

# Data Revolution for Sustainable Development Goals and Humanitarian Action

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#### **United Nations Global Pulse**

A flagship innovation initiative of the United Nations Secretary-General on the data revolution

Vision

Big Data harnessed responsibly as a public good

Accelerate discovery and adoption of big data innovation Mission for sustainable development and humanitarian action







#### What people say

Social media (content focus)

Online advertisement

Complaint system

Radio

#### What people do

Social media (location focus)

Mobile data

Utility usage data

Postal data

Transportation data

Searching keywords

On-/ offline retail data

Remote sensing

### THE GLOBAL GOALS

For Sustainable Development





































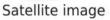


### 1 NO POVERTY



# Remotely Sensed Satellite Imagery for Rapid Poverty Assessment













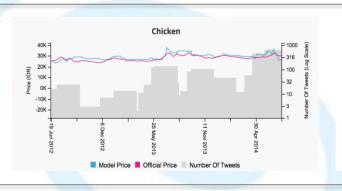


Metal roof



### **Various New Sources of Data** for Commodity Price Dynamics

Social Media



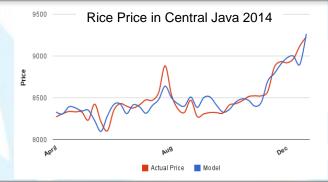
$$P_{i+1} = \frac{\alpha P_i + \beta P_{i+1}^{tweet}}{\alpha + \beta}$$

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$$P_i = \frac{\sum_{j=i-k}^{i-1} P_j}{k}$$
 where no tweets over *n* days

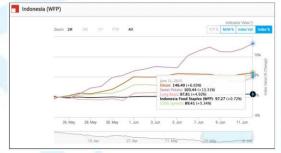
**Google Search** 



$$P_{i} = \alpha + \beta_{1} MoT_{i-2} + \beta_{2} MoT_{i-4} + \beta_{3} GT_{i} + \beta_{4} GT_{i-1} + \beta_{5} GT_{i-3}$$

