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Dynamic Population Mapping: Applications to Public Health & Disaster Management

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Our services

What we do

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Mobile Data Partnerships

Population Distribution & Mobility Analysis

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Geospatial Data Analysis & Site Placement Optimisation

Capacity Strengthening

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Our mobile data collaborations to date



Countries where Flowminder has collaborated with MNOs (present and past):

- Curacao (x 2 MNOs)
- Haiti
- Sierra Leone
- Ghana
- DRC (x 2 MNOs)
- Namibia
- Mozambique (x 3 MNOs via INCM)

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Nepal

- Papua New Guinea
- Senegal (advanced discussion)

To enable decision makers to access the data they need to transform the lives of vulnerable people, at scale.



Applications of Dynamic Population Mapping

Applications



Public health





Mobility data can provide dynamic population density estimates for improved public health metrics



- Mobility data can provide more frequent estimates of population, based on detected temporary or permanent relocation of populations.
- Acts as a "dynamic denominator" for calculating per capita metrics and indicators





Applications of dynamic population estimates in for public health metrics



Infectious & non-infectious disease

- Monitoring infectious disease
 - Incidence
 - Prevalence
- Estimating population at risk of an outbreak



Vaccination

Infrastructure & resources

- Monitoring vaccination rates
 - Where might vaccination rate drop below a threshold?
- Vaccination campaign planning
 - How many doses are required in each district?

- Planning new infrastructure
- Improving the distribution of resources
 - Where has demand increased or decreased
 - Does demand fluctuate?



Collaborating with the health sector in Ghana to identify the needs of decision-makers

- In June 2023, GSS and Flowminder held a two-day workshop on the use of mobility data for public health
 - Attendees from Ghana Health Service (GHS), Ministry of Health and University of Ghana
 - Group discussions on key public health metrics and the impact of mobility data
- Identified four priority health metrics, covering different public health issues:
 - Tuberculosis incidence
 - Out-patient department attendance
 - Antenatal care coverage
 - Hypertension incidence



Dynamic Population Mapping | Ghana







Preliminary results: Tuberculosis incidence



Tuberculosis (TB) cases, 2021-2022

% change in the population, 2021-2022, based on CDR-derived dynamic population estimate (blue) and UN population projections (gold)

TB incidence 2021-2022 using **CDR-derived dynamic population estimate (blue)**, compared to a **UN population projections (gold)**





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Outpatient Department (OPD) visits, 2021-2022

% change in the population, 2021-2022, based on CDR-derived dynamic population estimate (blue) and UN population projections (gold)

OPD attendance 2021-2022 using **CDR-derived dynamic population estimate (blue)**, compared to a **UN population projections (gold)**

Dynamic Population Mapping | **Mapping for Health**

Children with zero doses, insufficient doses and/or ineffective doses (for example due to cold chain deficiencies) are most often located in the most rural or isolated areas, and areas where mobile populations are significant (instability due to insecurity, or informal settlements in urban areas).

Therefore a promising strategy to reach zero-dose and under-vaccinated children is:

- 1. To identify areas with high mobility (using mobile telephone data and field survey data to adjust the representation biases of mobile telephone data)
- 2. To establish advanced and mobile vaccination sites in areas far from fixed vaccination centers (the locations of these sites are proposed by our optimization algorithm to maximize population coverage with a minimum of resources)

Dynamic Population Mapping | Democratic Republic of the Congo

Mapping for Health | Vaccination Microplanning

Use of mobility indicators to inform the implementation and planning of vaccination interventions:

- 1. Contribution to effective targeting of communities on the move
- 2. Coordination between health zones at the regional level, including on the optimisation of the quantities of vaccines available locally with consideration of the impact of population movements on population density
- **3.** Explanation of the discrepancies between the quantities of vaccines distributed and the objectives of the annual plan.
- 4. Planning of vaccination objectives by health zone carried out at the central and regional levels on an annual basis may integrate changes in denominators observed over the long term (> 12 months) by health zone: local increase or decrease in population, or seasonal changes.

Applications

Calculating risk hazard

Hazard risk analysis can include a range of different factors, including:

- The probability of an area being impacted by a given hazard
- The number of people in an area who would be exposed to a given hazard
- The **vulnerability of an area** to a given hazard, which may include dimensions such as:
 - Socio-economic vulnerability
 - Presence of vulnerable groups
- The capacity for authorities and institutions to respond to a given hazard

Hazard risk analysis for disaster preparedness in Ghana

- The National Disaster Management Organisation (NADMO) is responsible for the management of disasters and other emergencies in Ghana, including:
 - Flooding
 - Fires
 - Drought
 - Storm surges
- Hazard risk analysis is an essential part of disaster preparedness:
 - Support the development of suitable response plans for at risk areas
 - Optimise the placement of resources to facilitate emergency responses

Flowminder & GSS' visit to NADMO

Calculating dynamic risk indicators

Dynamic flooding risk indicators

Thank you | Q&As

Any questions?

Available through the UN Global Platform LMS (learning.officialstatistics.org)

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FlowGeek

- FlowGeek is our open, online knowledge centre on CDR analytics
 - created to leverage the value of CDR data and help strengthen the community of CDR data experts, enthusiasts and learners on the processing and analysis of such data.
- Our content includes
 - What are CDR data?
 - Applications of CDR data
 - Types of CDR indicators
 - Analyses and methodologies
 - Data governance and security

Each record contains the type of network event and the subscriber's identifier, as well as the time of the event and the cell site it was routed through.

The MNO stores these records in a database and may connect them with other information on the subscriber and their account, to inform their billing process. **These data can be analysed to better understand how people move within a country.**

Mobile phone metadata: CDRs

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