
GFNS: Documentation

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The **Global Food and Nutrition Security (GFNS)** Dashboard relies on data from IATI Reporting Organisations to coordinate responses to Food and Nutrition Security (FNS) crises.

When a country-led Preparedness Plan is triggered, this guidance ensures that your organisation’s IATI activities are correctly “tagged” so they can be tracked on the [Global Food and Nutrition Security Dashboard](#) with precision.

Using the [IATI Standard](#) reduces the overhead for data users, allowing international partners to focus on insights rather than manual data cleaning.

THE GFNS DASHBOARD

The **GFNS Dashboard** serves as a central platform for real-time monitoring of crisis triggers, mobilised resources, and intervention efforts.

The trigger process:

Preparedness Plans are activated through three main steps: assessment of the risk of an extraordinary FNS crisis, a review of required scale-up efforts, and final activation by senior government leaders.

Data integration:

Once a plan is triggered, the GFNS Dashboard integrates IATI data to document decisions and facilitate accountability among international partners.

Reporting timeliness:

To support efficient tracking, it is vital that IATI activities - representing specific contracts, projects, or programmes - are published in a timely manner with the most up-to-date financial information.

HOW TO TAG IATI DATA

There are two primary methods to link an IATI activity to a GFNS Preparedness Plan:

- **Method A:** Using the IATI “Tag” Data Field (Preferred)
- **Method B:** Supplementing with Free Text Hashtags

2.1 Method A: Using the IATI “Tag” Data Field (Preferred)

The IATI tag element allows for the inclusion of non-statistical classifications within an activity.

Data Field	Purpose	Requirement?	GFNS Value
Tag Vocabulary	Identifies the GFNS list	Required	5
Tag Code	Country of the Preparedness Plan	Required	Two-digit ISO code (e.g., SO for Somalia)
Tag Narrative	Descriptive title of the plan	Optional	e.g., “Somalia Preparedness Plan...”

2.1.1 Technical Implementation (XML):

In the IATI XML, the code and vocabulary attributes must be present.

Standard usage:

```
<tag vocabulary="5" code="SO"/>
```

With optional narrative:

```
<tag vocabulary="5" code="SO" >  
  <narrative>Somalia Preparedness Plan for Food and Nutrition Security Crises</  
  <narrative>  
</tag>
```

2.2 Method B: Supplementing with Free Text & Hashtags

If your system cannot support the tag field, or if you want to provide more context, use hashtags in free-text fields like the activity title, description, and/or transaction description.

To make these hashtags relevant to GFNS, a specific string is required (see *Country Tags* for full list) that combines #GFNS with the ISO country code. For example, #GFNS-YE to related to the Preparedness Plan in Yemen.

Preparedness Plan Country	Required Hash-tag	Example of Usage
Somalia	#GFNS-SO	Activity title: “Food Security programme in Somalia #GFNS-SO”
Haiti	#GFNS-HT	Activity description: “This activity relates to #GFNS-HT”
Yemen	#GFNS-YE	Transaction description: “Commitment towards #GFNS-YE”

2.2.1 Technical Implementation (XML):

In the IATI XML, this hashtag will be included in the narrative sub-element for any of title, description, or transaction description.

Example usage - activity description:

```
<description type="1" >
  <narrative>This project is in response to food insecurity in Haiti, and is a
  ↪response to emerging needs. This activity relates to #GFNS-HT</narrative>
</description>
```

SUPPORT

If your organization requires assistance implementing these technical requirements, the following support channels are available:

- **IATI Support Team:** For general technical guidance on the IATI Standard or the tagging process, visit the [IATI Contact page](#).
- **Alternative Arrangements:** If it is not technically feasible for your organization to tag or annotate IATI activities through the standard fields, please notify [IATI Support directly](#). They can help identify which of your activities are relevant to a Preparedness Plan and discuss alternative arrangements to ensure your data is captured.

COUNTRY TAGS

Country	ISO Alpha-2 Code (for Method A)	Required Hashtag (for Method B)
Somalia	SO	#GFNS-SO
Haiti	HT	#GFNS-HT
Yemen	YE	#GFNS-YE
Afghanistan	AF	#GFNS-AF
Burkina Faso	BF	#GFNS-BF
Cameroon	CM	#GFNS-CM
Central African Republic	CF	#GFNS-CF
Chad	TD	#GFNS-TD
Colombia	CO	#GFNS-CO
DR Congo	CD	#GFNS-CD
Mali	ML	#GFNS-ML
Mozambique	MZ	#GFNS-MZ
Myanmar	MM	#GFNS-MM
Niger	NE	#GFNS-NE
Nigeria	NG	#GFNS-NG
Pakistan	PK	#GFNS-PK
South Sudan	SS	#GFNS-SS
Sudan	SD	#GFNS-SD
Syria	SY	#GFNS-SY
Venezuela	VE	#GFNS-VE