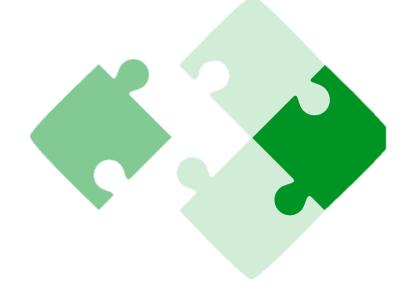
# Integrating Data Sources to Complement and Improve Household Survey Data





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## Modern statistical offices need to invest in new infrastructure and methods to respond to changing user demands.

Changing User Demands for Low-Cost, High-Frequency, Timely and High-Quality Data

#### Inputs

Satellite images to update sampling frame

Sensors tracking power outages or air pollution

#### **Implementation**

Community-surveys for rapid assessments

Phone surveys to increase frequency

### **Outputs**

Satellite images to impute indicators for inaccessible areas

Video clips to give voice to survey respondents







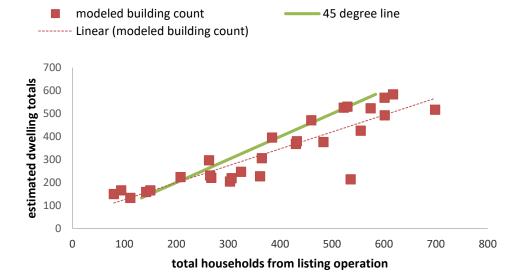
#### Statistical Infrastructure

Processed Satellite Images - Sensors - Community Leader Registry - Phone Registry



### Satellite images can be used to update sampling frames rapidly and with low-cost especially after large population movements. Example: DRC.

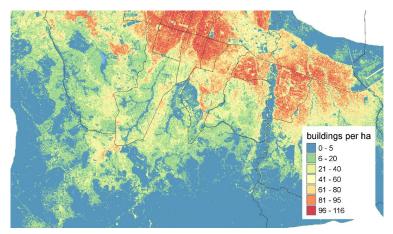
- Using an automated iterative process, the Primary Sampling Unit boundaries were first defined using administrative and physical boundaries such as rivers, highways, and roads.
- Population estimates were retrieved by a Random Forest Regression model based on contextual image information and a sub-sample of building locations



Primary Sampling Units by natural boundaries and administrative boundaries



Algorithmic Estimate of Population Density





### Sensors like smart survey boxes can track real-time indicators like air pollution and power outages. Example: Tajikistan.

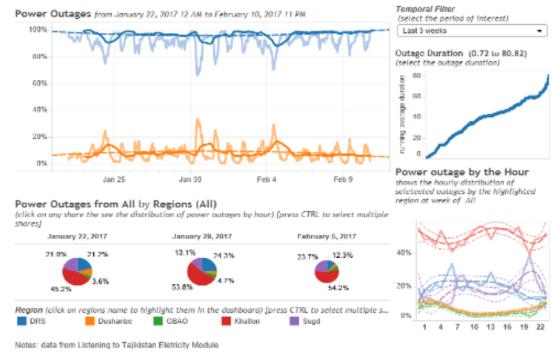
Pilot project to monitor power outages automatically with a autonomous devices that send a signal if a power outage is detected.



- 300 boxes deployed.
- Less than 1 US\$ per day per box.
- Remote sensing enabling.



#### Power Outages in Tajikistan - Eletricity Module

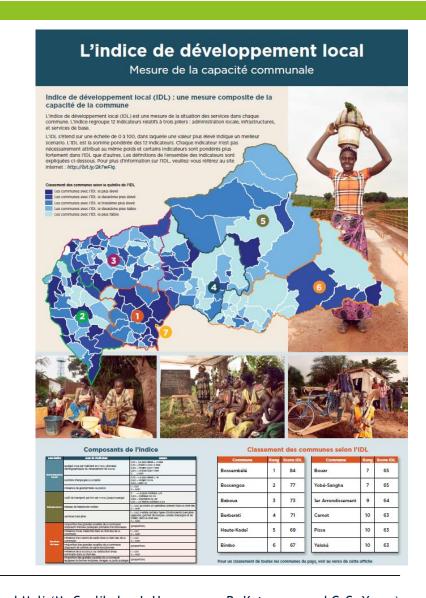




### Community-surveys are rapid and low-cost data collection methods that can create deprivation maps within 3 months. Example: CAR.

To inform the Recovery and Peacebuilding Assessment (RPBA) in the Central African Republic (CAR) at a time when large parts of the country were still insecure, a district census was designed and fielded within a three-month period.

- The district census interviewed local officials in all 179 administrative centers of the country.
- The data were summarized in a composite indicator—the Local Development Index (LDI) and were used to inform new development projects.
- The LDI offers a spatial assessment of the state of the nation (much like a poverty map) and has become an important tool for development planning and progress monitoring.



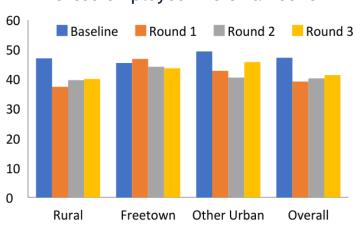
### Phone surveys collect high-frequency data rapidly at low cost and can be deployed in the case of crisis. Example: Sierra Leone.

