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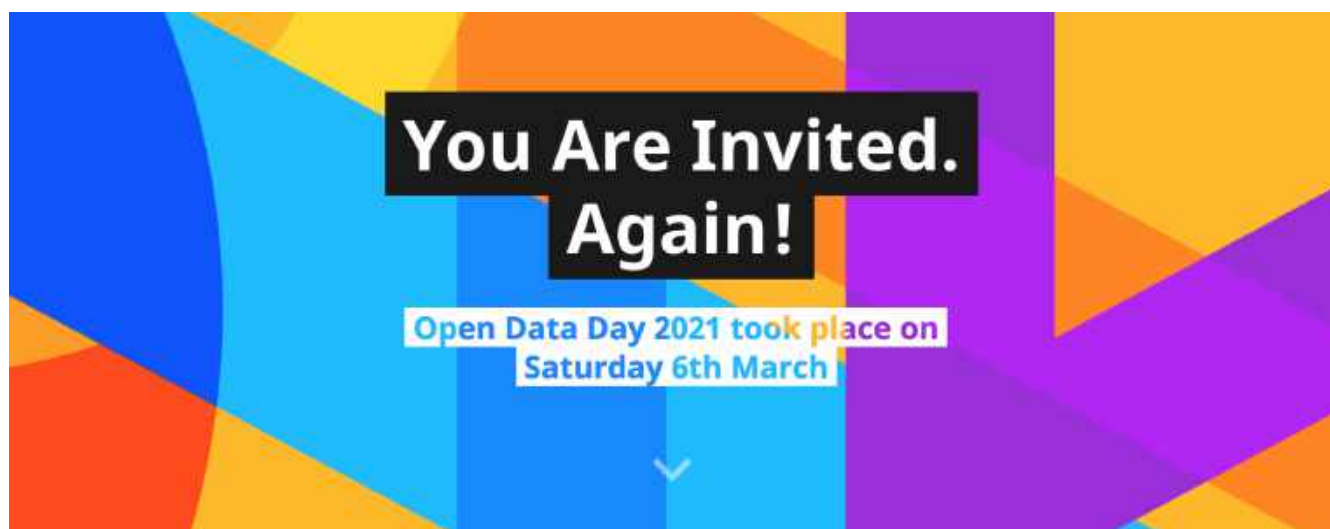


Image 1: Screenshot from the Open Data Day website homepage www.opendataday.org

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Image 2: Sample of Open Data Day promotional material produced by event organisers.

INTRODUCTION

opendataday.org



Image 3: Map of Events. 327 events registered for Open Data Day 2021 www.opendataday.org

WHAT IS OPEN DATA DAY?

Open Data Day is an annual, global celebration of open data.

Each year, 300+ groups from around the world create local events to:

- show the benefits of open data in their local community.
- encourage the adoption of open data policies in government, business and civil society.

All outputs are open for everyone to use and re-use.

WHAT IS OPEN DATA?

okfn.org/opendata

WHY IT MATTERS

okfn.org/opendata/why-open-data

WHAT OKF DOES ON OPEN DATA DAY

Every year, the OKF team supports hundreds of local groups in dozens of countries to develop their Open Data Day events and projects.

We do this by:

- promoting Open Data Day through the OKF and partner channels
- providing useful [resources](#) to event organisers.

Translated for ODD 2021 into Catalan, Chinese (simplified & traditional), Dutch, French, German, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Nepali, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish & Thai.

- creating a [map](#) of events
- providing a [searchable events listing](#) function to discover Open Data Day events, contact information and reports [*new for ODD 2021*]¹

We also work with Partners to deliver financial support (\$300 mini-grants) to over 60+ groups around the world to support their local events.

¹ We would like to thank Microsoft for providing the financial support necessary to create this new function.

MINI-GRANTS PROGRAMME ODD 2021

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP TO DELIVER FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Each year, the team at Open Knowledge Foundation work with our Partners to provide small amounts of financial support (mini-grants) to help people organise Open Data Day events.

This funding can be critical to ensuring that events can take place, especially for smaller or new organisations who have less experience hosting events.