Crowdsourcing



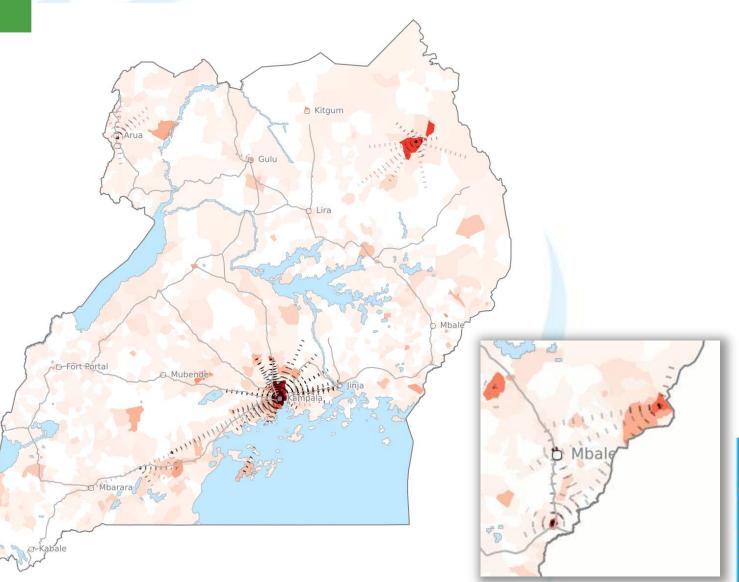




3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



### **Mobility Insights from Mobile Data** for Disease Outbreak Prediction

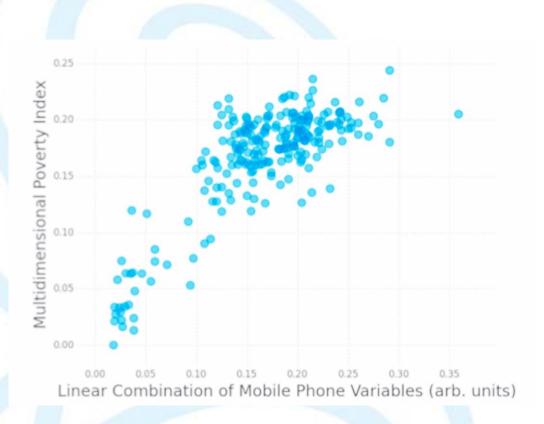








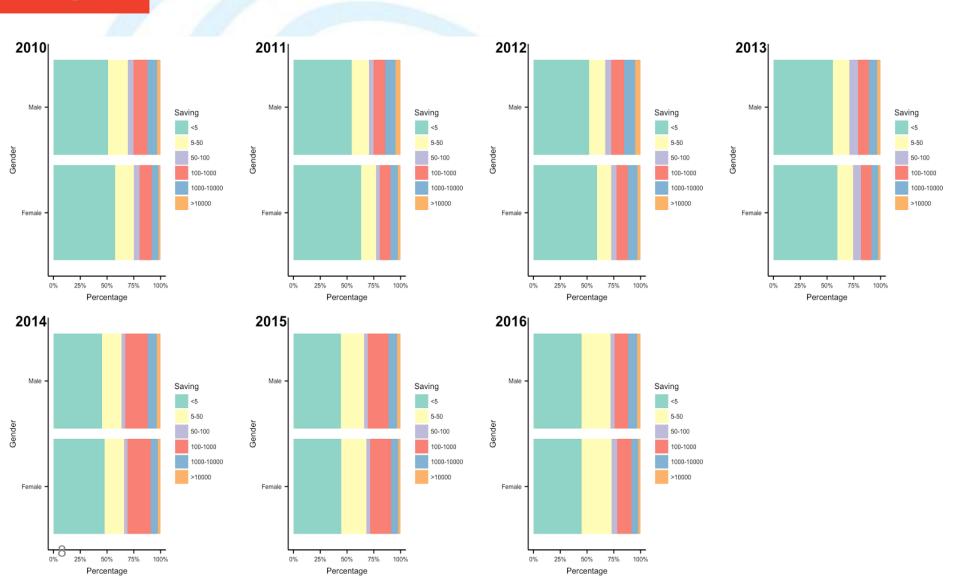
# **Airtime Purchase Records (Top-up) for Food Consumption Statistics**







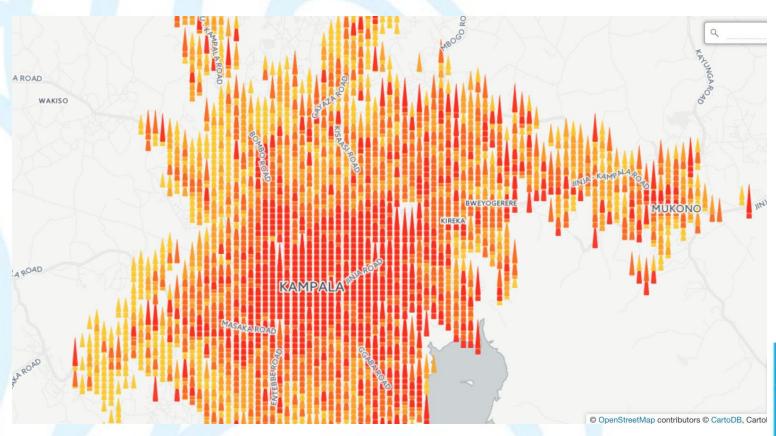
# **Anonymized, Aggregated Microfinance Data** for Financial Inclusion by Gender



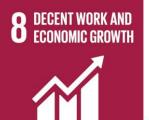




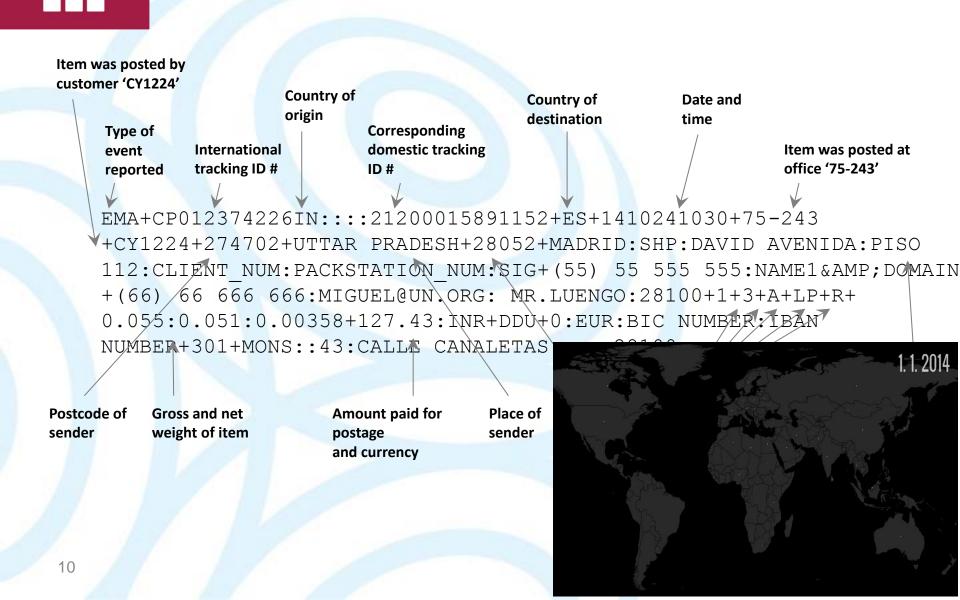
# Water (Energy) Consumption Data for Clean Water (Energy) Accessibility





