



**ActivityInfo**

Keeping your M&E data secure

**Starting shortly, please wait!**

# Presented by the ActivityInfo Team

All in one information management software for humanitarian and development operations

- Track activities, outcomes
- Beneficiary management
- Surveys
- Work offline/online

The screenshot shows the ActivityInfo website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Features, Pricing, Customers, Support, News, Contact us, and a Log in button. The main content area features the ActivityInfo logo and the text: "Information management software for the social sector" and "Everything you need for your data collection and reporting needs. No-code relational database builder. Integrated analysis tools and advanced user management capabilities." Below this, a section titled "ActivityInfo is perfect for" lists four categories: Case Management, Monitoring and Evaluation, Humanitarian coordination, and Cash & Voucher Assistance. A section titled "Our key features" lists: Mobile data collection, Data entry, Data management, and Analysis & visualization. On the right side, there is a large graphic showing a map of East Africa with several colored bubbles (blue, yellow, purple) of varying sizes, each containing a number, representing data points or activities across different regions.

# Outline

**01** Emerging cyberthreats for NGOs

**02** Best practices for your team

**03** Best practices for configuring data access

**04** Policies & Procedures

# What is data security?

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## Confidentiality

Confidential data protected from exposure to unauthorized parties



## Integrity

Prevention of unauthorized changes to your data




## Availability

Ensuring data is available when needed to the parties who need it

# What role does the M&E professional play in data security?

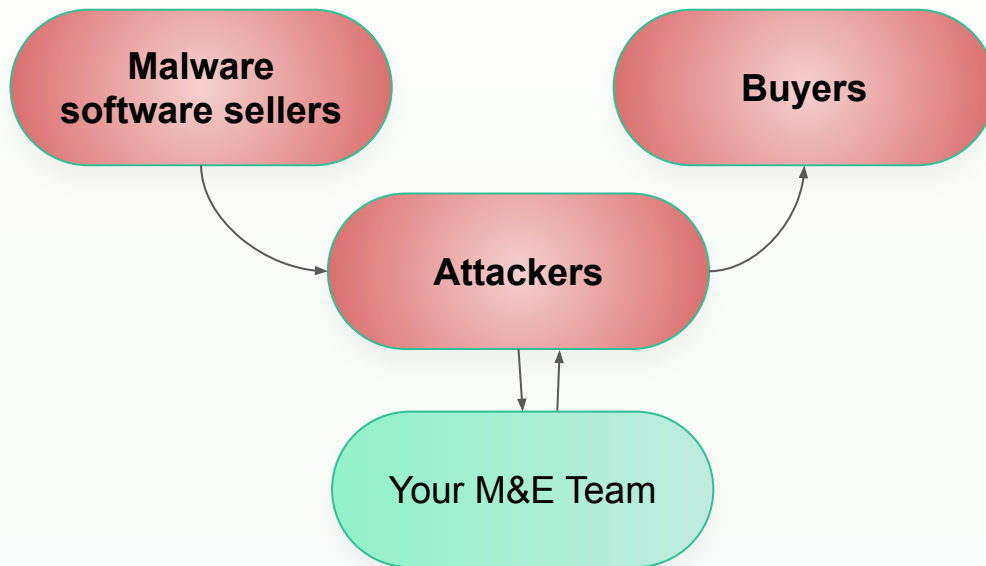
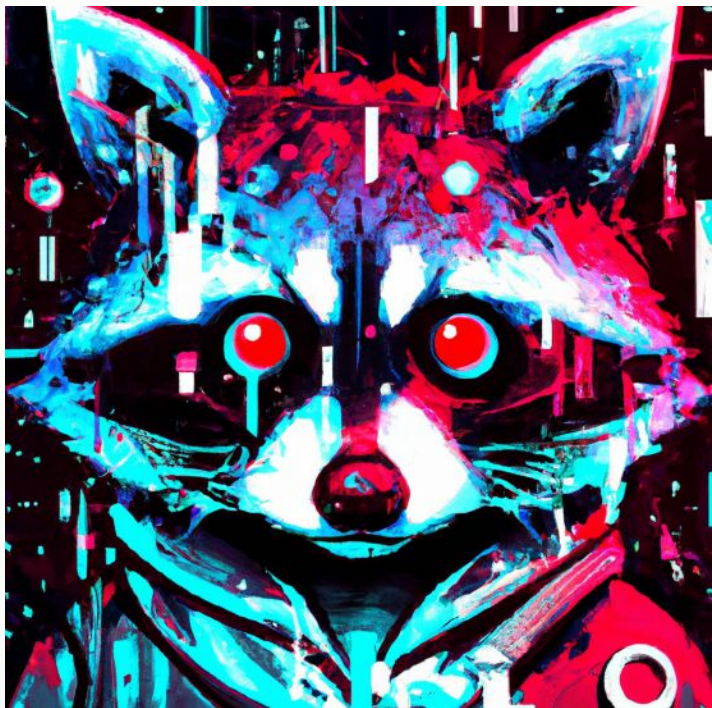
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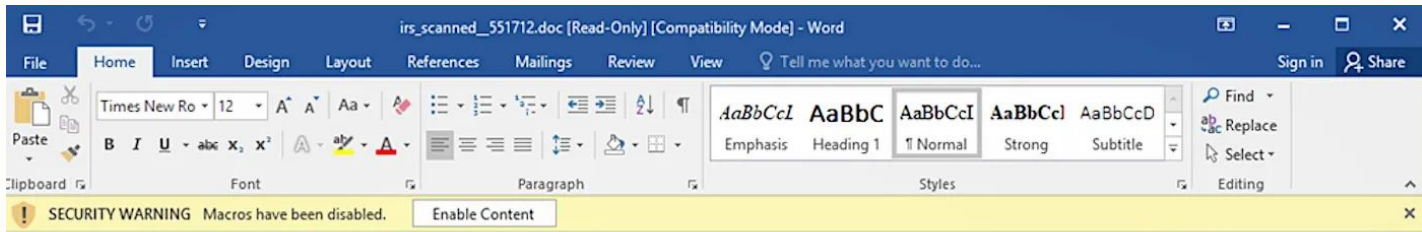
- Planning M&E systems
- Planning data collection
- Sharing data with internal and external stakeholders
- Communicating results



