Leave no one behind: measuring SDGs using mobile phone big data

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UN -CEBD Task Team on Mobile phone data - sub-groups

- Composed of around 50 individual members/ 30 entities - international and regional agencies, countries, academia, private agencies/companies.

- Explore the use of mobile phone big data for the different areas of statistics

Areas of statistics where mobile phone data are used:

- 1) Tourism statistics (lead: BPS Indonesia)
- 2) Migration statistics (Lead: GeoStat, Georgia)
- 3) Census and dynamic population (lead: Positium)
- 4) Transport and commuting statistics (lead: World Bank)

5) Information society indicators (lead: ITU)

6) Displacement in disaster context (lead: University of Tokyo)



Information society indicators included in the SDG monitoring framework – collected by ITU





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- Target 4.4: Proportion of youth/adults with ICT skills, by type of skills
- Target 5b: Proportion of individuals who own a mobile telephone, by sex
- Target 9c: Percentage of the population covered by a mobile network, broken down by technology



- Target 17.6: Fixed Internet broadband subscriptions, broken down by speed
- Target 17.8: Proportion of individuals using the Internet



ITU work on using mobile phone data - background



1st pilot: 2016-2018

- ✓ 6 countries (Colombia, Georgia, Kenya, Philippines, Sweden, UAE)
- ✓ 16 ICT indicators (administrative data)

2nd pilot: 2020-2021

- Brazil, Indonesia
- ✓ 2 SDG ICT indicators
 - ✓ 9.c.1 Percentage of population covered by mobile network: 2G, 3G and 4G and above (administrative data)
 - ✓ 17.8.1 Percentage of population using the Internet (household survey data)

Stakeholders:

- ✓ Telecommunication Regulator / ICT ministry
- $\checkmark\,$ National Statistics Office
- ✓ Mobile Phone Operators
- ✓ Data Protection Authority



Objectives of the 2nd pilot

- **1. Methodological guide** outlining standardized methodologies and processes for the production of the two SDG information society indicators using mobile phone big data, for replication in other countries.
 - SDG indicator 9.c.1 Proportion of population covered by a mobile network
 - SDG indicator 17.8.1 Proportion of individuals using the Internet
- **2. Enhance capacities** on the use of big data to produce the information society indicators included in the SDG monitoring framework in the countries selected
- **3.** Data and reports from the selected countries to showcase best practices.



Mobile phone data - Data processing models

Option 1:

Indicators calculated by mobile operators, then aggregated to resulting indicators

Option 2:

Raw data extracted by data providers, indicators calculated by NSO







ITU Handbook on Big Data for measuring the Information society

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Background
- 3. Access and preparations
- 4. Data sources (description of mobile operator data, quality assurance of raw data)
- 5. Reference data (local admin units, world population, cell data, digital elevation, household survey data)
- 6. Data processing (models, data protection guidelines)
- 7. Calculating the indicators (rationale, definition, indicators calculation, quality assurance)
- 8. Quality assurance
- 9. Conclusions

- with experiences and examples from country pilots





Thank you!

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