

Big Data for SDGs

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OUR STORY

Born in Africa and leveraging a young and entrepreneurial approach

Clients across the world reaching over 400 million people



- Average age is 31 years old and founding team is VERY FUNNY and made of highly talented complementary and generous people – McKinsey, Harvard, MIT, World Economic Forum, Bain, Business consulting, Engineers and PhDs, US, Global people, Big Dreams
- **Commercial approach** We operate relations with 5 out of the top 10 telecom operators in the world through about 30 countries and develop global product portfolio in Big Data
- Social approach We work with the largest and most innovative donors in the world and have secured access to telecom data in 22 emerging countries, mostly in data-poor environments

Trusted by 5 of the largest global telecom operators



... and the largest donors



OUR STORY

Innovate with our clients and co-create a global market for social products



Support the work on Sustainable Development Goals in emerging countries



Support the mobility and social inclusion strategy in Western Europe





How to initiate a market for social products?



We aim at developing scalable Apps and shape a Platform

Working on several topics in Uganda

Statistics (UBoS)

Example of SDG app

Short Description

The monitoring and reporting of the 169 indicators for the 17 SDGs requires solid data sources to monitor progress, inform policy and ensure accountability of all stakeholders. A subset of SDG indicators can be computed and tracked over time, using Call Detail Records (CDRs), which can be used as proxy for e.g. poverty, migration mobility, urban mobility, urban density, food spending

Persona: Chief Statistician (UBoS), Specialists in Coordination, Monitoring & Evaluation at OPM

Functionalities

 Monitor progress for mobile data relevant SDGs indicators, such as: Proportion of individuals who own a mobile telephone, by sex and Proportion of individuals using the internet

Scalability Potential

high

Reaching the SDGs indicators is a major goal for development organizations and governments in 189 countries. If we proof success with a pilot in Uganda, we are certain that the vast majority of the developing countries can benefit from this approach of measuring indicators. **Mission:** Monitor and report progress towards sustainable development

Identify the poor neighborhoods

D| Density of residents compared to slums areas

Identify female communities

Women are reliable and efficient users of microcredit loans, but how do you target them to increase financial inclusion?

> We can identify women through their phone usage patterns.

Data

- Airtel Uganda (39% women): CDRs, Top-ups + CRM data for the whole customer base
- Dataset A (28% women): outgoing CDRs, Top-ups + CRM data for ca 160 000 users
- Dataset B (42% women): CDRs, TOP-UPS + CRM for ca 160 000 users

Methodology

- Over 150 features summarizing usage patterns, social network, mobility and top-ups
- Trained random forests and support vector machines based on a labeled training sample

Results

- 3 key variables determining female gender: call duration, number of outgoing calls and number of contacts for incoming calls
- Predicted gender accuracy of 70-75% and option to better target one gender group
- Lowering the coverage increases the accuracy: for dataset A we are 90% sure of the gender for 30% of our sample

Improve mobility and infrastructure footprint

Short term (2016)

Where are people commuting to and from?

Using which routes?

Where is traffic slow?

Medium term – 2017-18

What is the impact of an event or road closure?

Where should we improve/build roads?

How do I plan my public transport network?

Long term – after 2018

Switch from telecom to GPS data

Offer leading Datacom offering in Africa/Middle East

Improve connectivity for fragile populations

Demo

WORKING TOGETHER

Initiating a market requires to exogenously coordinate stakeholders

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Understand end-users needs and collect key learnings from the field

Identify key levers to put in place for a scale-up of the market

- Engage the philanthropic and social angle
- Take part to a **global eco**system
- Create private-public
 partnerships, e.g. Ministry of
 Cooperation & Development
 - Develop **an integrated approach** under the leadership of the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data

Leverage cutting-edge innovation and set up collaborations on relevant vertical

Shape the global agenda of Data-for-Good and secure right priorities

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Examples of opportunities and challenges

- New data sources
- Increase the frequency of refreshing the data dynamic data sources
- Reducing the cost of collecting data and deriving insights

- Multiple biases
- New skills and capabilities to develop within NSO
- New governance to develop
- New relations to set up involving regulators and private companies
- Need to find a way to share and open IP
- Need to protect strategic and commercial insights from data providers

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