# Emerging cyber threats

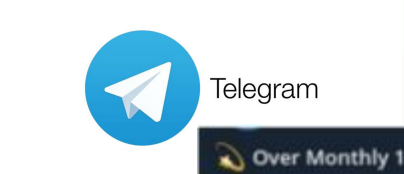
# ! Rise of "infostealers"





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Over Monthly 150k-250k New Logs 2023

BANK,FB,GPAY,CRYPTO,GAMING

- MEGA CLOUD + FREE ACCOUNTS PRO
- Weekly 20k-40k PCS logs
- Geo USA, EU, MIX,Targeted
- Working cookies
- Crypto Wallets
- Free soft for checked your site/link

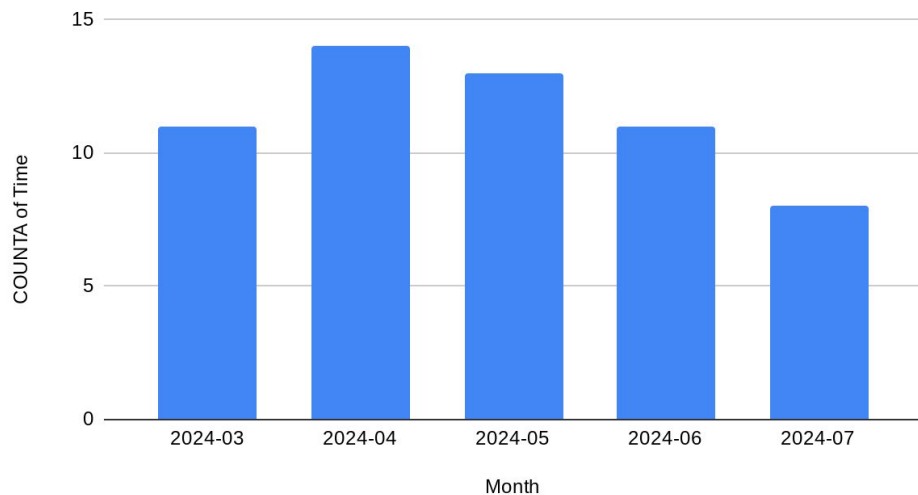
Current private logs cloud cost:

- 1 month - 600\$
- 2 months - 1000\$
- Lifetime - 8000\$

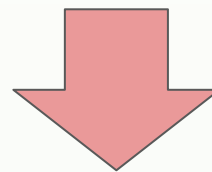


# Impact on NGOs and M&E

Number of users with reported compromises per month



108 users in 2024



76 databases

Dear [REDACTED]

As part of our security programme, we have been alerted to the sale of a so-called "stealer log" on the dark web that include your credentials.