In the past, successful applicants have tended to use the mini-grant funds to rent rooms, hire equipment, pay speakers or promote events. This year, however, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, two thirds of events were held online and most of the funds were used to produce materials, cover online running costs/subscriptions or reimburse speakers for the costs they incurred joining remote events.

This year, the mini-grant programme was more popular than ever, with 280+ high-quality applications from 64 countries.

PARTNERS

The Open Data Day 2021 mini-grant programme was supported by seven partners:

- [Microsoft](#)
- [UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office](#)
- [Mapbox](#)
- [Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery²](#)
- [Latin American Open Data Initiative](#)
- [Open Contracting Partnership](#) and
- [Datopian](#)



See Appendix for a complete list of Open Data Day 2021 mini-grants by Partner.

² The Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR) supported the Open Data Day mini-grant programme through the GFDRR Labs and its Open Data for Resilience Initiative (OpenDRI)

COUNTRIES

Together, we gave mini-grants of US\$300 each to [56 different individuals and organisations](#) from 36 different countries:

Argentina, Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Estonia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, India, Italy, Kenya, Lithuania, Madagascar, Mexico, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Portugal, Slovenia, Somalia, Switzerland, Tanzania, Thailand, Toga, Uganda, Uruguay, Venezuela & Zimbabwe

MINI-GRANTS BY WORLD BANK REGION³

Open Data Day 2021 mini-grants were supplied to individuals and organisations working in five of the seven World Bank Regions:

East Asia & Pacific

Philippines, Thailand

Europe & Central Asia

Estonia, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Portugal, Slovenia & Switzerland

Latin America & Caribbean

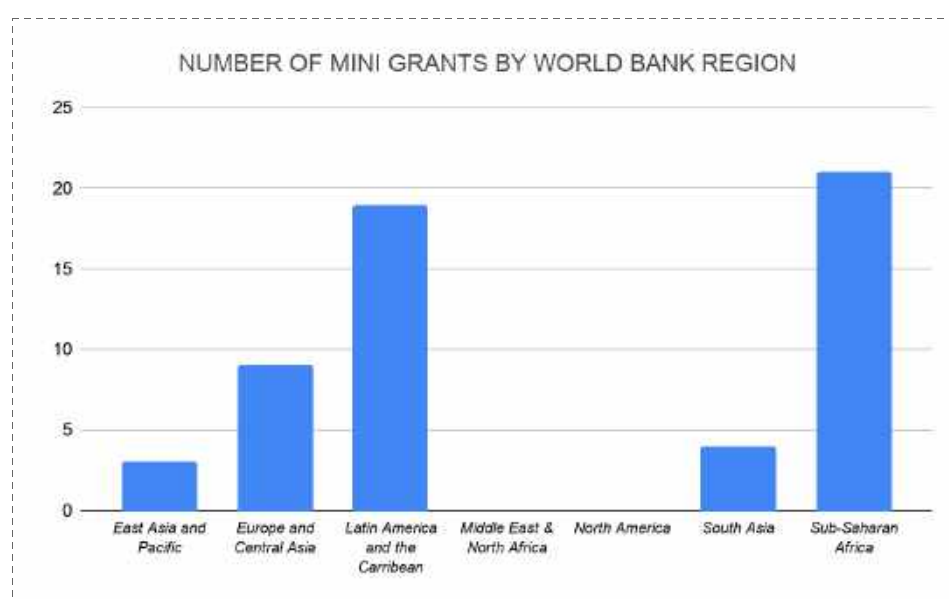
Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Uruguay & Venezuela

South Asia

India, Nepal & Pakistan

Sub-Saharan Africa

Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Nigeria, Somalia, Tanzania, Toga, Uganda & Zimbabwe

