INSTITUTE FOR
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IATI Exclusion Policy

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1.0 Purpose and approach

The Institute for War & Peace Reporting (IWPR) is committed to sharing its programme data in an open and transparent way while protecting the people, partners, and work connected to its programmes. This policy highlights the key principles and modalities Institute for War and Peace Reporting (IWPR) has chosen for publication of data in the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) registry and sets the criteria for excluding data from publication as well as the process for doing this. This policy applies only to IWPR projects and activities for which IATI publication is required or approved. Donor agreements and applicable law take precedence.

IWPR will publish information to the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) where required by a donor agreement or where IWPR otherwise decides to do so. Information may be withheld, limited, generalised, aggregated, anonymised or delayed when publication would create an unreasonable safety, security, privacy, legal, contractual, operational or strategic risk. If the risk cannot be managed by limiting particular information, IWPR may exclude the entire activity from publication.

2.0 Information that may be excluded

IWPR will aim to publish each programme's name, objectives, start date, end date, strategic outcomes and total budget; however, there are instances when data will be excluded. IWPR may exclude information where publication could:

- harm relations with a government, authority, donor, partner organisation, supplier, community or other stakeholder;
- place staff, journalists, contributors, partners, beneficiaries, sources or other individuals at physical, psychological, digital, legal, economic or reputational risk;
- identify an individual or disclose personal information in a way that is inconsistent with privacy or data-protection requirements;
- reveal commercially sensitive, confidential, security-sensitive or strategically sensitive information;
- breach a law, donor condition, contract, confidentiality commitment, intellectual-property right or other binding obligation;
- undermine the purpose, credibility, neutrality, effectiveness or intended social impact of an activity; or
- mislead users because the information is materially incomplete, unreliable or not suitable for publication.

3.0 General principles for exclusion

3.1 External relations

IWPR will not publish information that could reasonably damage a relationship essential to its work or expose a partner or stakeholder to adverse consequences. A partner or other stakeholder may request exclusion, but IWPR remains the final decision-maker, subject to donor requirements.

3.2 Safety and security

IWPR will not publish information that could reasonably create or increase risk to any person, organisation, location, network or activity. This is particularly important for work in conflict-affected, authoritarian or otherwise sensitive environments.

3.3 Privacy

IWPR will not publish names, images, contact details or other information that could identify a person unless there is a lawful basis, publication is necessary and the related risks are acceptable.

3.4 Commercial and strategic interests

IWPR will not publish information that could harm the legitimate commercial or strategic interests of IWPR, its donors, partners or suppliers, including sensitive terms, methods, budgets, negotiations or internal assessments.

3.5 Legal and contractual restrictions

IWPR will not publish information that it does not have the right to publish or that would breach a legal, contractual, donor, confidentiality, data-protection or intellectual-property obligation.

3.6 Programme integrity and social impact

IWPR will not publish information that could undermine an activity, create misinformation, expose sensitive investigative or advocacy work, or reduce the intended benefit of the programme.

3.7 Level of detail

IWPR will avoid unnecessary detail. Where appropriate, it may use a generic activity title, high-level description, broad geographic area, aggregate financial information, non-identifying partner description or delayed publication. Exact locations, dates, routes, identities and operational methods may be excluded.

3.8 Data quality

IWPR may exclude information that is materially incomplete, unreliable or liable to mislead. IWPR is not required to publish unnecessary operational detail solely to create a more detailed IATI record.

4.0 Decision-making

The staff member responsible for the project, together with the staff member responsible for IATI publication, may decide to exclude an activity, information field, transaction or document under this policy. Legal, security, safeguarding, data-protection, finance or donor advice may be sought where needed. Senior management approval is required only where the appropriate treatment is unclear or the issue presents a significant organisational risk.

The reason for an exclusion should be recorded briefly in the project or publication records. Existing risk assessments, donor correspondence, grant files or management records are sufficient; a separate exclusion assessment is not required. An exclusion remains in effect unless circumstances materially change or a donor requirement requires reconsideration.

5.0 Publication and review of this policy

This policy will be made publicly available via IWPR's IATI publisher information where appropriate. The policy may be reviewed when IATI requirements, donor terms, applicable law or IWPR's operating context materially changes. IWPR is not required to conduct a separate annual review of every exclusion.