UNICEF’s Transparency Initiative
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Why is transparency important for UNICEF

- Encourages improvement in the quality of information in our internal systems
- Enhances UNICEF’s visibility among key stakeholders
- Over time, reduce UNICEF’s donor reporting burden
What is the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI)

**Multi-Stakeholder**
A voluntary, multi-stakeholder initiative that seeks to improve the transparency of aid, development, and humanitarian resources in order to increase their effectiveness.

**IATI Common Standard**
A format and framework for publishing data. Designed in close consultation with key users of development cooperation data, to ensure its relevance and utility for a variety of different data users.

**Single point of access** to data for all stakeholders

Over 590 organizations
Ownership
Partner countries exercise effective leadership over their development policies, and strategies and co-ordinate development actions.

Alignment
Donors base their overall support on partner countries’ national development strategies, institutions and procedures.

Harmonization
Donors’ actions are more harmonized, transparent and collectively effective.

Management for Results
Managing resources and improving decision-making for results

Mutual Accountability
Donors and partners are accountable for development results

2005 Paris Declaration
2008 Accra Declaration

1. Ownership
2. Inclusive Partnerships
3. Capacity Development
4. Delivering Results
2011 Busan Declaration

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2. Focus on Results

3. Partnerships
   - Common arrangements or procedures
   - Simplification (procedures)
   - Sharing (information)

4. Transparency and Shared Responsibility

Operational development strategies
   - Reliable country systems
   - Working with country systems

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Transparency and Shared Responsibility
2016 - Global Commitments

‘Grand Bargain’ commitment to publish timely, transparent, harmonized and open high-quality data on humanitarian funding by end of 2018 using the IATI common standard.

Commitment from development partners to increase the transparency of development cooperation.

IATI endorsed as an open data standard that government and development actors can rely on, and all actors to increase use of IATI data.
UNICEF’s progress on the global Aid Transparency Index

- Recognized as making the “most significant progress” since 2013.
- One of only 10 that have met the commitment on aid transparency.
- A full member on the IATI Governing Board.

2012
- “Poor”
- Ranked 63rd out of 72 donors surveyed

2013
- “Fair”
- 21st out of 67 donors

2014
- “Good”
- 14th out of 68 donors

2016
- “Very Good”
- 3rd out of 46 donors
UNICEF’s data available to the public

- Programme structures (titles, descriptions, durations)
- Programme results (summary of progress made under each Output – indicators, baselines, targets, status) (from inSight/RAM)
- Gender equality marker information
- Geo-locations
- Country Office information (website, CPD, work plans, donor reports, audit reports, evaluations and impact appraisals, supply contracts awarded, etc.)

- Board Approved Budgets and Planned Amounts
- Allocations (RR and ORR/ORE)
- Expenditures (staff and other personnel costs included)
- Sectors funded (%)
- Contribution value by donor to each Output
- Coding against recipient country government budget

Data files are for each UNICEF CO and combined files for ROs and HQ Divisions with data on all Output-level results (5,000+) which have had at least one transaction recorded against them since Jan 2012 (updated monthly) for 128 COs, 7 ROs and 17 HQ operating units. Although required by the IATI Common Standard, UNICEF is currently NOT publishing names and funding details of implementing partners as per UNICEF’s information disclosure policy.
Compiling and Publishing IATI Data

**Data Sources**
- Surveys, Evaluations, Assessments, etc.
- Country Office Annual Reports
- Audits
- inSight/Results Assessments (RAM)
- inSight/Risk Assessments (ERM)
- VISION/SAP
- HAC/Early Warning/Early Action
- Other e.g. PageUp HR systems
- SAP/FLS, ProMS (historical data)

**CEB datasets**

**OECD/CRS and other datasets**

**IATI Registry**

**UNICEF’s Organizational Performance Management System**

**IATI Data Extraction System**

**Government systems** (e.g. Bangladesh Aid Information Management System)

**Other open data systems**

- d-portal.org
- open.unicef.org
- undatacatalog.org
- open.undg.org
- openaid.nl
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- Other open data systems
The UNICEF Transparency Portal (open.unicef.org)

Updated monthly

Interactive flowchart of where the funds come from, allocated and spent

Interactive map of each country

Corporate document library

Connects to UNICEF story blogs
Showcasing resource flows

In 2017, UNICEF allocated a total of $6,278,679,467 to programmes in 128 countries around the world and spent $2,691,837,966 on activities spanning 43 Programme Areas.