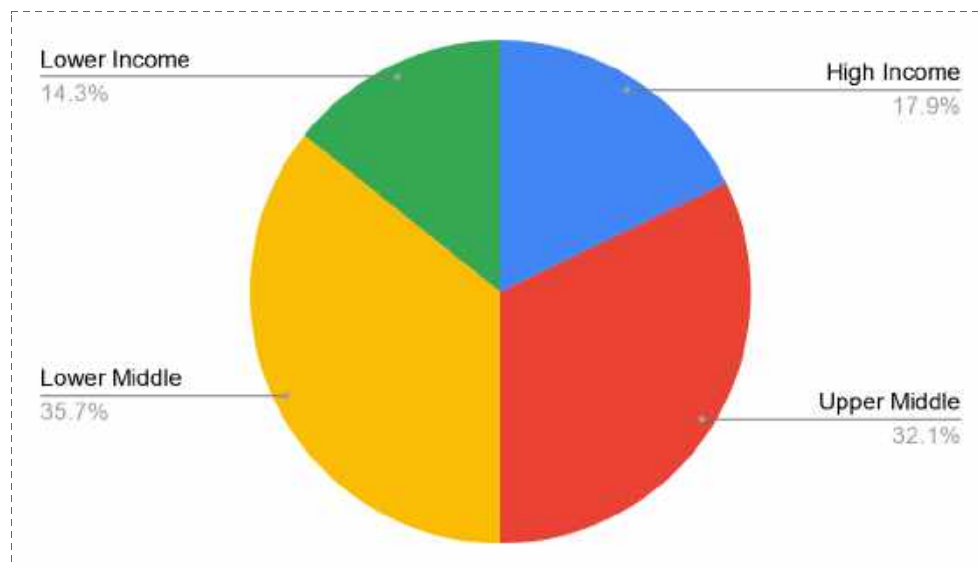


³ World Bank Region

<https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/knowledgebase/articles/906519-world-bank-country-and-lending-groups>

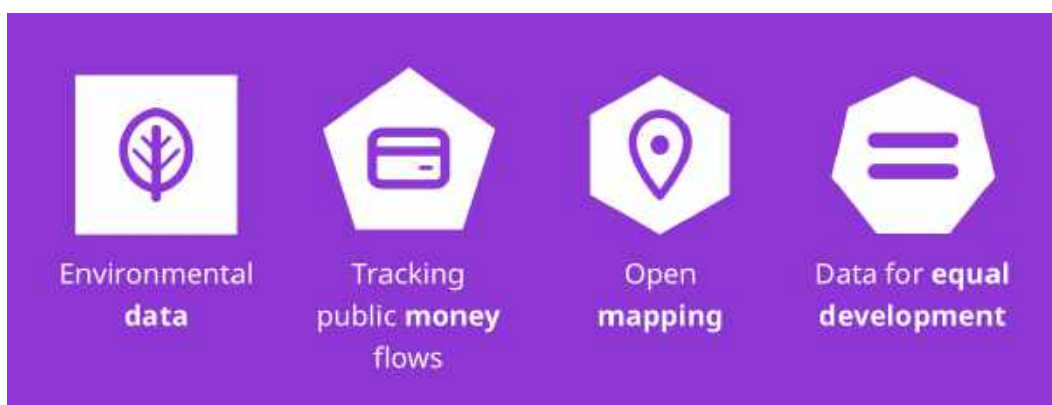
MINI-GRANTS BY WORLD BANK LENDING GROUP⁴

The mini-grant programme supports individuals and organisations working in all four World Bank Lending Groups, with 82% of support going to Lower Income, Low Middle and Upper Middle income countries.



FOCUS AREAS

For Open Data Day 2021, mini-grants were provided under four different focus areas:



⁴ World Bank Region

<https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/knowledgebase/articles/906519-world-bank-country-and-lending-groups>

6 YEARS OF WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

Open Knowledge Foundation has facilitated Open Data Day for 6 years.

During that time, we have partnered with 15 different organisations to deliver financial support (mini-grants) to support the running costs of Open Data Day events.

We are extremely grateful to all our partners - past and present.



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& Development Office



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FOUNDATION



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Hewlett Foundation

SPARC*

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ODD 2021 CASE STUDIES

Code for Pakistan gathered, cleaned, published and mapped data on Pakistan's Billion Tree Tsunami initiative to make it easier to track progress amid allegations of corruption.

