



IATI Implementation Schedule for:

Millennium Challenge Corporation

IATI Organisation Identifier:

US-18

(Click on hyperlink above for more information on IATI Organisation Identifiers)

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This document provides a publication plan which covers:

1. When will data be published? Timetable and frequency of publication
2. Exclusions and constraints: Overview of exceptions, thresholds & constraints
3. How will data be published? How published data will be presented to users
4. What data will be published? Overview coverage. For each area of the standard:
 - a. Timetable for publication
 - b. Terminology used within the data provider's systems
 - c. Exceptions, thresholds & constraints

Instructions for completion:

The Implementation Schedule is divided into three tabs:

1. Publishing Information
2. Organisation Data
3. Activity Data

Publishing Information

This provides space to provide more detailed information about what data will be published, whether there will be any exclusions, and how the data will be published.

This is made up of a mixture of boxes for extracting specific information and text boxes for providing more detailed information.

Many of the boxes for specific information consist of drop-down menus where you will need to select the most appropriate category that fits with the qualitative information you provide in the adjacent text box.

Some require a typed entry:

e.g. Numeric entry for % of total budget (/ODA) and date entries for publication timetable (this should appear in mmm-yy format - e.g. Jan-12).

The purpose of these boxes is to make it easier for users to extract the most pertinent information, whereas the text boxes expand on this to provide more detailed information.

Organisation Data and Activity Data

Although each of these has its own worksheet, the format for completing each is the same.

Each is made up of a table consisting of seven columns:

1) Information Area, 2) Status, 3) Publication date, 4) Exclusions & Thresholds, 5) Exclusion category 6) Data provider definition, and 7) Publication notes.

1) Information Area -

this identifies the data item.

2) Status -

this provides a traffic light rating on the readiness of data to be published and is based on the following key:

Fully compliant	Publishing in full compliance with the IATI Standard
Partially compliant	Publishing some data required by the IATI Standard
Future publication	Data will be published at a future date
Under consideration	No current plans to publish, but could be considered
Unable to publish	Information not available or collected, or not relevant to organisation

(The colour coding is auto-generated through use of the drop-down menu.)

For anything less than full compliance, further information should be provided in the publication notes. This includes:

- dates for full compliance if partial compliance is expected initially
- information on future publication of data items - e.g. potential dates or what it is dependent upon (e.g. new management systems)
- under what conditions data items under consideration could be published (e.g. implementing geo-coding or collecting of results data)
- reasons for being unable to publish (e.g. not relevant to the organisation, not part of the organisation's business model, etc.)

3) Publication date -

identifies when data can start being published (this will be based on the overall timetable for publication identified in the 'Publishing Information' tab, and should indicate when in the publication timetable this date item will be published).

The date should appear in mmm-yy format (e.g. Jan-12). If any additional information needs to be provided about the date, this should be added in the 'Publication notes'.

4) Exclusions & Thresholds -

highlights any specific thresholds or exclusions for the data item.

5) Exclusion category -

identifies the reason for the exclusion using the following drop-down menu:

n/a	No exclusions
a	Not applicable to organisation
b	A non-disclosure policy
c	Not currently captured and prohibitive cost
d	Other (please specify within the 'Exclusions & Thresholds narrative)

6) Data provider definition -

provides the terminology used within the organisation's internal systems (this demonstrates how internal terminology maps to IATI).

7) Publication notes -

provides additional information, such as reasons for amber or red coding, or relevant information which is not covered in the preceding columns or requires further clarification.

Support available:**Knowledge Base**

The Knowledge Base has a number of forums that provide additional information about getting started and implementing IATI, including discussions on tools, information for NGOs and some technical information.

Information on communication support can also be found here to help in promoting your IATI publication (including examples of existing news releases, templates and contacts).

The Knowledge Base can be found at:

<http://support.iatistandard.org/forums>

Further support

If you require any further support or there are any areas of information you would like to see added, please contact Mandy Burrows at:

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1. When will data be published?

