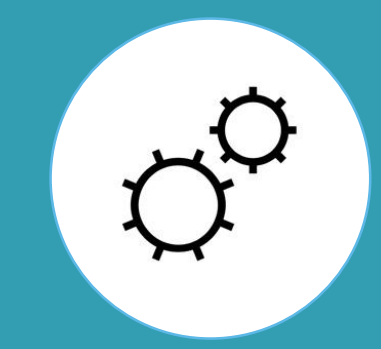
Sub-national geocoding of activities



Decentralised data entry & publication controls



Data Quality Reporting Tools



API & Interoperability

Successes

1. Aid information management & monitoring

MOHINGA AID TRANSPARENCY PORTAL

Tracking international assistance to Myanmar

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LET'S START A CONVERSATION ABOUT AID TRANSPARENCY

Open information about international assistance to Myanmar

How is aid being used in Myanmar?
Development assistance continues to play a vital role in supporting Myanmar's historic transformation. As Myanmar moves forward, it is important that all stakeholders are aware of how this assistance is being used and what results are being achieved.

Why is open aid important in Myanmar?
Making development assistance transparent helps to ensure this assistance goes where it is most needed. By ensuring open access to such information, all stakeholders are better able to clearly see who is doing what and where. Access to better quality data also supports more equitable allocation, both sectorally and geographically, ensuring that this assistance brings maximum benefits to our people.

How do we ensure alignment and accountability?
Comprehensive and timely reporting of development assistance is key to ensuring reciprocal accountability. Accurate data on development assistance allows the Government of Myanmar to make informed decisions regarding the allocation of development finance to ensure development assistance aligns with Myanmar's development priorities and policies.

On average, kids who are stunted complete **4.6** fewer
Adults who were stunted as kids **earn 21% less** in adult
Stunted kids face increased risk of **developing chronic**

2. Multi-sector nutrition coordination and results tracking

hamutuk BETTER TOGETHER

Collective action to improve nutrition in Timor-Leste

Hamutuk is an innovative, multi-sector program bringing more than 20 organisations together with one goal: to **reduce the prevalence of stunting in children under two.**

Stunting is the outcome of chronic nutritional deficiency over time, causing irreversible damage to a child's development. It's visible when a child's **height is too low for their age**. It often starts before birth and is perpetuated by poor food quality, inadequate child feeding practices, frequent infections and poor maternal health and nutrition.

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3. Tracking financing of major government investments

Project Bank

The Myanmar Project Bank

A whole-of-government platform facilitating the effective, coordinated and transparent identification and financing of major investment projects in Myanmar

A Transparent Platform To Facilitate Investment in Myanmar

What is the Myanmar Project Bank?
The Myanmar Project Bank is an open, interactive, web-based platform designed to highlight investment projects which will further the implementation of the Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan 2018-2030.

Why is the Myanmar Project Bank important?
The Myanmar Project Bank establishes a predictable and transparent system which links major investment projects with appropriate sources of finance. In doing so, the Myanmar Project Bank provides a mechanism for the coordination and facilitation of national development projects that will ensure a firm foundation for the long-term development of the nation.

How does the Myanmar Project Bank work?
The Myanmar Project Bank helps to facilitate the identification, screening, appraisal and prioritization of major investment projects based on social, environmental, economic and risk indicators and in considering the overall strategic impact upon the achievement of national development objectives.



MOHINGA

**Tracking aid funding
through open data in
Myanmar**



Mohinga

- The Mohinga AIMS application is now tracking over **US\$20 billion dollars** 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.