Over 100 million trees were added to a [map](#) with the coders using this proof of concept to advocate for better open data connected to the project.

codeforpakistan.org

1: Mapping Pakistan's Billion Tree Tsunami



Read the report on **Code for Pakistan's** event on the Open Data Day website [here](#)



 **Microsoft** *This event received an Open Data Day mini-grant thanks to Microsoft.*

Environmental Data




2: Using open data for democracy in Thailand

Punch Up hosted a series of workshops with up to 140 attendees (online and in person).

Topics of focus included open data, personal data, democracy and open government in Thailand.

punchup.world

 Read the full report on **Punch Up's** event on the Open Data Day website [here](#)

This event received an Open Data Day mini-grant thanks to the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office.



Data for Equal Development

3: Challenging gender inequality in open mapping in the Philippines

Geoladies Philippines ran an event highlighting cis and transgender women leaders in tech.

They conducted a mini-mapathon and datathon to map features catering to women and LGBTIQ+ needs.

The event focused on diversifying representation and participation in the open mapping community.



geoladiesph.github.io/home

Read the full report on the **Geoladies** event on the Open Data Day website [here](#)



This event received an Open Data Day mini-grant thanks to Mapbox.

Open Mapping



4. Training young journalists in data skills in Tanzania

Nukta Africa ran a full-day training for student journalists in Dar es Salaam focused on using open data to increase accountability.

Topics included open data, scraping/cleaning data, legal regulation, data analysis/visualisation and how to develop data-driven stories for radio, TV, newspapers and online websites.

Read the full report on **Nukta Africa's** event on the Open Data Day website [here](#).

nuktafrica.co.tz



This event received an Open Data Day mini-grant thanks to Microsoft.



Data for Equal
Development

5. Producing, understanding and sharing gender disaggregated data in Somalia

Hawa Feminist Coalition hosted a meeting about gender equality in Somalia with UN representatives, international and local NGOs, and activists.

They identified gaps in gender-disaggregated data.

femsom.org



Read the full report on **Hawa Feminist Coalition's** event on the Open Data Day website [here](#).

This event received an Open Data Day mini-grant thanks to Microsoft.



Data for Equal Development

6. Using data on abuse of female journalists in Ghana to promote equality



40 people attended **iWatch Africa's** event to explore gender disparity in data about online abuse of journalists.

They agreed to work on mainstreaming digital rights in 50 newsrooms in West Africa.

iwatchafrica.org



Read the full report on **iWatch Africa's** event on the Open Data Day website [here](#).

This event received an Open Data Day mini-grant thanks to the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office.



Data for Equal Development

7. Investigating COVID-19 government spending in Nigeria

Dataphyte brought together six organisations to learn how to find, access, understand and use government budget data about COVID-19 spending.

dataphyte.com



Dataphyte

Read the full report on **Dataphyte's** event on the Open Data Day website [here](#).

Tracking
Public Money

This event received an Open Data Day mini-grant thanks to the Open Contracting Partnership.

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8. Using open data to understand and protect Nigeria's mangroves

The event brought together environmental activists to learn about open data, the importance of mangroves to socio-economic outcomes and how open data technologies can be used to track forest losses/gains.

 **GFDRR**
Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery

This event received an Open Data Day mini-grant thanks to GFDRR.

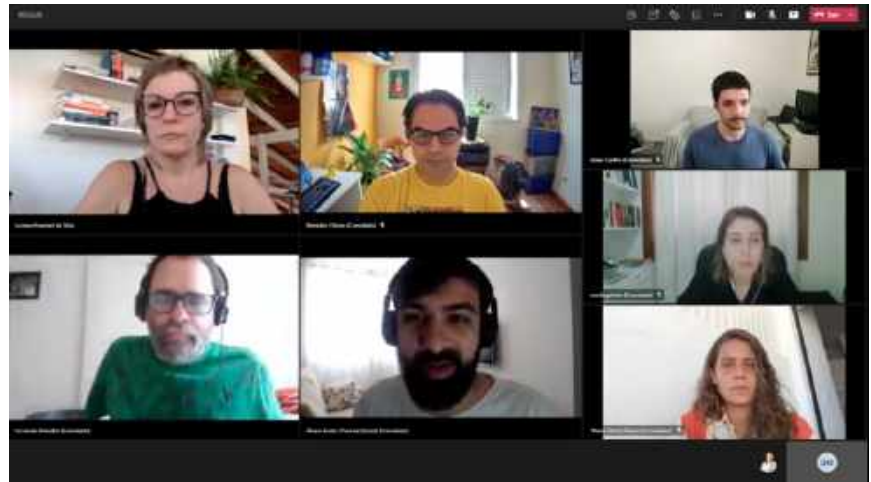
Read the full report on this event on the Open Data Day website [here](#).

