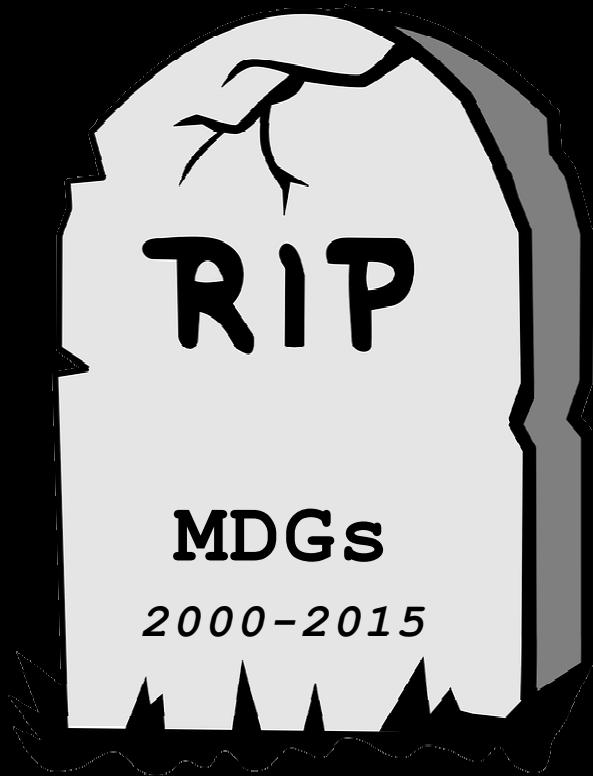




# NATIONAL PILOTING OF INDICATOR TOOLS AND STANDARDS



DevInfo was a **groundbreaking** product.

**It set the bar low to encourage  
indicator publishing.**

**Maybe a bit too low.**

## Didn't support or enforce standard structures or code lists:

- Too easy to create **duplicate** codes.
- Too easy for codes to **differ** across reporting cycles.
- No support for **validation**.

## Some classic examples...

UNIT_MEASURE_en		change
41 choices		Sort by: name count
		Cluster
Deaths per 1,000 live births	327	
Deaths per 100,000 live births	29	
Deaths per 1000 live births	251	
Fixed Deposits in Riels	20	
Fixed Deposits in Riels (Weighted Average Rate)	20	
Ha	46	
Hectares	16127	
Km	35	
Kwh	13	
Live births per 1,000 population	12	
Live births per 1,000 women	80	
Live births per woman	101	
Males per 100 Females	818	
Million heads	141	
Million Kwh	39	
Million Riels	847	
Million US Dollar	385	
Million USD	39	

With the **end** of MDGs + DevInfo,

How to **work** with partner countries on SDGs?

SDGs + ???

**We took a step back  
to have a good look  
at the situation.**





The **behaviors** a tool enables  
are more important than the **features** it supports.

**Its **qualities** are more important than its **functions**.**

**Some people like to call these the “**-ilities**”.**

**What behaviors or qualities are desirable  
in a tool that manages indicators?**

# Standards

support for standards,  
like SDMX

# Integrity

internal  
consistency of  
data, like supports  
data types (double)

# Comparability

external consistency, like can  
check against other data

# Validity

enforcement of  
constraints, like  
conforms to a schema

# Verifiability

formally tests for  
correctness of data, like  
can check if conforms

# Versionability

recognizes multiple  
expressions of the same data,  
like 1.1, 1.2.1

## **Durability**

a version of data is immutable, like changing a code means you have a new schema version

## **Reusability**

artifacts in the system can be easily shared, like a code list

## **Exchangeability**

Easy to shard with other systems, like a data set or data structure

How did **DevInfo** measure up?

**Poor** support for many desirable qualities.

So we needed a **new** tool.



**But we also needed a **standard**.**

**Standards we realized, are more important than **tools**.**

**SDMX is the UN preferred standard for statistical data exchange.**

**There is a reason for that.**

**It supports behaviors that encourage quality data.**

**Wait, but didn't DevInfo support SDMX?**

**Sort of.**

**It was a retro-fit supporting a **tiny** part of the standard.**

**And **only** as an output format.**

We had settled on our **standard**:

**SDMX.**

Now, what **tool** could we use  
that would strongly **support** it?

