

Open Data in Developing Countries: Making Data Work for All

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- The Open Definition: "A piece of data or content is open if anyone is free to use, reuse, and redistribute it - subject only, at most, to the requirement to attribute and/or sharealike" - <u>http://opendefinition.org/</u>
- Various principles and guidelines, e.g. Sunlight Foundation, covering a range of criteria: costs, ease of access, completeness, timeliness etc.
- Operational definition in ODDC research network: proactive publishing; machine readability; permission to reuse

Open Data Around the World





http://datos.fundacionctic.org/sandbox/catalog/faceted/ - http://datacatalogs.org

The Promises of Open Data



- Efficient and effective government
- Innovation and economic growth
- Government transparency and accountability
- Inclusion and empowerment
- Environmental sustainability

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- Big Data: Processing very large datasets to identify patterns and connections in the data
- Data Exhaust: Mobile phones, GPS, Credit Card Purchase Records, Web Search etc.
- Different philosophy, goals and practice
- Big Data: Data sources are generally passive, data private
- Open Data: Public and purposeful
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- o Suppliers
- Aggregators
- Developers
- o Enrichers
- o Enablers





Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. It is the only thing that ever has

- Margaret Mead

- Supply vs. Demand?
- Citizen Participation?
- Need vs. Hackathons?
- Apps vs. Sustainability?
- Social vs. Commercial?

Value of Open Data: Any Evidence?



- Too early to measure success?
- Strong evidence for benefits of open data is lacking
- Issues with methodologies used for assessing (economic) value of open data: if all apps developed at a hack day had been procured by the government... & if people saved X number of hours per year from better access to data...

 \rightarrow More research and systematic assessment of impact needed!



OpenData Barometer

Open Data Barometer (ODB)



- Broad sample of 86 countries
- Aim: provide a global snapshot of the state of open government data
- Based on primary expert survey data & secondary indicator data
- Three sub-indices
 - Readiness: foundations for open data
 - Implementation: publication of key datasets
 - Emerging impacts: positive change through open data

ODB Key Findings - Implementation





Figure 3: Heatmap of ODB Implementation score by country - based on openness of 14 key datasets.



It is not (only) about the number of datasets!

ODB dataset clusters:

- Innovation: incl. maps, public transport, international trade
- Social policy: incl. health, environment, education, census
- Accountability: incl. company register, budget & spending



Exploring the Emerging Impacts of Open Data in Developing Countries

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ODDC - Focus Areas



Emerging outcomes Open Data Innovation & economic markets •About citizens Inclusion & Domains of governance •Political domains •Social domains

ODDC - Research Framework





ODDC - Case Study Network





ODDC Key Takeaways



- Identifying gaps
- Mismatch in supply and demand
- New spaces for accountability & effectiveness
- Changing government processes internally
- Importance of Data Intermediaries
- License issues
- o Privacy
- Beyond Portals
- One size does not fit all



Need?

- To better understand the data gap
- Not just tools, understanding the data ecosystem
- Engaging local actors
- Building capacity
- Identifying opportunity



- Identifying opportunity & establishing partnerships
- o Jakarta City Government
- Engaging local actors

Fire Posts & Incidents in Jakarta





Student-Teacher Ratio in Jakarta









Questions!





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