

DATA FOR THE GOALS DATA FOR NOW

We are facing an urgent problem – too much of our data is out-of-date, and too many people are missing from the numbers. This means we do not know how many children need vaccinations, how many people need emergency food assistance, or how to prevent deforestation and biodiversity loss. To achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and ensure no one is left behind we need timely data that represents everyone in the world.



THIS DOES NOT NEED TO BE OUR REALITY

Recent advances in technology, data production, and analysis gives us the ability to fill these data gaps.

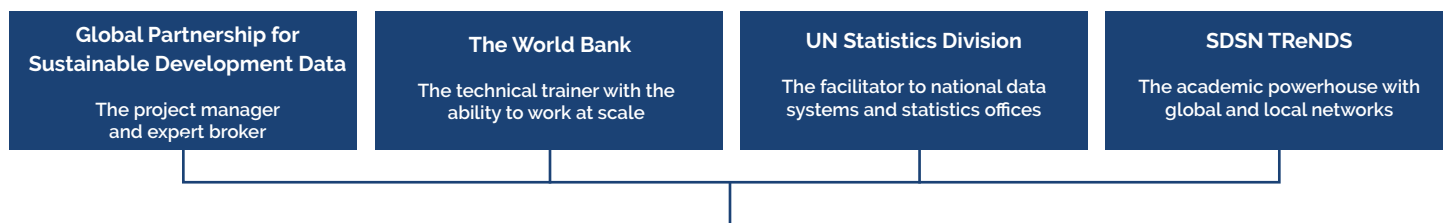
- There is now a critical mass of methods and innovations that we know work.
- More and more governments and institutions understand the importance of data and are demanding access to new tools and methods.
- Donors and investors are recognizing the value and the return on investing in data systems and capacity building.

These are the building blocks that will enable us to harness the data revolution for the good of all. But these building blocks are fragmented. We need partnerships across sectors, political commitments, and wide-ranging resources to aggregate, amplify, and scale these ongoing efforts and innovations. As we enter the Decade of Delivery leading up to 2030, we must take advantage of this window of opportunity. It is our last chance to course correct to ensure we can achieve the SDGs.

OUR TAILORED PROCESS FOR AGGREGATING, AMPLIFYING, AND SCALING-UP DATA SOLUTIONS

The Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data, the United Nations Statistics Division, the World Bank, and the Thematic Research Network on Data and Statistics (TReNDS) at the Sustainable Development Solutions Network have joined forces on a tailored and collaborative process for aggregating, amplifying, and scaling-up data solutions. Together we bring expertise in brokering and facilitation, access to governments and academic networks, and technical know-how on data for development. Our combined efforts will increase the access and use of data for development at an unprecedented scale and pace.

Our approach builds on the tried and tested model used for the [Africa Regional Data Cube](#), among others. We will work with governments and other partners across sectors to define needs, priorities, and pathways for bridging the data gaps. We will broker complex partnerships across sectors, share knowledge and technology across organizations, develop and deliver trainings, and scale data solutions within and across countries. This process of aggregation, amplification, and scaling-up will strengthen existing systems and institutional capacity, leverage proven innovations, and develop new data solutions for better SDG data.



While government systems are at the heart of this initiative, we will also improve opportunities for collaboration between data scientists, statisticians, data producers, and data users, at both global and national scales, and catalyze new data partnerships between public and private entities.

2019

AGGREGATION: BUILDING POLITICAL SUPPORT AND MOMENTUM

- Through 2019 we are building political support for Data for Now, securing commitments and resources.
- As part of this we are forging partnerships with the governments of Ghana, Rwanda, Colombia, Paraguay, Mongolia, Senegal, Bangladesh and Nepal. We have begun working with these countries to define the priorities and pathways for increased data access and use.
- At the same time, we are establishing networks of data users, producers, and capacity-building partners. These collaboratives will include government policymakers, statistical offices, civil society groups, academic groups, and technology companies, among others.

2020-21

AMPLIFICATION: IN-DEPTH BROKERING, EMPOWERING PARTNERSHIPS AND SCALING INITIATIVES

- Through 2020-21 we will facilitate regular collaborative meetings to share knowledge, develop data partnerships, conduct trainings, and institutionalize tested approaches. These collaboratives will begin to create knowledge products, develop capacities, and scale up initiatives that increase the timeliness of data.
- Governments will have better access to data, enhancing the work of statistics agencies, and data will be integrated into existing and new data dissemination platforms, decision-making processes, and monitoring tools. Methods and data tools will be made widely available.

2022-23

SCALE-UP: WIDESPREAD RESULTS, DEMONSTRATION OF IMPACT AND EXPANSION

- Robust methods and sources of timely data will be in widespread use within our first group of pioneering countries, empowering governments to use timely data for better decision-making and monitoring progress towards the SDGs.
- We will begin replicating the collaboratives in at least ten additional countries. We will also increase our focus on the data needs of civil society organizations and institutions and develop collaboratives to respond to these needs.



WE NEED YOU TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT.

We need your support and engagement to create a new reality where timely, accurate, and inclusive data is readily available and used to achieve the SDGs.

WE NEED ACCESS TO DATA

Support our teams in country by providing access to data over the long term

WE NEED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

- Contribute to a collaborative in one or more of our eight pioneering countries and
- Help us to identify and scale new methodologies and real-time sources of high-quality, timely data
 - Provide technical assistance and technologies
 - Peer review methodologies and approaches

WE NEED RESOURCES

Delivering this pioneering project at scale will require money and time. Contribute your institutional resources, time, and funds to the movement.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU.

Please contact info@data4sdgs.org for further information on how to engage.