

Narrative Responses

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Users have the option to enter narrative responses to supplement indicator data for each reporting period. This article covers how to enter and export narrative responses.

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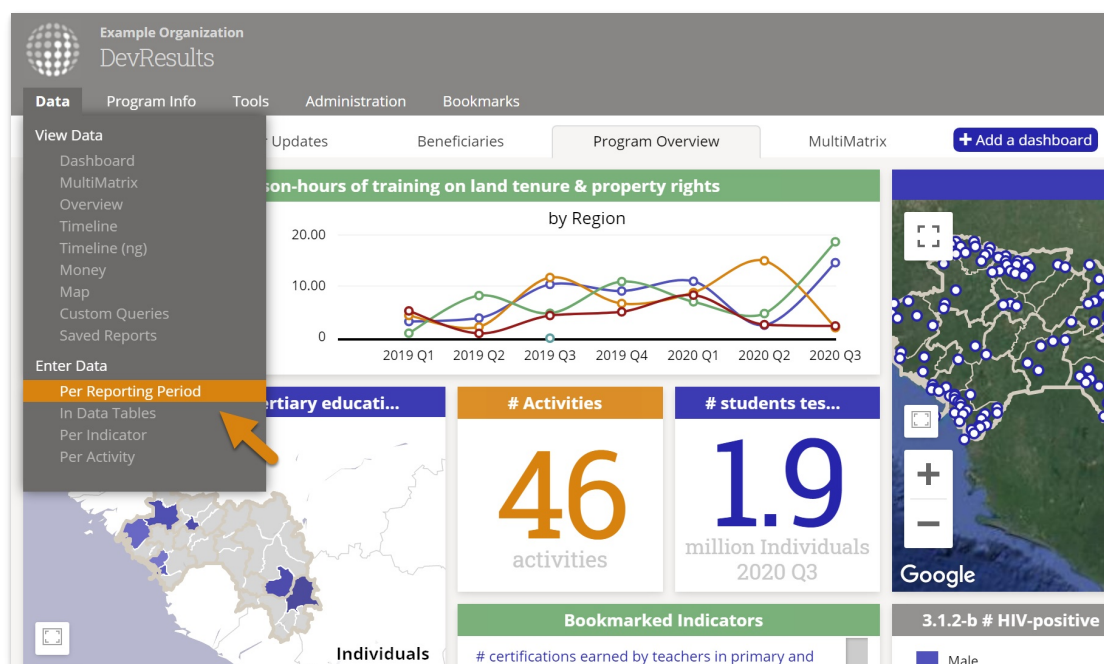
For instructions for partners, please see our article for [Enter Narrative Responses \(Partner\)](#).

For help with formatting text in narrative responses, please see our article for [Formatting Text](#).

If you are an administrator and would like to edit the narrative questions, please see our article on how to [Manage Narrative Questions](#).

Enter Responses

To enter narrative responses, navigate to a Project Reporting Period page. To do so, go to the **Data** menu and select **Per Reporting Period**.



Click on the reporting period you would like to enter narrative responses for.

Example Organization DevResults

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Data Program Info Tools Administration Bookmarks

Home > Data > Enter Data > Per Reporting Period

Search reporting periods

Reporting Period	Start Date	End Date	Start Date	End Date	Completion %	Frequency
2022 Q1	1 Oct 2021	31 Dec 2021	1 Jan 2022	31 Jan 2022	2%	Quarterly
2021 Annual	1 Oct 2020	30 Sep 2021	1 Oct 2021	31 Oct 2021	0%	Annual
2021 Q4	1 Jul 2021	30 Sep 2021	1 Oct 2021	31 Oct 2021	0%	Quarterly
2021 Q3	1 Apr 2021	30 Jun 2021	1 Jul 2021	31 Jul 2021	2%	Quarterly
2021 Q2	1 Jan 2021	31 Mar 2021	1 Apr 2021	30 Apr 2021	2%	Quarterly
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DevResults New Reporting Period

Click on one project.

