

Accelerating Youth Impact through Data

CHEAT SHEET

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What is the “data revolution”?

- This is a broad term referring to the opportunity to leverage vast amounts of new and quickly-growing information to monitor progress and inform decisions in the global development context.
- Visit: <http://www.undatarevolution.org/data-revolution/>

What does data mean in the context of sustainable development?

- Read: [*Harnessing the Data Revolution to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals*](#) (2017) produced by CSIS
- Visit the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data: <http://www.data4sdgs.org/>

What are specific examples of youth engaging with the data revolution?

- Young people are mapping the location of key infrastructure (roads, schools, etc) in under-mapped locations. Donors including PEPFAR, MCC and the World Bank use this information to prioritize their investments in otherwise data-scarce environments.
 - Youth Data Ambassadors example: <https://medium.com/data-zetu/supporting-young-african-data-champions-1720d2037921>
 - Community mapping example: www.ramanihuria.org
 - Remote mapping example: “MCC Mapathon for Sustainable Development”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mfXXoIC7aCU>
 - Local communities example: www.datazetu.or.tz

Where can I learn some basic skills to enhance my data literacy?

- School of Data provides quality, practical trainings for introductory and intermediate learners: <https://schoolofdata.org/courses/>
- The Open Data Institute provides practical trainings on working with open data: <https://theodi.org/courses>



How can our organization leverage our data assets to improve our own impact?

- IREX has been conducting internal “data dives”—structured data exploration events to surface actionable insights and learning. Contact svasdev@irex.org for more information.

