CO-ORDINATING CAPACITY BUILDING TOWARDS OPEN DATA INITIATIVES:
Developing and Strengthening Ghana Open Data Initiative (GODI)

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INTRODUCTION

• In January 2012, National Information Technology Agency initiated the creation of Open Data community and portal, theme: “from engaged citizens to more responsive governance”.

• The massive government network dubbed GovNet across the country and data centre which is repositories of government data.

• The GovNet in place, data collection and dissemination by MDAs is easier and spark innovation and development with reuse of data.

• Open Data rely on computing, storage and other web services.

• Effective and efficient utilisation of Ghana Open Data
CONCEPTUAL GHANA OPEN DATA PLATFORM
FEATURES

PROVIDE GOVERNMENTS THE ABILITY TO:

• Publish government data, documents, apps, tools & services from multiple departments within a government
• Build on Web 2.0 open-source technologies with low-cost scalable infrastructure
• Engage Citizens in their open data initiatives for better understanding of their needs
• Provide publicly available application programming interfaces (APIs) and other tools to add external software modules for data visualization, wizards, and other purposes
• Create data-rich community spaces around topics of national priorities and international interest
• Empower end-users to share datasets via social media platforms such as Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter
GHANA’S OPEN DATA PLATFORM

Get Started
Search Over 133 Datasets In 25 Agencies

Get Involved

Finance  Health  Agriculture  Energy  Education  Environment

Local Government  City Data  Extractive  Statistics  Business  Elections
GODI PORTAL – LONG TERM GOALS

Capacity Building
- Developer skills
- Data Management Skills

Awareness Creation
- Public meetings
- PR Events

Community Building
- Multi-stakeholder meetings
- Steering Committee meetings
GHANA e-TRANSFORM PROGRAMME

UNDERPINNED BY OPEN DATA:

• Strengthening open data

• Ensuring open data standards and policies in place

• Focus on showing open data impact in for sectors
  • Agriculture and nutrition
  • Health
  • Energy

• Improve data management skills
GODI - ROADMAP

1. Intensify Data Education and Management Capacity Building
2. Execute GODI Community Champions’ program to whip up citizens’ participation on portal
3. Bootcamps / Hackathons
4. Incorporate Semantics web intelligence to enable evidence based decision making
5. Create Ghana Open Data Alliance

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Strategic Partnerships

GODI signs MOU with:

- Odekro Open Parliament Portal
- CERSGIS UG – GIS Applications
- Cell Afrique - Mobile Applications
- Ghana Library Authority – Portal Access Nationwide

Focus is to strengthen development of Citizen-centric Apps and national-wide access of portal