Using a pre-crisis face-to-face household survey together with follow-up phone interviews can provide powerful real-time crisis monitoring.

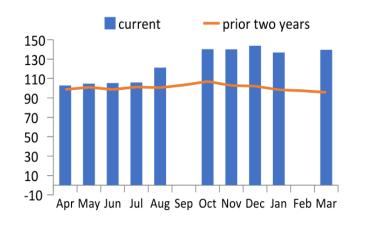
Suggests to pro-actively create sampling frames for phone surveys to allow rapid monitoring in the case of crises.



Hours worked last week among those employed in Sierra Leone



Price index for rice

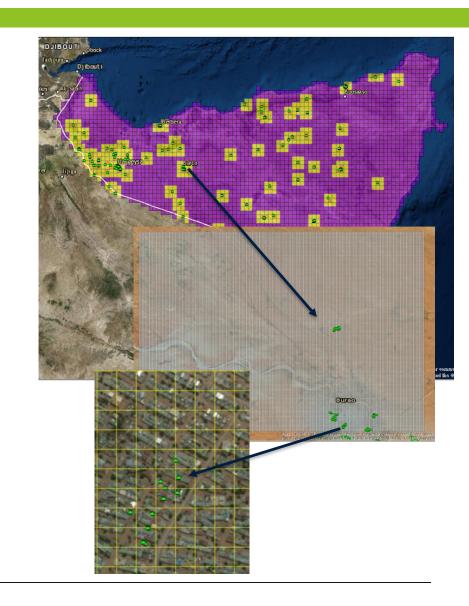




### Imputations based on satellite images can make estimates representative for inaccessible areas. Example: Somalia.

Field surveys sometimes lack access to certain (e.g. insecure) areas leading to underrepresentation of specific parts of the population. Imputations using satellite images can mitigate the under-representation to some extent.

- The imputation estimates a structural model on geographic features extracted from satellite images to estimate indicators for known locations of household respondents.
- The structural model can then be applied to areas without household respondents to estimate the indicators.
- The estimators might be biased if inaccessible areas are structurally different.
- Satellite images can be expensive; calculations are computationally intense.





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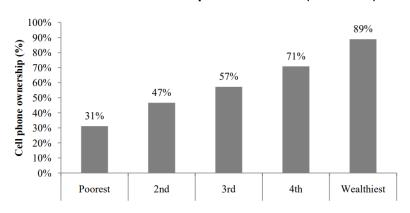
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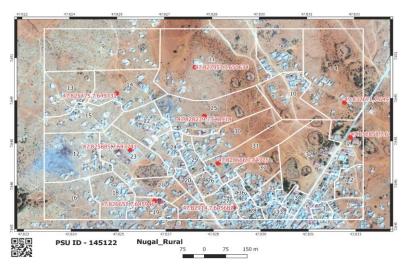


### However, technology, big data and machine learning are not a panacea for data collection but have their own challenges.

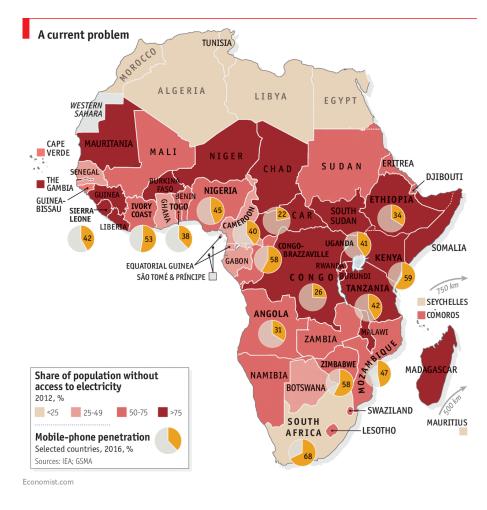
#### Cell Phone Ownership in Tanzania (2010/11)



#### **Satellite-based Creation of Enumeration Areas**

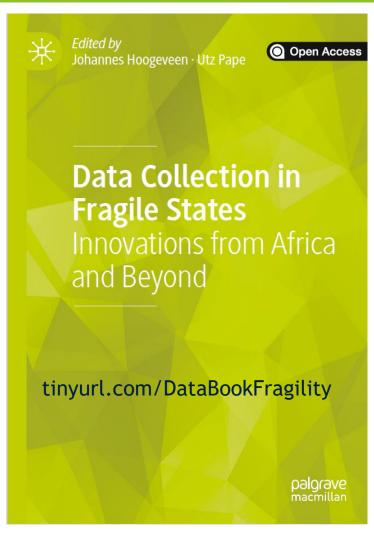


#### **Electricity Access and Mobile Phone Penetration**





# More innovative ideas - scalable and applicable in non-fragile settings - are described in 'Data Collection in Fragile States'.



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  - Rapid Emergency Response Survey
  - · Tracking Displaced People in Mali
  - Resident Enumerators for Continuous Monitoring
  - A Local Development Index for the CAR and Mali
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