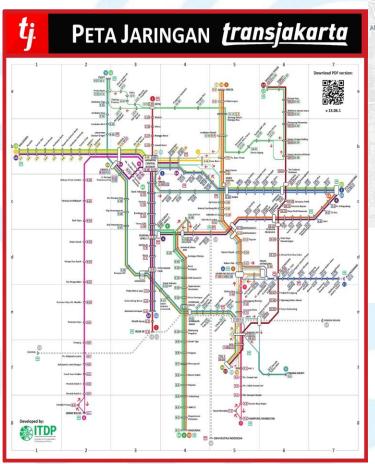


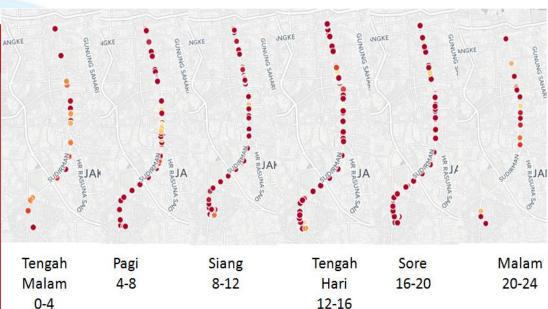
# **International Postal Flows for Economic Growth Tracking**





# Public Transportation (Usage) Data for Better Infrastructure Planning





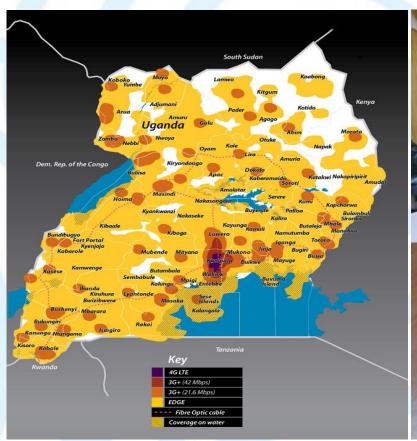








# **Community Radio Mining for Timely Information from Rural**



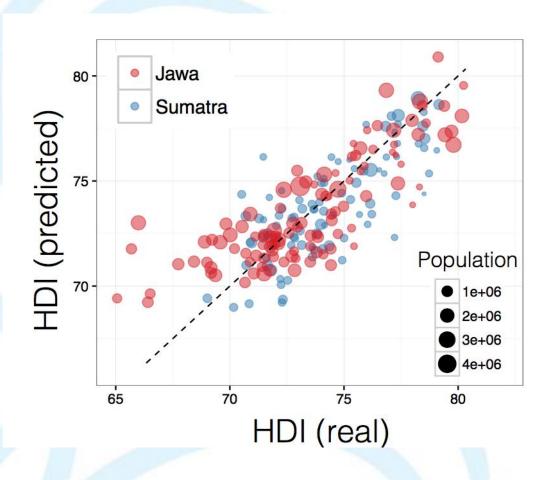








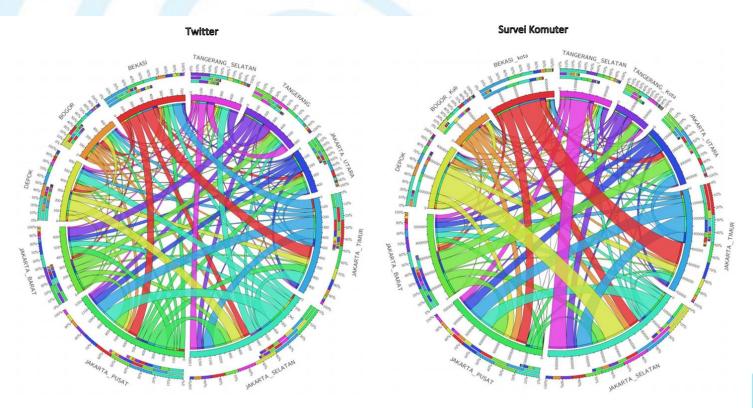
### **Social Media Usage Pattern for Human Development Index**







