Statement from Development Initiatives: Response to FFD3 elements paper in relation to 'Data, Monitoring and Follow-up'

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Development Initiatives works to end extreme poverty by 2030 by making data and information on poverty and resource flows transparent, accessible and useable. We help decision-makers use information to increase their impact for the poorest people in the most sustainable way. We work at every level: supporting local partners in East Africa and Nepal to use data; informing national and regional decision-making through analysis and presentation of information; providing technical and political support that can help improve international systems.

We welcome the inclusion of as an issue which must be considered in relation to the monitoring of finance for development. This is a critical issue, and one that has already been explored at great depth in the post-2015 process. We would urge all stakeholders who have not already done so to engage with the work of the UN Independent Advisory Group on the data revolution and their report.

Better data are only a means to an end, and data are only useful if it is accessible and open to all stakeholders who need it. Data must be useable, relevant, timely, and in an open and preferably machine-readable format. Our views on these issues are informed by our work strengthening use and understanding of financial resource data in East Africa and Nepal, where JTJc toome the inclusio is andert. Data musBT1

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