What is Open Data?

Open Data refers to data that can be easily obtained, used, modified, shared and redistributed, encompassing both its availability and format. While the Open Definition provides a clear set of criteria, flexibility is required in its application as various countries, organisations or user demands may highlight one aspect more over others. Our research findings show that Open Data requires complete information accessible from one direct source through proactive publication that is non-exclusive in access and machine-readable using open formats.

About the Open Data Lab Jakarta

The Open Data Lab Jakarta is run by the World Wide Web Foundation and financially supported by the Ford Foundation. We play a leading role in the open data arena globally and focus our work on the six dimensions of open data — political, economic, legal, technical, social, organisational — working with a wide range of partners to build a solid research and advocacy platform and test our ideas on the ground.

About the World Wide Web Foundation

Established by the inventor of the Web, Sir Tim Berners-Lee, the World Wide Web Foundation seeks to establish the open Web as a global public good and basic right, creating a world where everyone, everywhere can use the Web to communicate, collaborate and innovate freely. Represented by more than a dozen nationalities working from hubs in London, Washington DC and Cape Town, the World Wide Web Foundation operates at the confluence of technology and human rights, targeting three key areas: Access, Voice, and Participation.

Our Projects

The Jakarta Lab engages in projects organized around four key pillars, all of which contribute to the development of workable models and the creation of sustainable knowledge to make open data work, such as:

- **Open Data for Transparency**
  The OD4T Project aims to improve local fiscal government transparency in Indonesia and the Philippines, enabling local civil society organisations to use publicly available budget and spending data more effectively and monitor government use of public funds. Supported by SEATTI, we assist four CSOs each with tailored goals and activities.

- **Jakarta Open Data Initiative**
  In cooperation with SEATTI, MAVC and UKP4, we aim to enable the Jakarta government to release high-quality open data by improving the technical capacities of officials in identifying, processing and releasing data based on an appropriate legal framework and technical guidelines.

- **Linking Freedom of Information and Open Data for Greater Transparency and Participation in Banda Aceh**
  With funding support from USAID through RTI International, we aim to narrow down the information gap between government and citizens. We assess the data needs of CSOs and match them with disclosure practices of the city government, as well as increase their capacities to translate data into actionable information.

- **Open Contracting Data Standard Scoping Study**
  The Lab engages in exploring the usefulness of OCDS for both the government and civil society, as well as the readiness of both groups to understand and address the demand of making contracting data accessible and useful.

For more information on the Open Data Labs or on our projects and activities, visit [www.labs.webfoundation.org](http://www.labs.webfoundation.org).

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RESEARCH
We conduct and support thematic research into the use and impact of open data in developing and emerging countries.

Our aim? To understand the capacities and resources required for successful open data interventions, to inform and improve existing models and approaches, or to uncover wholly new ones.

INCUBATION
We provide strategic, technical, legal and organisational advice to build and expand the knowledge and skills needed to supply, access, process, interpret and disseminate open data.

TRAINING
We strengthen capacity through a range of training sessions to help stakeholders understand the opportunities and challenges of open data, and to acquire the skills required to work with tools for accessing, processing and presenting data.

ENGAGEMENT
We build and foster a diverse, interdisciplinary community by running regular events — from informal get-togethers to long-term online projects.