

IATI Exemption Statement Final 26/08/2026

Cultural Emergency Response (CER) is fully committed to the mission of the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) to improve the transparency and accountability of aid funding. As a recipient of development resources and public funds, we take seriously our responsibility to be a transparent partner and contributor to the international development community. Our programs are required to regularly publish information about our activities to the IATI Registry in accordance with donor requirements, including those of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Through the IATI Registry, we provide information on project descriptions, budgets, and funding provided to local partners.

Exclusion criteria

Due to the sensitive nature of CER's work providing first aid to cultural heritage in complex environments, conflict zones, and disaster areas, we may not be able to share all the data required by the IATI Standard. We may exclude data from the IATI Registry for the following reasons:

Safety and security: Disclosure of the information would impact the physical safety, **freedom** or security of CER's **staff** and downstream partners.

Heritage protection: Disclosure of precise geographic locations, structural vulnerabilities, or other details which could expose endangered cultural heritage sites or collections to looting, illicit trafficking, or intentional destruction by hostile actors.

Data protection: CER is required to protect personal data in accordance with our data and privacy policies and GDPR requirements. We may not be able to disclose personally identifiable information of individual grantees or partners without the explicit consent of the individual involved.

Confidentiality: CER may be unable to disclose information due to legal, business, or contractual obligations to restrict access to sensitive information in agreements with peer organizations, local partners, or donors.

Data Adaptations and Full Exclusions

If program data triggers the exclusion criteria above, CER will take appropriate action to protect our network before publishing with the IATI registry. Depending on the severity of the risk, CER will apply one of the following methods:

Data Adaptations (Partial Exclusion): Where possible, data will still be published to the IATI Registry with protective adaptations, which include anonymizing the names of local implementing partners or funding organizations (e.g., listing a partner simply as "Local CSO").

Geographic Adaptation: Broadening geographic data to a regional or country level when specific local coordinates are too sensitive or dangerous to publish.

Descriptive Redaction: Redacting exact descriptions of the cultural assets being evacuated or stabilized to prevent targeting or looting.

Financial Aggregation: Aggregating financial transactions to obscure specific operational costs or omitting personally identifiable information to comply with privacy standards.

Full Activity Omission (Major Exclusion): Where CER determines that the risk of publishing information about a project endangers local communities, partner organizations, or heritage sites, and that the partial adaptations listed above are not sufficient to mitigate these risks, the entire project or activity will be completely omitted from publication on the public IATI registry.

Donor Notification for Full Omission: In the event of a Full Activity Omission, CER will inform the relevant donor (such as the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs) and provide the full, unredacted project information privately and securely through direct channels, ensuring donor compliance without compromising safety on the ground.