This indicates that a computer you have used was infected by malware that has collected your passwords and transmitted them to the attacker, who is now offering them for sale to the highest bidder.

The alert we received includes references to the following credentials:

- [REDACTED].org.uk: pas\*\*\*\*\*
- [REDACTED].com: pas\*\*\*\*\*

The alert references the following devices, though not all leaks include device details:

- DESKTOP-T3FR2O6 running Windows 10 Pro (Logged in as user)

As a precaution, we have cleared your ActivityInfo password. You will need to reset your password from the login page.

Because you may have access to sensitive data that is now at risk, we are notifying owners of all ActivityInfo databases to which you have access.

We have prepared a guide to securing your ActivityInfo account. Please read this guide carefully and follow the recommended actions to avoid putting your

# ! Insider attacks

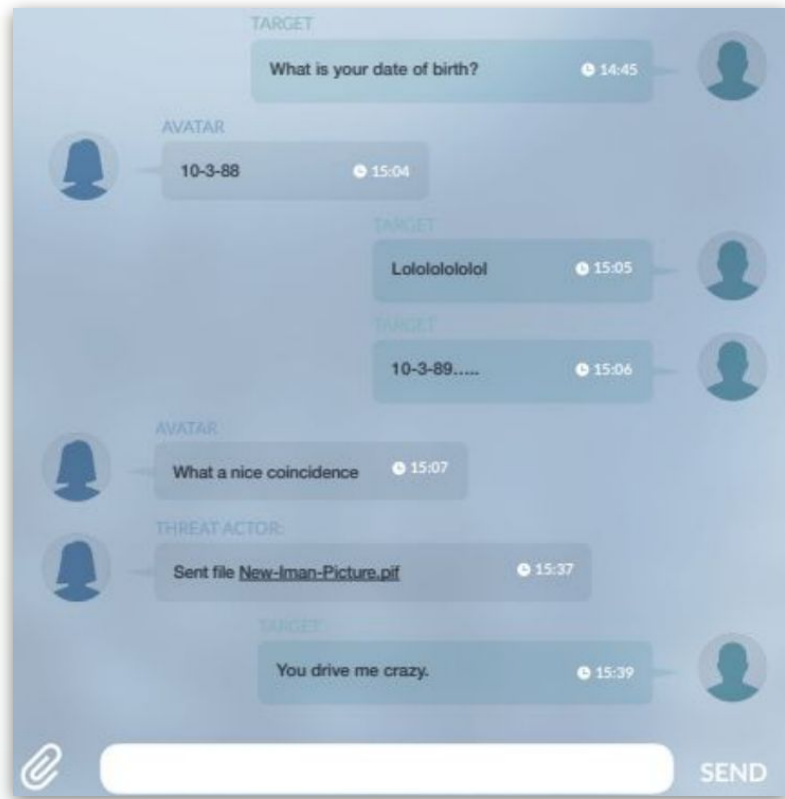
In 2005, a local NGO staff member was fired, and using his credentials, deleted all his NGO's reports in ActivityInfo.



# ! Parties to conflict

2013, Syrian opposition forces and humanitarians targeted via Skype. Stolen data included:

- » Humanitarian needs assessments
- » Lists of materials for the construction of major refugee camps
- » Humanitarian financial assistance disbursement records



# ! Human error

“An email holding the private data of 8,253 users enrolled onto courses on immunisation went out to around 20,000 Agora users in late August [2019]”

“This was an inadvertent data leak caused by an error when an internal user ran a report...”