# **Social Media Location Mining for Inter-city Commuting Statistics**

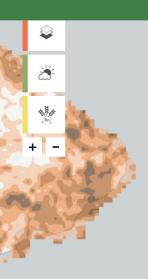


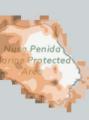


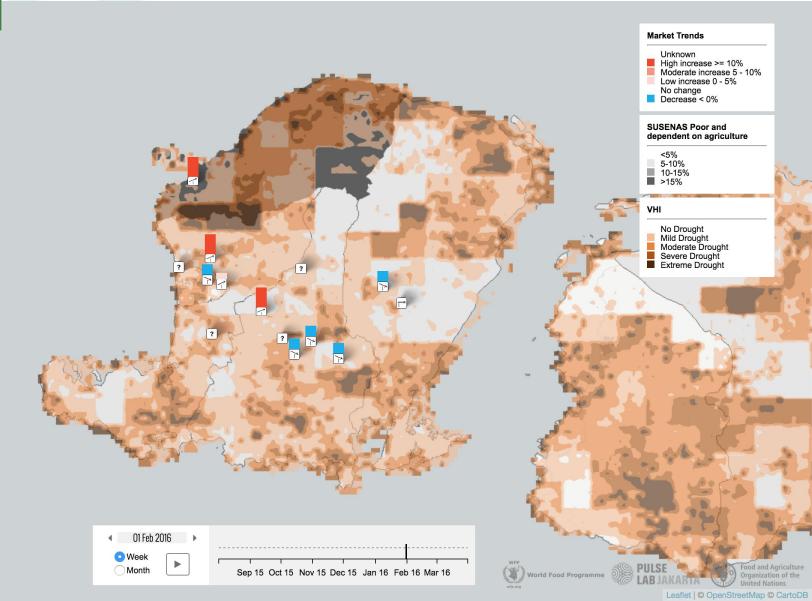
### 13 CLIMATE ACTION



# **Public and Private Sector Data** for El Nino Impact in Indonesia



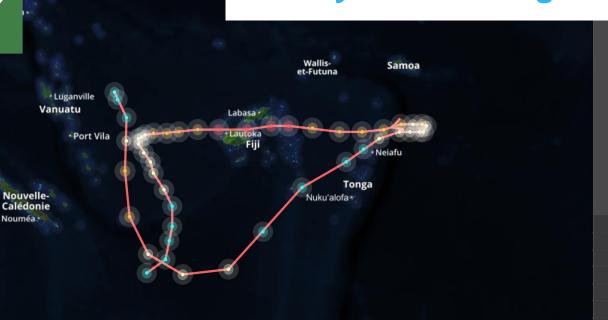








# Public and Private Sector Data for Cyclone Management in Pacific



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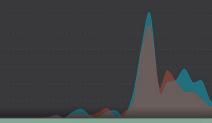
#### Social Media Data

Start: Monday, 1 Feb 2016 00:00 AM End: Monday, 29 Feb 2016 23:59 PM

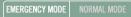
Duration : 29 days Twitter: 532 Tweets

Facebook: 750 Conversations Instagram: 135 Images

Detail









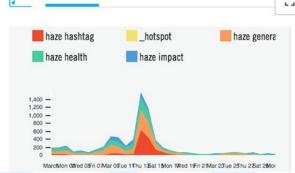


















# Citizens' Active and Passive Voices for Enhanced Decision Making





How data science and analytics can contribute to sustainable development

#### NO POVERTY

Spending patterns on mobile phone services can provide proxy indicators of income levels

#### ZERO HUNGER

Crowdsourcing or tracking of food prices listed online can help monitor food security in near real-time

#### GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Mapping the movement of mobile phone users can help predict the spread of infectious diseases

#### QUALITY EDUCATION

Citizen reporting can reveal reasons for student drop-out rates

#### GENDER EQUALITY

Analysis of financial transactions can reveal the spending patterns and different impacts of economic shocks on men and women

#### G CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

Sensors connected to water pumps can track access to clean water

#### AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

Smart metering allows utility companies to increase or restrict the flow of electricity, gas or water to reduce waste and ensure adequate supply at peak periods

#### DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

Patterns in global postal traffic can provide indicators such as economic growth, remittances, trade and GDP

#### 9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Data from GPS devices can be used for traffic control and to improve public transport

#### **®** REDUCED INEQUALITY

Speech-to-text analytics on local radio content can reveal discrimination concerns and support policy response

#### SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

Satellite remote sensing can track encroachment on public land or spaces such as parks and forests

### RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

Online search patterns or e-commerce transactions can reveal the pace of transition to energy efficient products

#### CLIMATE ACTION

Combining satellite imagery, crowd-sourced witness accounts and open data can help track deforestation