## Some more lessons learned...

- It takes a long **time** to build your own tools.
- It costs a lot of **money** to buy other people's tools.
- Vendor lock-in can make **maintenance** painful.

So what's the solution?

**Again, we took a  
step back to see the  
big picture.**



**We realized we **shared** statistical processes  
with many other agencies and NSOs.**

**And so we **joined** SIS-CC.**

**A **standards**-first, **tool**-sharing community.**

But most partners were **big**, international agencies  
or OECD-member NSOs.

Could the community **serve** a wider range of partners?

We decided to **find** out.



## **.StatSuite Pilot - *UNICEF, OECD, Paris21***

### **Two workshops in Cambodia**

- **1st** - **SDG and Education indicators modeled and migrated.**
- **2nd** - **Demography indicators modeled and migrated.**

Filter by spaces

- Design
- Disseminate

Filter by external sources

No filter

Filter by owner

- My artefacts

I'm looking for

SDMX

MA\_545

**KH\_NIS**

Filter by types

I'm looking for

- Agency scheme
- Attachment constraint
- Category scheme
- Categorisation
- Codelist

I'm looking for

Type

14 artefacts out of 14

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National Indicator Reporting Platform

Search, visualise and share data...

Browse by topic ^

**Agriculture**

Yield Fisheries Forestry Livestock

**Education**

Educational Characteristic

**Economy**

GDP Consumer Price Index Poverty

**Tourism**

Visitor

**Demography**

Population

**Employment**

Child Labour

**Health and Nutrition**

Maternal Survival

**SDG Indicators**

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Period

1970 - 2020

200 2013

Indicator

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- Adult mortality rate
- Fertility rate
- Crude birth rate
- Dependency ratio
- Internal migrants in the place of enumerat...
- Life expectancy at birth
- Population size**
- Population density

Reference area

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## Demography indicators

Indicator: Population size • Responsible agencies: MoP, NIS • Fequency: Annual  
Person

Time period	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Reference area						
Sex: Female • Location: Total						
Cambodia	(A.) 6,879,628	(A.) 7,225,568	(F.) 7,328,785	(F.) 7,432,584	(F.) 7,537,248	(F.) 7,642,479
Banteay Meanchey	(A.) 346,157	(A.) 365,164	(F.) 372,192	(F.) 379,382	(F.) 386,662	(F.) 394,013
Battambang	(A.) 518,823	(A.) 547,156	(F.) 557,225	(F.) 567,400	(F.) 577,724	(F.) 588,165
Kampong Cham	(A.) 861,330	(A.) 892,302	(F.) 892,312	(F.) 891,858	(F.) 891,043	(F.) 889,878
Kampong Chhnang	(A.) 245,334	(A.) 257,562	(F.) 261,148	(F.) 264,714	(F.) 268,219	(F.) 271,659
Kampong Speu	(A.) 368,432	(A.) 385,524	(F.) 289,357	(F.) 393,020	(F.) 396,574	(F.) 400,013
Kampong Thom	(A.) 323,685	(A.) 337,323	(F.) 339,315	(F.) 341,127	(F.) 342,800	(F.) 344,342
Kampot	(A.) 301,727	(A.) 313,061	(F.) 313,765	(F.) 314,567	(F.) 315,512	(F.) 316,604
Kandal	(A.) 652,588	(A.) 683,936	(F.) 692,605	(F.) 701,583	(F.) 710,816	(F.) 720,260

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## Some key takeaways:

- Take indicator management **out** of the hands of IT and put it **into** the hands of subject matter experts.
- SDMX is not hard to **learn** when you are doing it with your own data.
- Tools do not yet fill some important parts of the statistical **process**.

## **Future Plans:**

- **3rd Cambodia Workshop - Next week, to further model domains.**
- **Gather additional resources to embed SDMX and .StatSuite as part of the Cambodian indicator toolkit.**
- **Pilot approach in additional countries.**

**Standards first!**

**Tools second.**



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