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Data Program Info Tools Administration Bookmarks

Home > Program Info > Time > Reporting Periods > 2021 Q4

2021 Q4

History

Dates

Reporting Cycle: Quarterly [Edit reporting cycles](#)

Reporting Period Dates: 1 Jul 2021 - 30 Sep 2021

Submission Period Dates: 1 Oct 2021 - 31 Oct 2021

Status by Activity

Search activities

Code	Short Name	Activity	Awarding Organization	Partner Organization	Status	Locked
ED-08	ASL	Access to School Lunches	USAID	Kunkle Associates	Submitted	🔒
DR-05	ACLG	Addressing Corruption in Local Government	USAID	University of Boulder	No Data	🔒
AG-07	AgriMAX	AgriMAX	USAID	Caudill Associates	In Progress	🔒
ED-03	AàL	Apprendre à Lire	USAID	Association National	No Data	🔒
HE-05	BDP	Bednets Distribution Program	USAID	National Republican	No Data	🔒

DevResults Delete this reporting period Done

Click on the **Narrative** tab. This page shows each narrative question posed to each project for each reporting period. Add responses by clicking on the grey suggestion text, then either pasting in text or typing it in directly.

Export Responses

There are four options for exporting narrative responses. You can export narrative responses for:

1. One project for one reporting period
2. All projects for one reporting period

3. All responses for all reporting periods
4. It is also possible to embed narrative responses in a Word document using **Forms**. For instructions on how to do so, please see our article about [How to Use Forms](#).

1. For one project for one reporting period, go to *Data > Per Reporting Period*, select a reporting period, select a project, click on the **Narrative** tab, and then choose **Download narrative responses** in the gear menu.

Sample Organization
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Quick search... 26

Data **Program Info** Tools Administration Bookmarks

Home > Program Info > Time > Reporting Periods > 2020 Q4 > Access to School Lunches

STATUS In Progress

Access to School Lunches

2020 Q4 | Kunkle Associates

Indicators Data Tables **Narrative** Discussion Forms

Narrative

Expected Results Words: 0
Describe expected results for this period

Indicator Comments Words: 0
Overall comments on indicator performance

Activity Narrative Words: 0
General narrative of this activity for this period

Issues Words: 0
List specific challenges related to this activity during this period

Recommendations Words: 0
List specific findings & recommendations related to these issues

Upcoming Actions Words: 0
List upcoming major actions/events over the next period

2. For all projects for one reporting period, go to *Data > Per Reporting Period*, select a reporting period, and then choose **Download narrative responses** in the gear menu.

Example Organization
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Data **Program Info** Tools Administration Bookmarks

Home > Program Info > Time > Reporting Periods > 2020 Q4

2020 Q4

History

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HE-05	BDP	Bednets Distribution Program	USAID
HE-01	BHA	Better Health Alliance	USAID
DR-06	BRILG	Building Responsiveness In Local Governments	DoD

Assign previous activities

Download narrative responses

Export all reporting period data

Export Filtered Items

Export All

Columns

☒ Code

☒ Short Name

3. For all responses for all reporting periods, go to *Tools > Custom Queries* and click **Export** next to the **Complete Narrative Response Export** query.

Export	Query Name	Description	Permissions
Export	Complete Activity-Organization Mappings	Provides a list of all organizations assigned to each activity	All with Custom Queries permissions
Export	Complete Activity-Reporting Period Mappings	Provides a list of all reporting periods assigned to each activity	All with Custom Queries permissions
Export	Complete Activity-User Mappings	Provides a list of all users for each activity	All with Custom Queries permissions
Export	Complete AdminDivision Export	Provides a full list of administrative divisions and their details	All with Custom Queries permissions
Export	Complete Finance Budgets Export	Provides a full table of budget entries per activity	All with Custom Queries permissions
Export	Complete Finance Planned Disbursements Export	Provides a full table of planned disbursements per activity	All with Custom Queries permissions
Export	Complete Finance Transactions Export	Provides a full table of transactions per activity	All with Custom Queries permissions
Export	Complete Framework-Indicator Mappings	Provides a list of all results framework objectives and their assigned indicator(s)	All with Custom Queries permissions
Export	Complete IATI Baselines Export	Provides a full table of baselines per indicator, per activity, per geography. Note: this only applies to sites with 'IATI' enabled on the Settings page and 'Indicator has baseline values?' enabled on the Indicator Definition page.	All with Custom Queries permissions
Export	Complete Indicator Data Comments Export	Provides an export of all comments added to indicator data	All with Custom Queries permissions
Export	Complete Narrative Response Export	Provides an export of all narrative responses added to an Activity-Reporting Period (ARP)	All with Custom Queries permissions
Export	Complete Results Frameworks Export	Provides a full set of results frameworks and objectives	All with Custom Queries permissions
Export	Complete Targets Export	Provides a full table of targets per indicator	All with Custom Queries permissions

Import Responses

There are two options for importing narrative responses. You can:

1. Import and edit narrative responses for a single project and a single reporting period
2. Import narrative responses for multiple projects and reporting periods

1. For one project for one reporting period, go to *Data > Per Reporting Period*, select a reporting period, select a project and navigate to the narrative tab. Then select either **Download blank template** or **Download narrative responses** in the gear menu. A blank template will allow you to fill in all information for that project and reporting period, while downloading the narrative responses will allow you to edit any existing responses and add new responses.