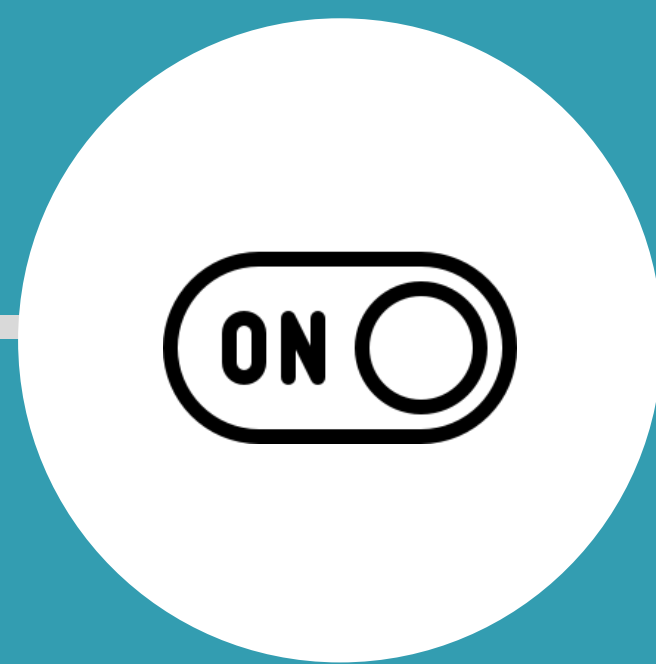
Syncing with IATI

- **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 ...**

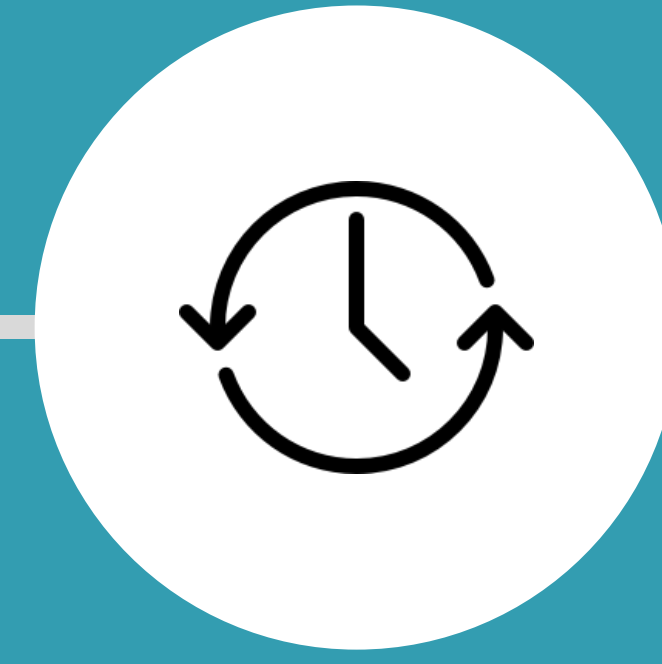
Syncing financials with IATI



CONNECT



SELECT



SYNC

Connect

Connect to IATI Data Store

CONNECT TO THE IATI DATASTORE

Search the IATI Datastore for this activity
To see your official IATI record visit <https://www.iatiregistry.org/publisher>

Search for the IATI Activity Identifier

Compare & Link

CONNECT TO THE IATI DATASTORE

Compare your information
Below compare your local Mohinga activity with the activity reported to the IATI Registry. If these activities match, please link your IATI activity to Mohinga.

Selecting 'Create Link' will link these activities, but will not import data. You can control what financial data is imported in the next step.

Locally Reported	Reported to IATI
IATI Activity Identifier none	IATI Activity Identifier XI-IATI-EC_DEVCO-2014/347-413
Activity Title Support to Aid for Trade and Trade Policy Coordination in Myanmar	Activity Title Support to Aid for Trade and Trade Policy coordination in Myanmar
Activity Status Completion	Activity Status Completion
Reporting Organisation European Union	Reporting Organisation European Commission - Development and Cooperation - EuropeAid

Financial Summary			Financial Summary		
Type	Amt. (USD)	#	Type	Amt. (USD)	#
Commit			Commit	0	0
Incoming			Incoming	0	0
Outgoing			Outgoing	221,363	2
Budget	0	0	Budget	0	0


Select

Switch on by Category

EDIT ACTIVITY

Delete Activity DRAFT PUBLISHED

Support to Aid for Trade and Trade Policy Coordination in Myanmar

Mohinga ID: MM-FERD-ID8543
IATI Sync:  Not Active
Last Updated: 2019-09-12
Reporting Org: European Union

- General
- Sectors
- Organisations
- Locations
- Finances
- Results
- Contacts
- Documents & Images

FINANCES

Transactions Budgets IATI Sync Default Settings

IATI Sync Settings

	Locally Reported	Reported to IATI	Sync
Budgets	USD\$1,500,000	USD\$3,500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commitments	USD\$10,000,000	USD\$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outgoing Funds	USD\$1,345,020	USD\$3,345,020	<input type="checkbox"/>
Incoming Funds	USD\$0	USD\$5,345,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