Timetable and frequency of publication		
Which organisations/agencies/programmes will your IATI data cover? (What % of your total development flows does this cover? What is missing?)		
<i>Percentage of total budget / ODA</i>	<i>Narrative</i>	
100%	The data covers all Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) Official Development Assistance (ODA) flows.	
Overall timetable for publication (Provide a date for when these organisations will publish (a) an initial (incomplete) set of IATI data and (b) full IATI implementation)		
<i>Date of initial implementation</i>	<i>Date of full implementation</i>	<i>Narrative</i>
Jun-13	Dec-14	MCC publishes activity level data on a quarterly basis in IATI format for all its ODA flows. MCC is in the process of validating results and conditions data from closed programs and will continue to expand those data sets as data is available over the course of 2014-2015. MCC is committed to expanding and improving the quality and completeness of its data, consistent with the limitations of our model.
Timeliness and frequency of publication (How soon after data is captured and available internally will data be published? How frequently will data be published?)		
<i>Frequency of publication</i>	<i>Timeliness of publication</i>	<i>Narrative</i>
Quarterly	2 months in arrears	
How early in lifecycle will activity details be published? (Will activity details be published during the pipeline/identification stage or not until they are approved and in the implementation stage)		
<i>Lifecycle status at publication</i>	<i>Narrative</i>	
Implementation	Based on the schedule and coverages rates elaborated above, regular quarterly data publication will commence in 2013 for a subset of total ODA, with 100% implementation expected by the end of 2015. Verified, complete statistical data and information on U.S. Government ODA flows, will be published in the IATI format at the end of each calendar year once OECD/DAC reporting is complete.	
Data quality status (Do you want to identify the status of the quality/audit/statistical verification of data that is published in registry? Please indicate whether you anticipate doing this, and the likely timing of moving from unverified data to verified data)		
<i>Data quality</i>	<i>Narrative</i>	
Unverified	Data and information on U.S. Government ODA flows will be published in IATI format throughout the year on a timely quarterly basis and will be unverified. This data will be replaced in its entirety at the end of each calendar year with verified, complete statistical OECD/DAC CRS data, once OECD/DAC reporting is complete. As part of its overall data quality control and assurance processes, the U.S. Government will work to identify and resolve discrepancies between preliminary and verified data. This iterative process will likely result in the publishing of better quality data on a quarterly basis over time	
Approach to publication (Please outline what staff and system resources are being made available to implement IATI, any relevant organisational structures e.g. working groups, and who is leading on IATI implementation)		
<i>System resource</i>	<i>Narrative</i>	
Direct feed from internal systems		
Other notes		

2. What are the exclusions from publication?

Exceptions and constraints: general rules that exclude activities from being published. <i>Any specific data item exclusions should be listed in the data tables (Organisation data tab and Activity data tab).</i>	
Thresholds (are there any thresholds on the value of activities or transactions to be published. Please specify what the general threshold limits are for)	
None.	
Exclusions (Please identify any rules for excluding data or information that will either be applied automatically or used as a basis to manually exclude)	
None.	
Any general issues or other constraints	

The MCC implementation model is based on disbursing funds to local Accountable Entities, called Millennium Challenge Accounts (MCAs), who are responsible for program implementation. Therefore, MCC reports at the level at which we grant the funds to the MCA.

