# Improving revenue systems to unlock extractives transparency

What works in improving transparency in extractives: Views from global initiatives

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# Structure of Presentation

1. Improving revenue systems essential for transparency

- 2. Improving impact evaluation
- 3. Uganda Oil Tax Audits Case Study



# Revenue key pillar of extractives transparency

### How the EITI works



The EITI provides a Forum for dialogue and a Platform for broader reforms



# Revenue Authorities - gateway to El transparency?

### <u>Information required by tax authorities:</u>

Production Data
Mineral/Oil/Gas Prices,
Project costs,
International transactions and tax havens

### **Transparency Requirements**

EITI Reconciliation reports
Project-by-project reporting
Beneficial ownership

### **Big Data Potential**

# **Supporting Revenue Authorities**

### **Challenges**

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Limited link with transparency issues

### Type of intervention/support

Auditor Training enables accurate data to be ascertained ICT systems
Improve Business Processes
Cross-Government Collaboration

### Value for Money (VfM)

Enhances revenue generation and transparency at same time. Maximise impact by equipping them to capture data

# Designing Impact Evaluation

### **Quantifiable and Observable**

- Revenue Collection
- 2. Taxpayer Compliance

### **Challenge is linking to transparency**

- 1. Revenue Reconciliation
- Project by project reporting
- 3. Open Modelling of projects
- 4. Compare revenues to forecasts
- 5. Beneficial Ownership

## Case Study: Uganda Oil Tax Audits, 2013-2015

Objective: Support the URA to develop a compliance framework and systems for management of upstream activities (i.e. exploration and production) in the oil and gas sector.

### Main project outputs:

Revise business processes to manage oil and gas revenue in Uganda

Support efficient and effective procurement of IT system to manage upstream oil and gas taxation

Build capacity of the URA to manage cost recovery audits

# **Impact Evaluation Approach**

**Impact** 

Exploration phase: Increased ratio of revenue to income tax deductibles (pending minerals revenue: total gross production value)

Production phase: Increased ratio of revenue to production value

Outcome	Indicators  Number of business processes analysed
Business Processes  Compliance framework and systems for management of upstream activities in the oil and gas sector in Uganda developed	Number of business processes analysed     Number of business processes designed
gas sector in Uganda developed	» Customer satisfaction surveys
ICT	
Castus assessed it	» Number of cost reviews
Cost recovery audit	» Number of administrative issues identified
Increased capacity of URA to optimise oil and gas revenue as described above.	» URA percentage assessment of administrative review
	» Percentage of costs adjusted over costs reviewed
	» Capacity assessment of NRMU

# Linking with transparency

1. Revise business processes to manage oil and gas revenue in Uganda

Link with transparency Information sharing and support to EITI

2. Support efficient and effective procurement of IT system to manage upstream oil and gas taxation

Link with transparency - data flows essential to URA functioning but massive benefits for transparency. EITI readable data.

3. Build capacity of the URA to manage cost recovery audits

Link with transparency

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# Thank You