#### LIFE BELOW WATER

Maritime vessel tracking data can reveal illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing activities

#### LIFE ON LAND

Social media monitoring can support disaster management with real-time information on victim location, effects and strength of forest fires or haze

### PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

Sentiment analysis of social media can reveal public opinion on effective governance, public service delivery or human rights

#### PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

Partnerships to enable the combining of statistics, mobile and internet data can provide a better and real-time understanding of today's hyper-connected world























### **Global Pulse Project Series**

http://unglobalpulse.org/blog/big-data-development-action-global-pulse-project-series



### Value for sustainable development



### New insights

New sources provide data historically unavailable, yielding new insights



### Cost of data collection

Digital systems can be significantly less resource intensive than traditional statistics



### Risk of data collection

Allows remote analysis, allowing data to be tracked in risky or unstable locations



### Speed of response

Response can significantly improve on lag in traditional statistics



### Adaptive execution

Continuous real-time feedback allows strategy to evolve with changing realities on the ground



# "THE DATA REVOLUTION IS GIVING THE WORLD POWERFUL TOOLS THAT CAN HELP USHER IN A MORE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE."

- BAN KI-MOON, UN SECRETARY-GENERAL

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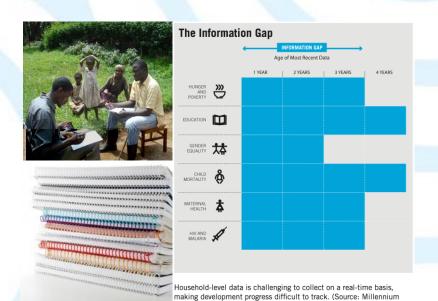




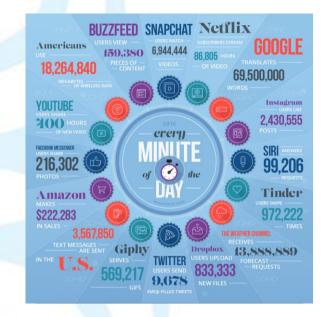






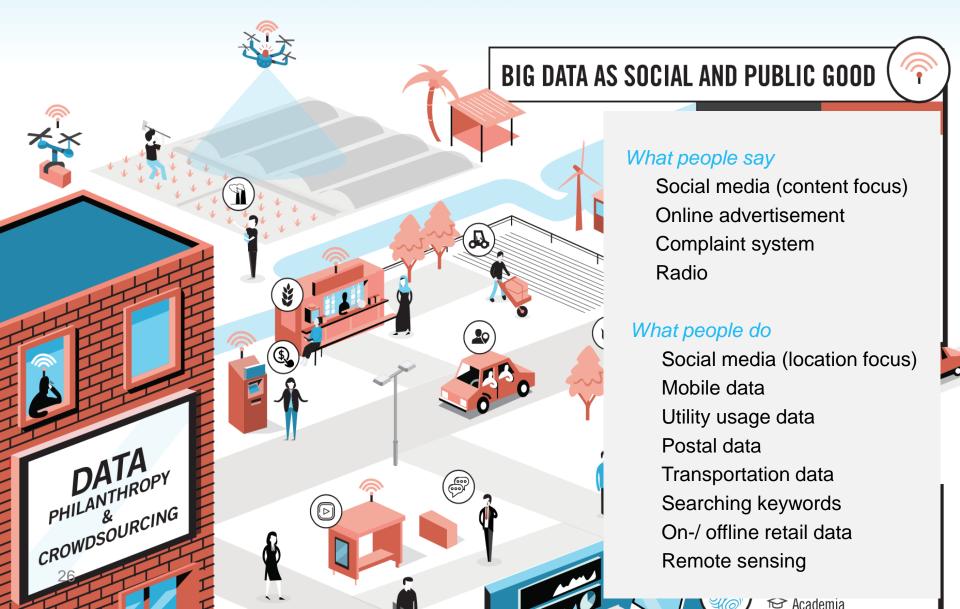


Development Goals Report, 2011)





Whether using our phones, shopping online or posting on social media, the activities that we undertake everyday generate an ocean of digital data. Once anonymised to protect privacy, this 'big data' can reveal insights on changes in human well-being, as well as real-time feedback on the efficacy of public policy, development programmes and humanitarian action.





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#### **DATA PRIVACY**

Harnessing big data for development and humanitarian action



Global Pulse is a United Nations innovation initiative that explores how new, digital data sources and real-time analytics technologies can provide a better understanding of changes in human well-being and emerging vulnerabilities. However, legitimate concerns about privacy and data protection present challenges to harnessing Big Data sets for public benefit.

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