# Understanding threats

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Rise of “infostealers”



Insider attacks



Parties to conflict








Human error



# Best practices

# BASIC cyber hygiene

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-  Enable 2FA everywhere you can
-  Use a password manager everywhere else
-  Anti-virus and anti-malware
-  Hard disk encryption
-  Lockscreen



# Enabling SSO in ActivityInfo

The screenshot shows the ActivityInfo user interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the ActivityInfo logo, a search bar, and user information for Quentin Antonov. A dropdown menu is open, showing options for 'Account settings', 'Billing account', and 'Version 4.0-b2499'. A yellow arrow points to the 'Account settings' option. Below the navigation bar, the 'Account settings' section is visible, with 'Profile settings' selected. The 'Profile settings' form includes fields for 'Your name' (Quentin Antonov) and 'Preferred language' (English). At the bottom of the form, there are 'Cancel' and 'Save profile' buttons. Below the form, the 'Secure your account' section is visible, with a message recommending Single-Sign On and a 'Connect your Google account' button. A yellow arrow points to this button.

ActivityInfo

Search for a d...

Navigate to

Languages

Quentin An... ▲

Logout

LOGGED IN AS

Quentin Antonov  
qa@bedatadriven.com

Account settings

Billing account

Version 4.0-b2499

Account settings overview

Profile settings

API Tokens

Offline storage

Profile settings

Your name

Quentin Antonov

Preferred language

English

✕ Cancel

✓ Save profile

Secure your account

You are currently logging in with an ActivityInfo password. To improve the security of your account, we recommend that you enable Single-Sign On.

Connect your Google account

# Social Engineering



Luke Johnson <luke.json8000@gmail.com>

to me

Luke Johnson has shared a link to the following document:

 [2023 Department Budget.docx](#)



Hey there. Here is the doc you asked for. Let me know if you need anything

[Open in Docs](#)



# Generative AI amplifies these risks

## Finance worker pays out \$25 million after video call with deepfake 'chief financial officer'



By Heather Chen and Kathleen Magramo, CNN

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Authorities are increasingly concerned at the damaging potential posed by artificial intelligence technology. boonchai wedmakawand/Moment RF/Getty Images

**(CNN)** — A finance worker at a multinational firm was tricked into paying out \$25 million to fraudsters using deepfake technology to pose as the company's chief financial officer in a video conference call, according to Hong Kong police.

The elaborate scam saw the worker duped into attending a video call with what he thought were several other members of staff, but all of whom were in fact deepfake recreations, Hong Kong police said at a briefing on Friday.

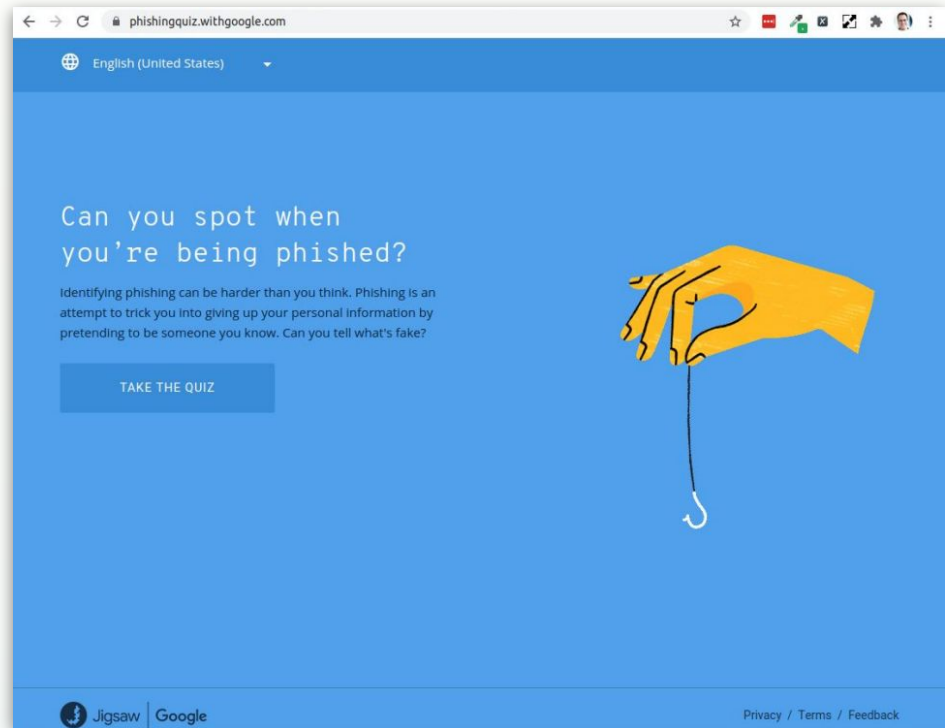
"(In the) multi-person video conference, it turns out that everyone [he saw] was fake."