3. How will data be published?

Information for prospective users of information	
Licensing (Under which license will data be published: public domain or attribution? If the license does not meet the IATI standard please specify why. Please state whether you intend to use the IATI authorised license or another)	
<i>Licence type</i>	<i>Narrative</i>
Public domain	
Definition of an activity and multi-level activities (How is an activity defined e.g. projects and programmes, or some other structure? Do you have multi-tiered project structures e.g. projects and sub-projects or components? At which level do you intend to publish details (e.g. transactions)?)	
<i>Multi-level activities reported?</i>	<i>Narrative</i>
Yes	MCC programs have a three-tier hierarchy - program (compact or threshold), project and activity. MCC publishes data at all levels. Reference the attached spreadsheet for further clarification.
Segmenting data for publication (The recommendation is to publish data segmented by country i.e. one data file for each country. Duplicate project data must not exist within different files, so projects targeting multiple countries or regional/worldwide by nature should be held within a non-country specific file(s). Is this a practical suggestion for your programme? How many projects are not specific to one country and what non-country files best suit your programme?)	
<i>Segmentation</i>	<i>Narrative</i>
By country / region	All MCC projects are specific to a single country.
Do you intend to provide a user interface in addition to raw IATI data? (Will IATI data be accessible for end users through an existing or a new user interface on your website? [Note: this is not an IATI requirement])	
<i>User interface?</i>	<i>Narrative</i>
No	Detailed data on MCC ODA flows is available to the public for free at the following sites: (1) Foreign Assistance Dashboard - http://foreignassistance.gov/ (2) U.S. Overseas Loans and Grants - http://gbk.eads.usaidallnet.gov/ (3) U.S. Official Development Assistance Database - http://usoda.eads.usaidallnet.gov/ (4) OECD/DAC's International Development Statistics (IDS) online databases on aid and other resource flows - www.oecd.org/dac/stats/idsonline

Organisation

Note: definitions and code lists can be found at:
<http://iatistandard.org/organisation-standard>

Note: For further information or support please go to the Knowledge Base:
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Information Area	Status	Publication date	Exclusions & Thresholds	Exclusion category	Data provider definition	Publication notes
Annual forward planning budget data for agency	Partially compliant				Multi-year forward projections are included to the extent permitted by U.S. federal law and regulation. At the end of February each year, the U.S. Government will publish annual, 1-year forward planning budget data on a fiscal year basis. The U.S. Government fiscal year is 1 October through 30 September.	
Annual forward planning budget for funded institutions	Unable to publish			a) Not applicable to organisation		
Annual forward planning budget data for countries	Partially compliant	Jun-14	MCC only projects disbursements for compact programs that have entered into force.	d) Other	MCC programs are multi-year agreements - five years for compact programs and three years for threshold programs. The entire program amount is obligated at the onset of the program. This field contains MCC's projected disbursements for the program, which is estimated annually at the beginning of each fiscal year.	
Organisation documents	Fully compliant	Jun-13			Links are provided to MCC's organization documents housed on its website: Annual Reports, Annual Financial Statements, Congressional Budget Justifications*, and MCC core policies.	

*The Congressional Budget Justification: The Congressional Budget Justification (CBJ) is the annual presentation to the Congress that justifies the entire budget request of an agency and reflects the continuing process to provide improved strategic focus, data quality, and information on topics of greater Congressional interest. The CBJ also includes the Annual Performance Report for the prior fiscal year and the Annual Performance Plan for the upcoming fiscal year. Each agency develops detailed budgets that submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The OMB then forwards the proposals to Congress in the form of Congressional Budget Justification Books (CBJBs).