Edit/Remove IATI ID [Initiate IATI Sync](#)

Sync

Then every morning the application automatically checks for newly reported data and updates Mohinga

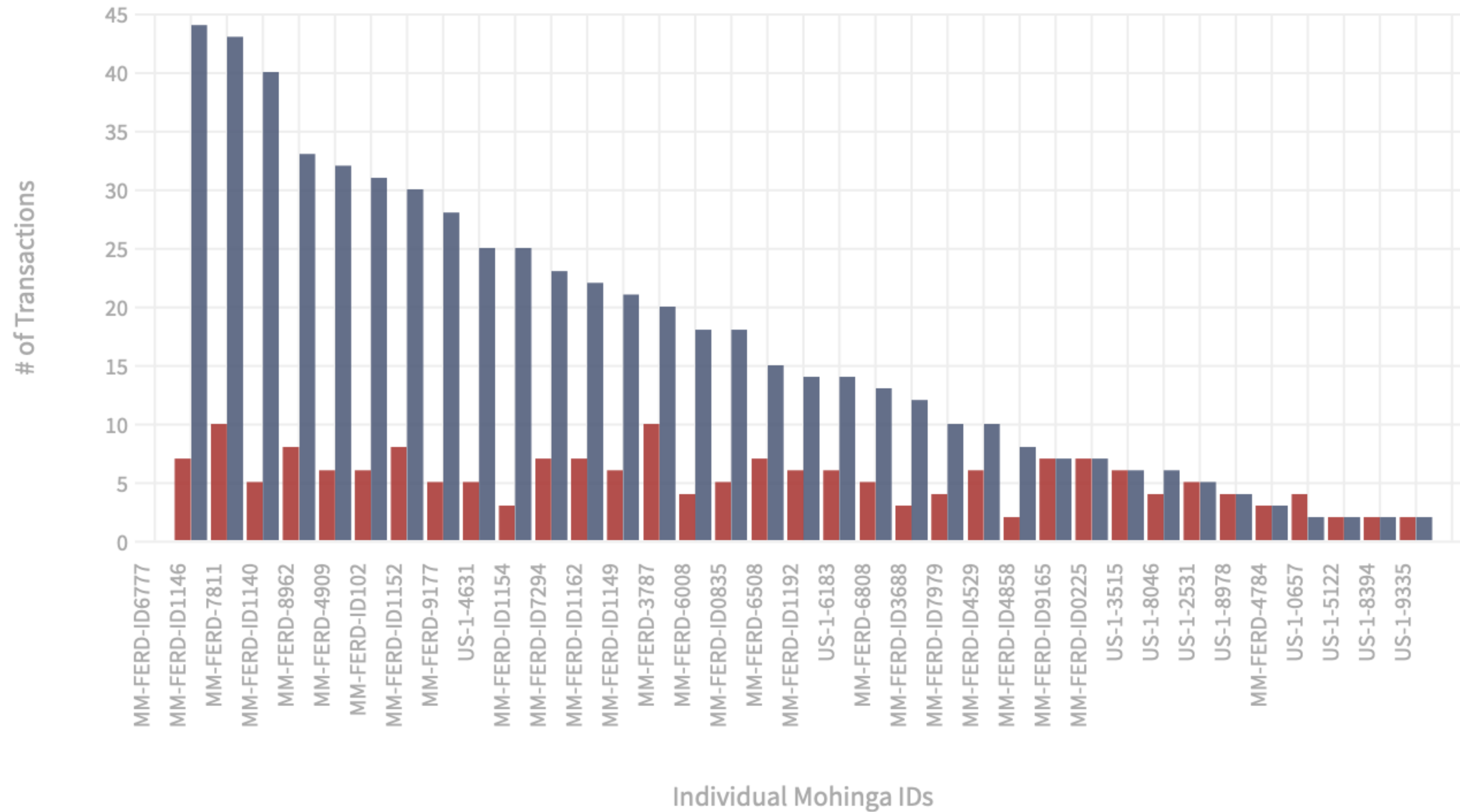
USAID Case Study

- 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.

Manually Entered Transactions IATI Sync Enabled Transactions



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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