

**OGP UK National Action Plan 2013-15  
Commitment progress update**

<b>Commitment title</b>		
Aid transparency		
<b>Lead department(s)</b>	Department for International Development, Cabinet Office	
<b>Civil society organisation(s) involved in implementation to date</b>	Publish What You Fund, Integrity Action, ONE, OpenCorporates, Development Initiatives	
<b>Report date</b>	30 April 2014	
<b>Overall commitment status</b>	In progress	
<b>Overall progress against commitment</b>		
On track		
<b>Progress against milestones/activities</b>		
1.	The Cabinet Office and DFID will work together to ensure that UK government departments that spend ODA publish information in line with IATI by 2015.	Behind schedule
<p>Departments are responsible for their own transparency on ODA spend. Progress is being made, but it is mixed and incremental. Based on Publish What You Fund's most recent analysis, DFID is making great progress; DECC and FCO have made some progress; while Home Office; DWP, Department of Health; Welsh Assembly Government; CDC; and the Medical Research Council have started publishing information on their ODA spend to IATI. MOD, DEFRA, ECGD and the Scottish Government are yet to publish. More progress is needed to ensure the quality and timeliness of data published meets the international standards required. Cabinet Office and DFID have convened an 'IATI Practitioners Group' for Departments to share best practice on this and help ensure momentum towards the 2015 deadline for this commitment. Additionally, we will advise other government departments that have not published an implementation schedule yet as part of our work to encourage other government departments to publish to IATI.</p>		
2.	Implement the Busan Common Standard on Aid Transparency, including both the Creditor Reporting System of the OECD Development Assistance Committee and IATI by 2015; this means making data available according to the internationally recognised standard in a format that is open, comprehensive, comparable and re-usable	Ahead of schedule
The Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation published its first Monitoring Report " <a href="#">Progress in Implementing the</a>		

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[Busan Commitments](#)" on 3 April 2014. This assessed donors' performance on implementing the common standard, and rated DFID the best performing donor overall. DFID scored strongly in each of the categories assessed (timeliness, comprehensiveness, and forward-looking data), aligned to the commitment made in Busan. We will continue to make progress towards full implementation by the deadline of December 2015. We have made progress on publishing most IATI fields and we will continue to update our implementation plan for remaining fields.

3.	Improve the accessibility of development assistance information by launching the UK 'Development Tracker' by the end of 2013 – this will increase the level of detail of information available on DFID projects and expenditure, readable by use of a browser as well as providing data in open data files; we will also publish summary information in major local languages in a way that is accessible to citizens in the countries in which we work	On track
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[Development Tracker](#) was launched at the OGP Summit in Oct 2013, representing a major step forward in improving the accessibility of information on UK development assistance. The Development Tracker is a user-friendly online tool which uses our own IATI open data to enable visitors to the site to find detailed information about DFID projects all over the world, and follow money through the delivery chain from source to outcome. Users can search by country or sector, as well as view projects by status, budget, dates and implementing partners. The search function incorporates data from other IATI publishers, including other government departments and CSOs that receive funding from DFID. 'Geocoding' enables us to show the locations of our projects, and around 1,800 sites have now been mapped.

DFID has now published documents in local languages for over 70 projects, including key documents such as Intervention Summaries, logframes and project Annual Reviews, covering a range of countries in Africa, Asia and the Middle East. These are publically available on Development Tracker. We are seeking to improve future coverage, and have an internal system in place for identifying tracking publications which will help us increase and improve the level of publication over time. We are looking to highlight local language documents as part of the ongoing development of Development Tracker.

4.	Work with international donors and partner countries to better link development assistance data with partner countries' budget data, through the development of the IATI budget identifier, by June 2014; this will make it easier to understand and trace how development assistance is being spent in partner countries	On track
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DFID has been working with the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) and the Canadian Department for Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD) to pilot the IATI budget identifier, with technical support from the International Budget Partnership and Publish What You Fund. The pilot has been donor-focused to investigate the extent to which this information could be generated from donors' systems. However, the Government of Tanzania has also been involved, and provided a high-quality machine-readable budget for initial testing. Further engagement and consultation with partner countries is planned to

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<p>validate the Budget Identifier.</p> <p>In April 2014 DFID will, for the first time, include draft Budget Identifier codes in its monthly publication of development assistance data. Over the longer term further work is planned with the DAC Working Party on Statistics to further disaggregate the DAC CRS Sector Codes in certain areas to ensure fully automated mapping from DAC CRS codes used in donors' systems to the Budget Identifier codes allowing easy integration with partner country budgets.</p>		
5.	<p>Introduce approaches to improving the traceability of UK development assistance through a range of delivery chains by August 2014; this includes pilots with a number of private sector suppliers and CSOs by March 2014 and a requirement of IATI publication by the end of 2015 for all implementing partners</p>	On track
<p>All organisations receiving and managing DFID funds have been asked to release open data on how the money is spent using the standard International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) format. Progress made by CSOs has been impressive with most CSOs receiving funds from DFID posting the relevant information in an IATI compliant format. Of the 230 organisations publishing IATI data, more than 140 (65%) are DFID funded organisations and more than 125 (57%) were DFID funded UK organisations.</p> <p>DFID has also now successfully piloted traceability with a sample of private sector suppliers (comprising 30% of DFID's direct procurement spend), with preliminary data available on Development Tracker. Feedback from this exercise has been positive and the lessons learnt will inform future activity, including traceability through in-country CSOs, multilateral partners, and private sector suppliers covering 80% of DFID's direct procurement spend.</p>		
6.	<p>Continue to drive up standards in the quality of information we publish through incremental system changes, including maximising the potential of new technological developments and strengthening feedback mechanisms</p>	On track
<p>Continual improvement of the quality of published data has been influenced by the Aid Transparency Index and internal quality assurance processes. New tools have supported the quality assurance process, and the scope of data published to IATI has expanded, particularly for sub-national locations. Feedback mechanisms have been built into the Development Tracker and are generating regular feedback on data quality. Further data quality improvements are planned for 2014.</p>		