Activities

Note: definitions and code lists can be found at:
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Identification						
Reporting Organisation	Fully compliant	May-13				
IATI activity identifier	Fully compliant	May-13			MCC's iati-identifier is a globally unique identifier for each respective activity. Each identifier consists of the following elements, as shown in this example: 18-BFA-2750BX69GD-LAND TNRE-263: MCC's organization ID (US-18), followed by its 3-letter country code (BFA), followed by its Fund Code (2750BX69GD), followed by its project code (LAND TNRE), followed by its activity code (263).	
Other activity identifiers	Unable to publish	May-13		a) Not applicable to organisation		
Basic Activity Information						
Activity Title (Agency language)	Fully compliant	May-13				
Activity Title (Recipient language)	Unable to publish		Not currently captured and prohibitive cost, although titles are available on local country compact websites (see activity website field for url).	c) Not currently captured and prohibitive cost		
Activity Description (Agency language)	Partially compliant	May-13				
Activity Description (Recipient language)	Unable to publish		Not currently captured and prohibitive cost, although descriptions are available on local country compact websites (see activity website field for url).	c) Not currently captured and prohibitive cost		
Activity Status	Fully compliant	May-13			MCC uses two fund types to support its programs - 609(g) and Due Diligence. MCC uses 609(g) assistance for key project preparation work such as feasibility and environmental impact studies, engineering designs, baseline surveys, financial management and procurement technical assistance, and other specialized analysis to help MCC determine the final suitability and scope of investments, costs, implementation risks, and mitigation measures. Such analysis also ensures that partner countries develop projects that will provide returns on MCC's investment and can be implemented within the fixed five-year timeframe. Due diligence funds allow MCC to obtain sufficient information to evaluate, assess and appraise projects during compact development, effectively oversee and monitor compact implementation, conduct quality assurance, and then evaluate the results of a compact project once complete. Both are considered a status of "1-Pipeline/Identification."	
Activity Dates (Start Date)	Fully compliant	May-13				
Activity Dates (End Date)	Partially compliant	May-13	MCC publishes end dates for all compact programs that have entered into force (EIF). At EIF, MCC programs are multi-year agreements that are time-bound (five years for compact programs and three years for threshold programs). Limited transactions may occur after the end of the program, but they are payments for work that occurred during the program or final deobligations of money not spent.	d) Other		
Activity Contacts	Partially compliant	May-13	Individual names will not be published, however general MCC point of contact is provided.	d) Other		
Participating Organisation (Funding)	Fully compliant	May-13				
Participating Organisation (Extending)	Fully compliant	May-13				
Participating Organisation (Implementing)	Fully compliant	May-13				
Participating Organisation (Accountable)	Fully compliant	May-13				
Geopolitical Information						
Recipient Country	Fully compliant	May-13			For the reporting of quarterly activity data, programs/activities not allocated to a specific country will be assigned to a "catch-all" field for non-country specific assistance (world not specified). DAC-defined regional grouping codes will not be available until complete, verified OECD/DAC CRS data is finalized.	
Recipient Region	Unable to publish			a) Not applicable to organisation		
Sub-national Geographic Location	Partially compliant	May-13	MCC is exploring using sub-national geographic locations for compact activities and included a subset of locations in this data release.	c) Not currently captured and prohibitive cost		
Classifications						
Sector (DAC CRS)	Fully compliant	May-13			Preliminary sector information will be available during quarterly reporting of unverified data and will be updated annually when OECD/DAC CRS data is finalized.	
Sector (Agency specific)	Fully compliant	Jun-14			Dashboard framework sector code.	
Policy Markers	Future publication	Jun-15	MCC will include policy markers in 2015.			
Collaboration Type	Fully compliant	May-13			Presented at hierarchy-1	
Default Flow Type	Fully compliant	May-13			Presented at hierarchy-1	
Default Finance Type	Fully compliant	May-13			Presented at hierarchy-1	
Default Aid Type	Fully compliant	May-13			Presented at hierarchy-1	
Default Tied Aid Status	Fully compliant	May-13			Presented at hierarchy-1	
Financial						
Activity Budget	Fully compliant				Activity budget is the total obligation (commitment) for the entire program period - five years for compact programs and three years for threshold programs.	
Planned Disbursements	Fully compliant				MCC programs are multi-year agreements - five years for compact programs and three years for threshold programs. The entire program amount is obligated at the onset of the program. This field contains MCC's projected disbursements for the program, which is estimated annually at the beginning of each fiscal year.	