Environmental
Data

9. Sharing ways to track public money in Brazil

Afonte (Jornalismo de Dados) brought together over 70 people to share techniques and information about how to track public money flows using open data and how to access to information legislation.

afonte.info



Read the full report on **Afonte's** event on the Open Data Day website [here](#).

Tracking
Public Money

This event received an Open Data Day mini-grant thanks to the Open Contracting Partnership.



10. Using open data for flood risk management in the Democratic Republic of the Congo



DRM Africa brought together journalists and local government representatives to learn how open mapping can help map flood risks.

They produced an 'at risk' infrastructure map to better inform exposed communities.

drmafrica.org

DRM Africa

Open Data for the Community Resilience

Read the full report on **DRM Africa's** event on the Open Data Day website [here](#).

Environmental
Data

This event received an Open Data Day mini-grant thanks to GFDRR.

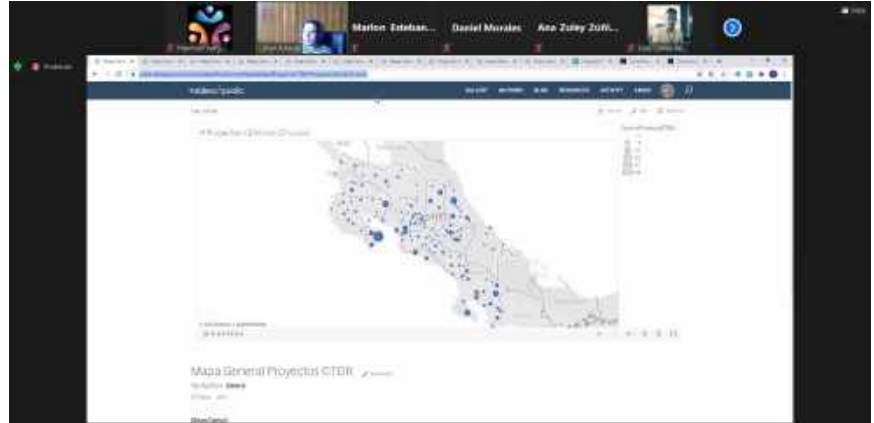


11. Opening up data about rural development in Costa Rica

ACESSA worked with the [Institute for Rural Development](#) to open up, explore and publish data about rural development projects.

They mapped and visualised the data (location, expenditure etc) of projects.

acesa.org



Read the full report on **ACESSA's** event on the Open Data Day website [here](#).

Data for Equal Development

This event received an Open Data Day mini-grant thanks to the Latin America Open Data Initiative.

ILDA

12. Learning about open street mapping for humanitarian purposes in Italy



Polimappers at the [Politecnico di Milano](#) worked with the World Food Programme to learn about collaborative approaches to mapping (including Open Street Map) to support humanitarian organisations working in the field.

<https://polimappers.github.io>



Read the full report on **Polimappers'** event on the Open Data Day website [here](#).

Open Mapping

This event received an Open Data Day mini-grant thanks to Microsoft.



ODD 2021 DELIVERY TEAM



Stephen Abbott Pugh

Content Development Manager

Stephen is the content development manager for Open Knowledge Foundation, delivering materials and content production processes to aid organisational strategy as well as supporting proposal and policy development. He previously worked as a portfolio manager focused on developing, shaping and nurturing projects as well as project managing efforts including Open Data for Tax Justice and the Global Open Data Index. Prior to joining Open Knowledge Foundation in 2016, he was an ICFJ Knight international journalism fellow with Code for Africa, working on data-driven projects across sub-Saharan Africa. He previously founded a civic technology company in Rwanda, was head of digital projects for the UK Parliament and worked as an executive producer for the Guardian's website.