Access to School Lunches
2020 Q4 | Kunkle Associates

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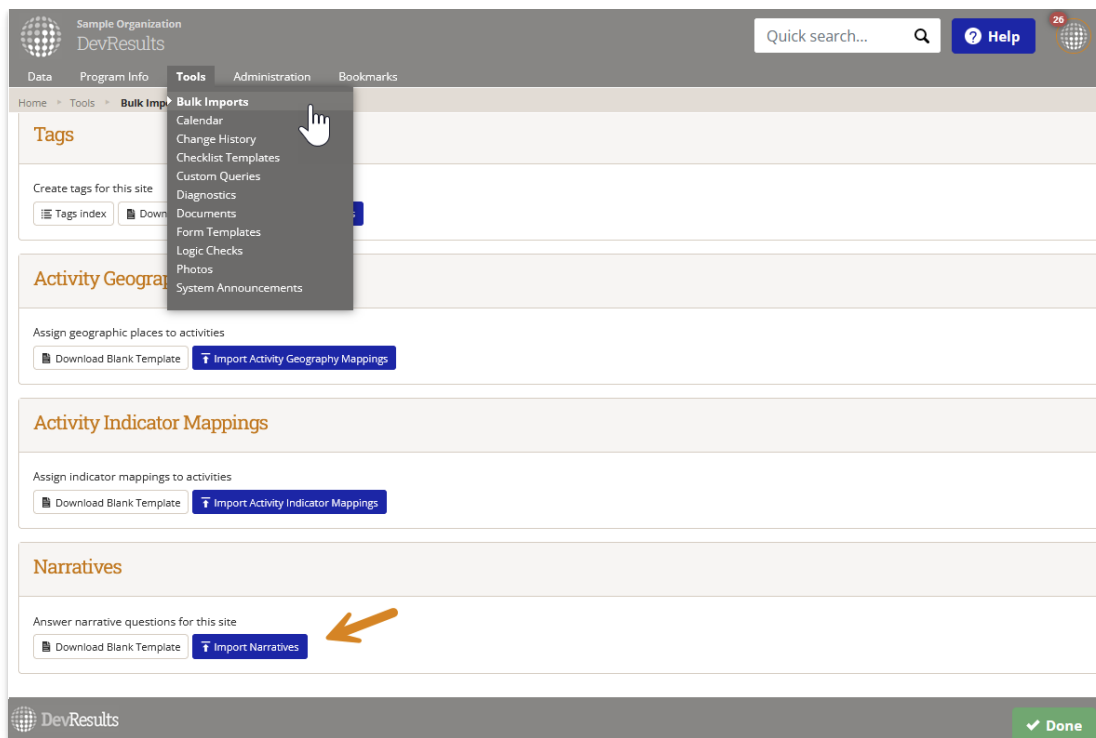
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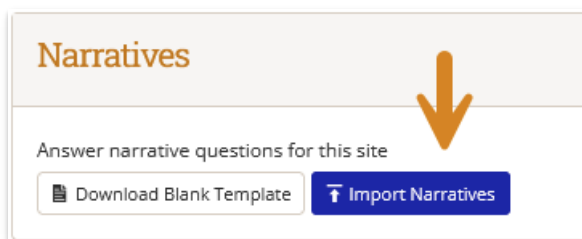
Words: 0

Download narrative responses
Download Blank Template
Import

Once you've updated your file, click on **Import** to add them to the site.



2. Users who have permission to access site-wide bulk import tools can add narrative responses for multiple projects and reporting periods. Navigate to *Tools > Bulk Imports* and scroll to the Narratives section. Download a Blank Template and add your reporting periods, projects, questions, and narrative responses. Click the **Import Narratives** button to add the data to the site.



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