(UNDER DEVELOPMENT) Recipient Country Budget Identifier	Under consideration				MCC is participating in the IATI TAG working group to develop the standard for recipient country budget identifier with the goal of being able to report once the standard is established.	
Financial Transaction						
Financial transaction (Commitment)	Fully compliant					
Financial transaction (Disbursement & Expenditure)	Fully compliant					
Financial transaction (Reimbursement)	Fully compliant					
Financial transaction (Incoming Funds)	Fully compliant					
Financial transaction (Loan repayment / interest repayment)	Unable to publish			a) Not applicable to organisation		
Related Documents						
Activity Documents	Fully compliant	May-13			Activity documents included are signed compact or threshold agreements, current Quarterly Status Reports for compacts, and country briefs for closed compact programs.	
Activity Website	Fully compliant	May-13				
Related Activity	Fully compliant	May-13				
Performance						
Conditions attached Y/N	Fully compliant	Jun-14				
Text of Conditions	Fully compliant	Jun-14			MCC conditions programs and program disbursements to specific conditions precedent (CPs) that are included in the compact and program agreements. CPs can apply to the entire program, or one single project or activity. CPs are displayed at the hierarchy level at which they apply.	
Results data	Partially compliant	Jun-14			MCC reports the following types of results data: results documents, descriptions and indicators. Results documents are included for all compact programs and contain the monitoring plans, program logics and initial evaluation plans. Results descriptions exist at hierarchy-3 (project level). Indicators (and their associated baselines, targets and actuals) are included for closed compact programs and some programs in implementation and are displayed at the hierarchy level at which they apply. All targets are for the end of the compact program and all actuals are cumulative, as of the end of the previous quarter.	

	Hierarchy Level			
	1	2	3	4
reporting-org	Always available at this level	Always available at this level	Always available at this level	Always available at this level
iati-identifier	Always available at this level	Always available at this level	Always available at this level	Always available at this level
title	Always available at this level	Always available at this level	Always available at this level	Always available at this level
description	Always available at this level	Always available at this level	Always available at this level	Always available at this level
activity-scope	Always available at this level	Not used at this level	Not used at this level	Not used at this level
activity-status	Always available at this level	Always available at this level	Always available at this level	Always available at this level
activity-date	Not used at this level	Always available at this level	Always available at this level	Always available at this level
participating-org	Always available at this level	Always available at this level	Always available at this level	Always available at this level
recipient-country	Always available at this level	Not used at this level	Not used at this level	Not used at this level
related-activity	Always available at this level	Always available at this level	Always available at this level	Always available at this level
planned-disbursement	Not used at this level	Used at this level when data is available	Not used at this level	Always available at this level
budget	Not used at this level	Not used at this level	Not used at this level	Always available at this level
country-budget	Not used at this level	Not used at this level	Not used at this level	Always available at this level
capital-spend	Not used at this level	Not used at this level	Not used at this level	Always available at this level
policy-marker	Not used at this level	Not used at this level	Not used at this level	Not used at this level
recipient-region	Not used at this level	Not used at this level	Not used at this level	Not used at this level
activity-website	Always available at this level	Not used at this level	Not used at this level	Not used at this level
contact-info	Not used at this level	Always available at this level	Not used at this level	Not used at this level
location	Always available at this level	Not used at this level	Not used at this level	Used at this level when data is available
sector	Not used at this level	Not used at this level	Not used at this level	Always available at this level
collaboration-type	Not used at this level	Not used at this level	Not used at this level	Always available at this level
default-finance-type	Always available at this level	Not used at this level	Not used at this level	Not used at this level
default-flow-type	Always available at this level	Not used at this level	Not used at this level	Not used at this level
default-aid-type	Always available at this level	Not used at this level	Not used at this level	Not used at this level
default-tied-status	Always available at this level	Not used at this level	Not used at this level	Not used at this level
conditions	Not used at this level	Used at this level when data is available	Used at this level when data is available	Used at this level when data is available
document-link	Not used at this level	Used at this level when data is available	Used at this level when data is available	Not used at this level
transaction	Not used at this level	Not used at this level	Not used at this level	Always available at this level
results	Not used at this level	Used at this level when data is available	Used at this level when data is available	Not used at this level