# Social Engineering Resistance

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- ✓ Training and awareness
- ✓ Check the sources!
- ✓ Confirm through an additional channel
- ✓ Don't rush it!

<https://phishingquiz.withgoogle.com/>



# Physical security in the field

- ✔ Determine risk acceptance
- ✔ Plan ahead
- ✔ Identify risks
- ✔ Go/No Go

Risk Rating = Likelihood x Severity

S e v e r i t y	Catastrophic	5	5	10	15	20	25
	Significant	4	4	8	12	16	20
	Moderate	3	3	6	9	12	15
	Low	2	2	4	6	8	10
	Negligible	1	1	2	3	4	5
			1	2	3	4	5
			Improbable	Remote	Occasional	Probable	Frequent
			Likelihood				

Catastrophic STOP  
Unacceptable URGENT ACTION  
Undesirable ACTION  
Acceptable MONITOR  
Desirable NO ACTION



# Best practices for configuring data access

# Least privilege

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# Best practices for designing roles

## Design roles with **narrow** user permissions



Employ the Principle of Least Privilege as a rule



To maintain integrity: consider whether users really need the ability to **Edit** or **Delete**



To protect sensitive data: be careful with **Export** and **Publish** permissions



Grant **User Management** operations selectively



The screenshot shows a 'Permitted operations' dialog box with the following sections and items:

- Permitted operations**
- BASIC**
  - View all records
  - Add any record
  - Edit all records
  - Edit 'Reviewer only' fields
  - Delete any record
  - Bulk record delete
  - Export records
- DESIGN**
  - Add forms, folders and reports
  - Edit forms, folders and reports
  - Delete forms, folders and reports
- MANAGEMENT**
  - Manage reference data
  - Manage translations
  - Manage record locks
  - Manage users
  - Manage roles
  - Manage collection links
  - Audit user actions
- SHARING AND PUBLISHING**
  - Share reports
  - Publish reports

At the bottom, there are 'Cancel' and 'Save' buttons.



# Record-level permissions

## Set conditions

Allow  when all of the following apply

Record is related to parameter	Partner	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
Record is related to parameter	direction	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
Record is related to parameter	gov	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>

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Allow  when all of the following apply

Record assigned to user	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
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# Policies & Procedures

## **An information security management system (ISMS)**

is a set of policies and procedures for systematically managing an organization's sensitive data.

The goal of an ISMS is to minimize risk and ensure operational continuity by proactively limiting the impact of a security breach.



## Organization Controls

37 CONTROLS

- Policies
- Roles and responsibilities
- Access rights
- Information labeling
- ...



## People Controls

8 CONTROLS

- Terms and conditions of employment
- Security training
- Remote working
- Disciplinary process
- ...



## Physical Controls

14 CONTROLS

- Physical security perimeters
- Physical entry
- Cabling security
- Equipements maintenance
- ...



## Technological Controls

34 CONTROLS

- User endpoint devices
- Configuration management
- Data masking
- Data leakage prevention
- ...

# “Quick win” controls

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- Data inventory map
- Access reviews

# Data inventory map

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- Spreadsheet with a list of all data you collect and retain
- Personally-identifiable information?
- Where/with whom is it stored?
- Shared?

# Access reviews

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- Pick a frequency: monthly, quarterly
- Put an hour in your calendar to review permissions in all of your M&E systems
- *Optional*: track the number of corrections you have to make each time.

# Weekly risk report

## Risk Report

Database: **\*\*\* Medical Tec\*\*\*\*\***

**User management:** role overpermissioning

High

The more permissions you grant to a user, the greater the risk of the user misusing them, accidentally or intentionally, and increases the impact of an account takeover attack.

Role **Administrator** has been assigned with operations which have no actions performed in the last 60 days.