James Hamilton

Development Manager

James has worked in the not-for-profit sector for over 20 years, focusing on issues of information and democracy. He has had numerous leadership and management roles in the UK and Australia, including COO of openDemocracy and China Dialogue, Development Director of Open Knowledge Foundation and CEO of JOY94.9 (Australia's LGBTI radio station).

As Development Manager of Open Knowledge Foundation, James works with the team, and our partners and funders, to develop innovative projects that deliver measurable positive impact in the world.



Chris Shaw

Senior Developer

Chris has over 10 years of experience in software development and data wrangling in the civic tech, research and education sectors. He makes recreational contributions to a number of open source and open data projects. Chris is currently focused on helping Open Knowledge Foundation clients with hosting and customising CKAN installations.

APPENDIX: MINI-GRANTS (BY PARTNER)

Events supported by [Microsoft](#)

Country	Focus Area	Organiser	Details
Pakistan	Environmental Data	Code for Pakistan	A hack day to open and publish the block coordinates of the plantation conducted during the billion tree tsunami in Pakistan. Read Report
DRC	Environmental Data	Mijas Multimedia	Strengthen the community resilience to the rapid rise of Lake Tanganyika through the use of open data. Read Report
Nepal	Environmental Data	Open Knowledge Nepal	Organise a datathon that will bring open data enthusiasts to work on the real-time air quality data and Twitter bot enhancement, so that people can use the service and get informed with the recent situations of air quality in their surroundings. Read Report
Germany	Environmental Data	PermaPeople	Present and discuss the importance and challenges of collecting and sharing open source data on plants and growing to assist in the growth of the regenerative movement. Read Report
Switzerland	Environmental Data	IUCN	Talk about the PANORAMA initiative and web platform, which allows conservation practitioners to share and reflect on their experiences, increase recognition for successful work, and to learn with peers how similar challenges have been addressed around the globe. Read Report
Uruguay	Tracking public money flows	Datos Concepción	Show companies and organizations that received contracts related to COVID-19. Read Report
Nigeria	Tracking public money flows	Equity Watch Initiative	Use data to ensure gender equality and women empowerment projects in the Nsukka Local Government Area deliver on promises. Read Report
Guatemala	Tracking public money flows	Ojoconmipisto	Teaching local journalists data visualisation techniques. Read Report
Nigeria	Tracking public money flows	Water With Development Initiative	Increase transparency and accountability discussing the use of existing WASH data. Read Report
Brazil	Open mapping	Federal University of Bahia	Strengthen a global network of community data collectors from communities, organisations, as well as academic institutions by 1) focusing on sharing experiences from specific cases where particular mapping tools were used as part of strategies of community empowerment and 2) using the insights to subsequently co-design a platform to empower data collectors globally.

			Read Report
Cameroon	Open mapping	Host a “geo-evangelisation”, workshop in the use of JOSM (Java OpenStreetMap) and GEOSM (the first 100% African open source geolocation platform). GEOSM	Read Report
Italy	Open mapping	Host an introductory mapping event on OpenStreetMap so that students and people interested in collaborating gain the basic skills needed to tackle more advanced tools later in the year. PoliMappers	Read Report
Philippines	Open mapping	Launch the MapaTanda Initiative (a portmanteau of Mapa — which means a map — and Tanda — which can mean an older adult but can also mean remember); which is an initiative that seeks to improve the number and quality of data in OpenStreetMap that are important and relevant to older adults (senior citizens) and the ageing population (60+ years old) in the Philippines. SmartCT	Read Report
Honduras	Data for equal development	Present how we can promote sustainable infrastructure by using data disclosed under the Open Contracting for Infrastructure Data Standard and engage citizens and civil society organisations to demand government accountability by using a tool called InfraS. CoST Honduras	Read Report
Brazil	Data for equal development	Promote and discuss the open data knowledge to our local community (city of Feira de Santana, countryside of Brazil), bringing together the academy, government agents and the society itself. Dados Abertos de Feira	Read Report
Somalia	Data for equal development	Advance the production, dissemination and openness of sex-disaggregated data in Somalia in support of evidence-based planning and policy-making as well as tracking of progress by the government and other stakeholders to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Hawa Feminist Coalition	Read Report
Tanzania	Data for equal development	Maximizing the use of open data to increase accountability through data journalism. Nukta Africa	Read Report
Chile	Data for equal development	Walk participants through the process of visualising qualitative and quantitative development open data for equal development in Latin America, using open access tools. Programming Historian	Read Report
Lithuania	Data for equal development	Implement more transparency into the funeral business of Lithuania. Vilnius Legal Hackers	Read Report

