

CountryData Workshop – Sharing Best Practice

Introduction & Overview of the UNSD-DFID Project

Improving the collation, availability and dissemination of development indicators (including the MDGs)



Burundi



Cambodia



Ghana



Liberia



Laos



Morocco



State of Palestine



Rwanda



Thailand



Uganda



Vietnam

The Project: Key points

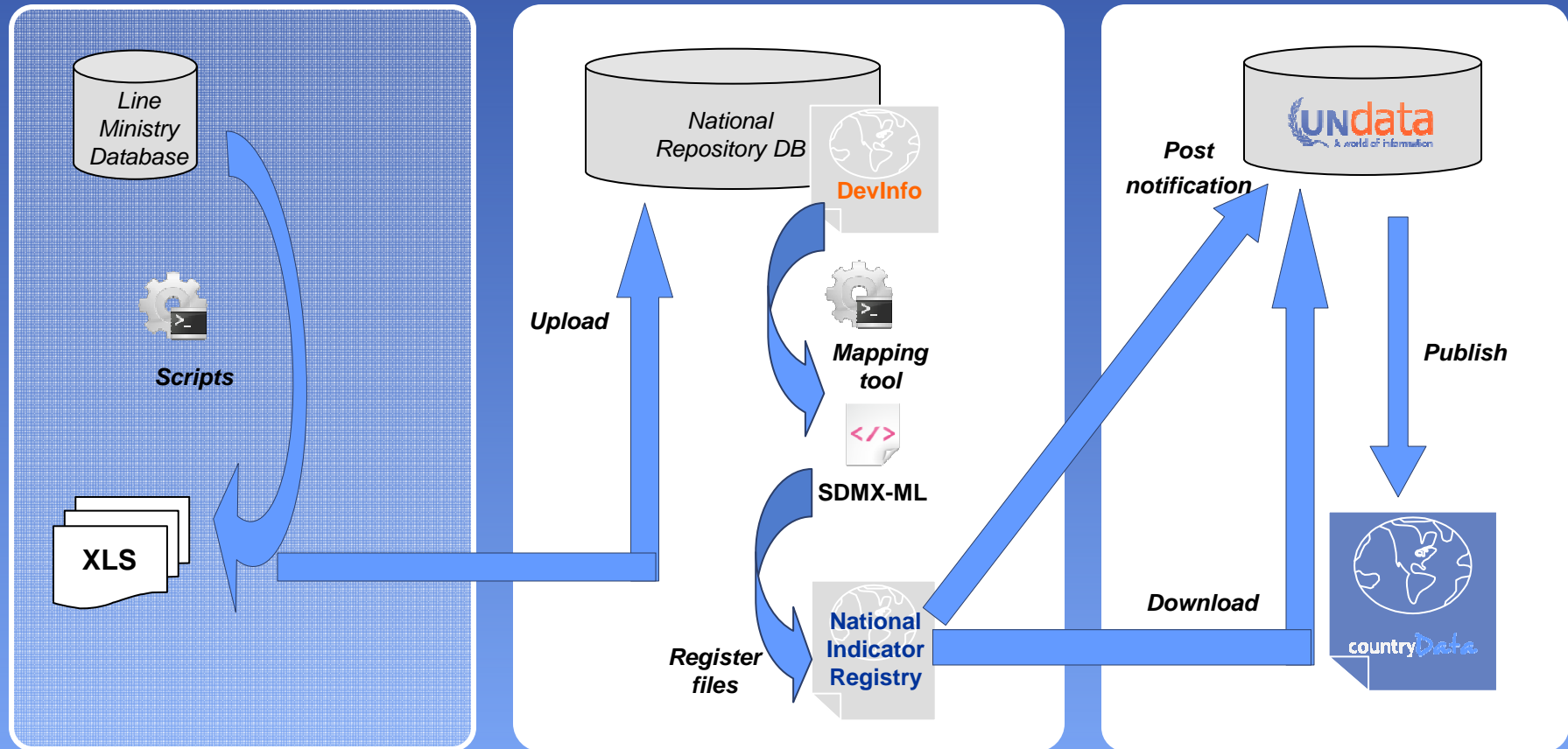
- **Improving the collation, availability and dissemination of development indicators**
- **Sponsor by UK's Department for International Development**
- **Project started in 2010**
- **Project will finish on June 2014**
- **11 participating countries**
- **Bring National and International data under one platform**
- **Enable data dissemination using SDMX**