*Suggested actions:*

- [Revoke permissions to delete records](#)
- [Revoke permissions to design databases and forms](#)
- [Revoke permissions to manage users](#)

**User management:** user dormancy

Medium

Every user you invite to your database increases the risk to your data, for example through account takeover attacks. You can reduce this risk by removing users who no longer need access.

Among the 4 users invited to the database:

1 user has not logged in for more than 150 days.

*Suggested actions:*

- [Delete these users.](#)



# Thank you!

# ActivityInfo is an all in one Information Management Software

Humanitarian Operations

Development Operations



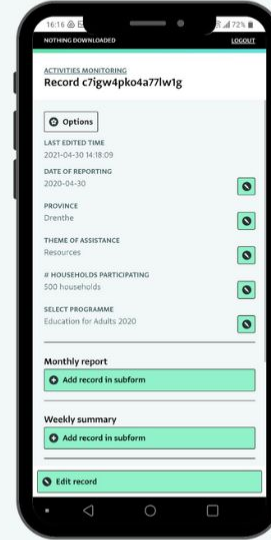
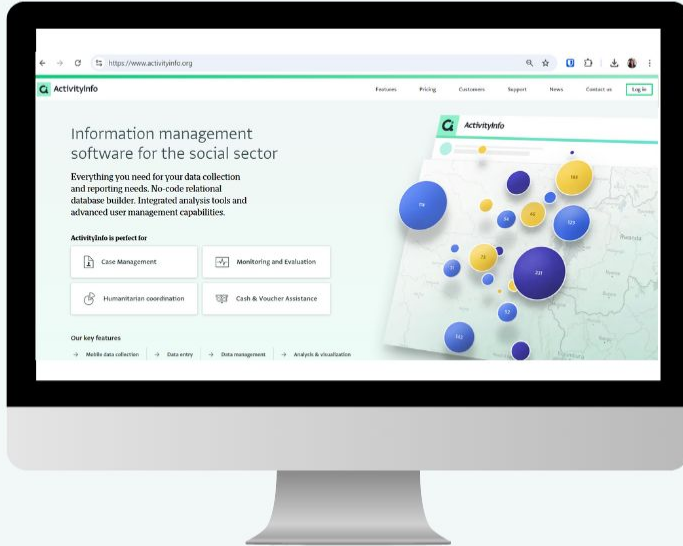
Data collection



Data management



Data Analysis & Visualization



**Contact us for a demo or more  
information about using ActivityInfo**  
<https://www.activityinfo.org/about/contact.html>



Brendan O'Neill  
Commercial Director



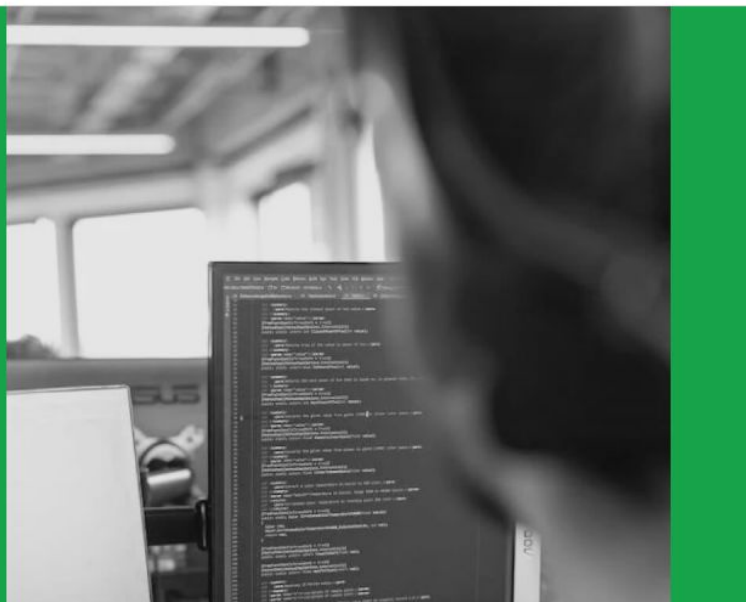
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ActivityInfo for Monitoring  
& Evaluation [Arabic]

**NOV 13**

ActivityInfo, One  
Platform for the  
Complete Global  
Program Data Lifecycle

**NOV 21**

Data privacy laws in  
Monitoring and  
Evaluation