

GWG Task Team on Mobile Phone Data

Progress report 2017

Report of the Task Team on the Use of Mobile Phone Data for Official Statistics for the Global Working Group on the Use of Big Data for Official Statistics

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1. Achievements since the last GWG meeting

The Mobile Phone Data Task Team has been working on the following issues

- Preparation of a Handbook on the use of Mobile Phone data for official statistics
- ▶ Description of one or more concrete examples of projects on the use of Mobile Phone data for official statistics
- Development of training course on the use of Mobile Phone data for official statistics

Preparation of the Handbook

The outline of the Handbook was as follows:

Chapter 1 - Introduction

Chapter 2 - Applications

Chapter 3 - Data sources

Chapter 4 - Access to mobile phone data and partnership models

Chapter 5 - Methods

Annexes - Case studies (France and Indonesia)

The first full draft of the Handbook is available and is submitted to the GWG for information. This Handbook was also submitted to the participants at the Mobile Phone workshop in Bogota. A review by a GWG scientif committee would be welcomed.

Country case studies

The Bank of France and BPS Indonesia shared their country experiences, which are taken up in the annex of the Handbook. Further examples are still very welcome and could be added to the GWG website.

Training course

Positium and Eurostat have been willing to organize the first GWG training course on the use of Mobile Phone data for official statistics, which takes place on 6-7 November in Bogota. This could be developed in a regular GWG course with proper funding.

Members of the Task Team

The original composition of the Task Team was comprised of 8 developing and developed countries, 3 private sector companies and 5 international organizations. The active part of the group consists mainly of 3 international organizations, 4 countries and 1 private sector company. The Taks Team needs to review who will be leading this group in the future.