



International Organization for Migration (IOM)

The UN Migration Agency

## **IOM DATA DISCLOSURE WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL AID TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE**

Established in 1951, IOM is the leading intergovernmental organization in the field of migration and works closely with governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental partners. Present in over 390 field locations across more than 150 countries, the Organization is dedicated to promoting humane and orderly migration for the benefit of all. It does so by providing services and advice to governments and migrants. In 2016, IOM became part of the United Nations system.

IOM works to help ensure the orderly and humane management of migration, to promote international cooperation on migration issues, to assist in the search for practical solutions to migration problems and to provide humanitarian assistance to migrants in need, including refugees and internally displaced persons.

The IOM Constitution recognizes the link between migration and economic, social and cultural development, as well as to the right of freedom of movement. IOM works in the four broad areas of migration management: migration and development; facilitating migration; regulating migration; and forced migration. IOM activities that cut across these areas include the promotion of international migration law, policy debate and guidance, protection of migrants' rights, migration health and the gender dimension of migration.

IOM joined the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) on 1 March 2017, as part of its institutional commitment to transparency and accountability towards Member States, beneficiaries and the general public. By publishing its data on the IATI registry, the Organization gives these stakeholders, as well as academia and partner organizations, access to IOM data via a supplementary platform in addition to its traditional information-sharing channels. Concurrently, with the establishment of its internal Transparency and Accountability Working Group, IOM aims to: review its existing ways of addressing transparency and accountability; ensure continuous internal coordination of emerging policy and procedural matters; and ensure that new transparency and accountability tools are adapted in an effective and efficient manner, giving due consideration to IOM's operational specifics, governing regulations and the interest in this topic by IOM management, IOM Member States, donors, the general public and others. It is envisaged that these efforts will not only emphasize IOM's commitment to transparency and accountability, but will also make it easier to access, understand and use relevant information, while also contributing to IOM's continued efficiency and effectiveness efforts.

The below refers to the data that IOM has made available to the public via the IATI registry. It explains what data are not available, and why.

## **ACTIVITIES PUBLISHED**

IOM recognizes that its level of reporting through the IATI platform will be incremental, in line with the approach adopted by other United Nations agencies that have previously joined the initiative. During the initial piloting of the process, IOM will be publishing a limited portfolio of projects. This will enable the Organization to increase its level of reporting to the IATI standard in an efficient and accountable manner.

IOM is actively working to enhance its internal processes to allow for full automation of the IATI publishing process. The above-mentioned internal initiatives will allow IOM to increase the share of its portfolio published in accordance with the IATI standard throughout 2018.

## **RESTRICTED ACCESS TO INFORMATION**

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- b. Information received from or sent to third parties, with an expectation of confidentiality;
- c. Information whose disclosure is likely to endanger the safety or security of any individual, violate his or her rights, or invade his or her privacy;
- d. Information whose disclosure is likely to endanger the security of Member States or prejudice the security or proper conduct of any operation or activity of the Organization or its partners;
- e. Information covered by legal privilege or regulatory proceedings, or that subjects the Organization to an undue risk of litigation, or is related to internal audits and investigations;
- f. Internal inter-office or intra-office documents, including e-mails and draft documents;
- g. Commercial information, if disclosure would harm either the financial interests of the Organization or those of other parties involved;
- h. Information which the Organization believes would, if disclosed, seriously undermine a policy dialogue with a Member State or partner;
- i. Other kinds of information which, because of its content or the circumstances of its creation or communication, must be deemed confidential.

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