Events supported by the [UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office](#)

Country	Focus Area	Organiser	Details
Kenya	Data for equal development	254 Youth Policy Cafe	Webinar via the Zoom Platform themed “Leveraging Open Data as an Asset for Inclusive & Sustainable Development in Kenya”. Read Report
DRC	Data for equal development	Demokrasya	Raise awareness of the Congolese community especially the women’s rights community on the use of open data in defending the women’s accessibility to employment. Read Report
Cameroon	Data for equal development	Girls’ Tech-Changer Community	Show the benefits of open data (such as an increase in efficiency, transparency, innovation, and economic growth) and to encourage the adoption of open data policies in various government bodies, businesses, and civil societies. Read Report
Tanzania	Data for equal development	Hope for Girls and Women Tanzania	Teach the community about the benefit of using data for development. Read Report
Togo	Data for equal development	International Youth Alliance for Family Planning	Develop an open map of contraceptive methods and service availability in the Agbalepedo area. Read Report
Panama	Data for equal development	IPANDETEC	Train Panamanian women on their current position, role and future in the world of open data. Read Report
Ghana	Data for equal development	iWatch Africa	Leveraging data on online abuse and harassment of female journalists. Read Report
Uganda	Data for equal development	Kiyita Foundation	Encourage local women to get access to data about economic development. Read Report
Madagascar	Data for equal development	Madagascar Initiatives for Digital Innovation	Make participants understand the value of data for development. Read Report
Nepal	Data for equal development	Nepal Open Source Klub	Create glossary of technical terms and words that are commonly used on websites/in software and translate those into Nepali. Read Report
Thailand	Data for equal development	Punch Up	Emphasise what would be lost if we don’t have open data in our country. Read Report
Zimbabwe	Data for equal development	Raising Zimbabwe	Create a platform for information distribution, updates and discussion with communities on peace and security during Covid. Read Report

Events supported by [Mapbox](#)

Country	Focus Area	Organiser	Details
Slovenia	Open mapping	DIH Slovenia	Disseminating existing open mapping solutions, sharing best practices and discussion of possibilities for improving life in communities through open mapping. Read Report
Philippines	Open mapping	Geoladies PH	Since March is International Women's Month and 31st March is International Transgender Day of Visibility, we would like to hold an event that empowers and engages women (cisgender and transgender) to map out features and amenities (women support desks, breastfeeding stations, gender-neutral comfort rooms, and LGBT safe spaces) and feature lightning talks to highlight women in mapping. Read Report
Uganda	Open mapping	iLabs@Mak Project	To understand and value the need of Farmers' Live Geo Map across the food value chain in Africa to better food traceability and security. Read Report
Brazil	Open mapping	LABIKS – Latin American Bike Knowledge Sharing	To promote and stimulate the sharing of open data about the bike-sharing systems in Latin America and to promote and discuss our online open map, aiming to improve it. Read Report
Hungary	Open mapping	Periféria Policy and Research Center	Learn about the relevance of open data in collective/critical mapping of gentrification in Hungary. Read Report
Tanzania	Open mapping	SUZA Youthmappers	Create awareness on open data data use, and how the students can use the data in developing innovative web and mobile applications to solve existing challenges in the society. Read Report
Portugal	Open mapping	TuTela Learning Network	Start a debate on alternative, community-managed forms of housing in the city of Lisbon based on the model of grant of use and raising awareness on the importance of accessible data on local activists and available real estate resources owned by the city. Read Report
Brazil	Open mapping	Unificar Ações e Informações Geoespaciais – UAIGeo – Universidade Federal de São João del-Rei (UFSJ)	Disseminate the use and importance of open data to support the solution of territorial tension points, the use of water and the preservation of cultural heritage, as well as providing participants with contacts with collaborative mapping applications. Read Report