Dissemination model

Line Ministries

National Statistical Office

United Nations



Progress to date

Project activities as at 30 June 2013:

- 7 countries with signed MoU in place**
- 9 SDMX installation/ training missions**
- 14 DSG consultancy missions (5 joint with UNSD)**
- 4 Metadata national workshops conducted**
- 2 countries made study visits to Thailand and Cambodia**
- 1 XML/XSLT training workshop**

Progress to date

Project outputs as at 30 June 2013:

- **10 countries feature in CountryData**
- **Over 200 MDG indicators and over 2,000 observations exchanged**
- **2 metadata handbooks / repository completed**
- **70 “core” MDG indicators paired and in 52% of those discrepancy has been explained**

Identification of priority indicators

- **9 countries selected MDGs as starting point**
- **1 country selected set with non-MDGs**
- **But 3 countries looking to expand beyond MDGs**

Data exchange with line ministries

- **7 countries interested in developing this through the project**

- 4 are just interested in/ or in the process of improving the coordination and collaboration

- 3 are also in the process developing the IT tools for data exchange

Central data repository (platform)

- **9 countries using DevInfo to collate development indicators in one place & disseminate online**
- **In October 2012, DevInfo Support Group released DevInfo version 7 Software**
 - Much improved user interface
 - Rich visualization
 - Text search
 - Built-in SDMX Registry
 - CountryData SDMX Mapping Tool
 - Support for SDMX metadata exchange
 - Reviews & deployment rates are positive

Central data repository (platform)

- **Data repository status as of 30 June 2013;**

Country Name	Type	Status	Linked from main website	Hosted	Version	Reference Metadata
Burundi	DevInfo	Online	N	DSG	6/7	Y
Cambodia	DevInfo	Online	Y	Local	7	Y
Ghana	DevInfo	Online	Y	Local	6	N*
Lao PDR	DevInfo	Online	Y	Local	6	N*
Liberia	DevInfo	Online	N	DSG	7	N*
Morocco	Other	Offline	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
State of Palestine	DevInfo	Online	Y	Local	6/7	Y
Rwanda	DevInfo	Online	Y	Local	6/7	N*
Thailand	StatXchange	Online	Y	Local	N/A	N
Uganda	DevInfo	Online	N	DSG	6/7	Y (Partial)
Viet Nam	DevInfo	Online	Y	Local	6	Y (Partial)

Note: Some reference metadata is available in the database but it refers to international practice and is not country specific

National SDMX Registry

- **Facilitates “pull model” for efficient data dissemination**
- **Sends update notifications to subscribers when data are updated**
- **Enables automated data and metadata transfers**
- **Implemented in 9 project countries**
- **Most project countries use DevInfo v7 Registry**

countryData

- Officially launched June 2012, CountryData increases the visibility of country development indicators
- Part of, and linked to, UNdata (over 200,000 hits a month)
- Provides re-dissemination and data visualization
- Platform to assess country indicators against similar international sources

Discrepancy analysis

- **Once in the CountryData database, national development indicators are matched with international MDG series.**
- **Discrepancies are investigated and reported on the Web site.**
- **Reference metadata crucial in explaining discrepancies.**

Thank you for your attention

Sources of further reference:

countryData

<http://data.un.org/countrydata>

MDG Labs

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/mdgLabs>



<http://data.un.org>



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