Events supported by [Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery](#)

Country	Focus Area	Organiser	Details
DRC	Environmental Data	DRM Africa	Preventing vulnerable communities from river floods through risk data collection, analysis and communication. Read Report
Argentina	Environmental Data	Escuela de Fiscales	Our goal is to show the community and other civil society organizations the importance of open data in preserving and caring for the environment, and the urgency of taking action against climate change and pollution, and how open data can improve public politics with the participation of citizens. Read Report
India	Environmental Data	Government Degree College Bemina, J and K Higher Education	Make the community aware about the availability and benefits of environmental data for addressing environmental concerns in Kashmir Valley. Read Report
Mexico	Environmental Data	Future Lab	Engage with the local community and enable citizen participation through the use of open data for the proposal of cleaner and more sustainable public policies. Read Report
Nigeria	Environmental Data	Niger Delta SnapShots	Use open data to uncover hidden threats damaging Nigerian mangrove and demonstrate the necessity for urgent action to save Nigerian mangrove forests. Read Report
Tanzania	Environmental Data	Zanzibar Volunteers for Environmental Conservation	The main goal is to contribute to open data initiatives by helping the students understand more about open data and environmental issues. Read Report

Events supported by [Latin American Open Data Initiative](#)

Country	Focus Area	Organiser	Details
Venezuela	Open mapping	Monitor de Femicidios de UTOPIX	Monitoring of femicide cases in Venezuela. Read Report
Costa Rica	Data for equal development	ACCESA	Explore, map, visualize and disseminate key data about the projects being implemented by the Territorial Councils of Rural Development, the main participatory bodies for fostering rural development in Costa Rica, and assess their progress, the money being spent on them, the results obtained, and their impact in narrowing the many social gaps that currently affect the different rural regions of the country. Read Report
Brazil	Data for equal development	Afroimpacto	Discuss the importance to the black community of the open data discussion. Read Report
Colombia	Data for equal development	Fundación Eduna	Develop activities to address the issue of strengthening the capacity for creative thinking of children and young people in the central region of Colombia making use and taking advantage of open data. Read Report
Brazil	Data for equal development	Gênero e Número	Explore open data to get a comprehensive landscape on the labour market for women in Brazil during the pandemic. Read Report

Events supported by [Open Contracting Partnership](#)

Country	Focus Area	Organiser	Details
Brazil	Tracking public money flows	Afonte Jornalismo de Dados	Brazilian are tired of corruption, and Open Data Day Porto Alegre 2021 will provide relevant and open-access information to show the path to investigate public expenses and how they are connected to politicians and even companies. Read Report
Nigeria	Tracking public money flows	Dataphyte	Train participants on how to track Covid-19 spending using open government data to unearth malpractices and corruption in the management of the pandemic. Read Report
Colombia	Tracking public money flows	HackBo / Grafoscopio	To intertwine mini wikis, chatbots and public oversight of public expenses, starting with a particular project in the neighborhood, to showcase how grassroots developed civic tech and open government could be bridged, as an empowering alternative to the opaque extractivist social media where such interaction is happening (Facebook) beyond the reach and real interest of civic communities. Read Report
Estonia	Tracking public money flows	Open Knowledge Estonia	Estonian procurement registry doesn't use OCDS, but the common European standard (TED). Our goal is to cross-match the datasets concerning donations and business registries, in order to automatically detect potential conflict of interests. Read Report
Costa Rica	Tracking public money flows	Universidad Latinoamericana de Ciencia y Tecnología (ULACIT)	Data Challenge: take advantage of the first dataset published under the OCDS in the country and improve the data literacy of university students. Read Report

Event supported by [Datopian](#)

Country	Focus Area	Organiser	Details
Georgia	Data for equal development	DataFest Tbilisi	Highlight and promote the use of data and data-driven products as an effective way to tackle pressing social issues and inequality. Read Report