Presenting GODAN

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The GODAN story

2012 G-8 Summit
World leaders commit to “.. share relevant agricultural data available from G-8 countries with African partners.”

G-8 International Conference on Open Data for Agriculture

April 2013 - Open Government Partnership meeting

October 2013 – GODAN launched

Secretariat launched late 2014 with 5 year timeline 2015-2019
• For the first time in human history, the knowledge to end hunger exists on Earth

• **800 million people struggle** with debilitating hunger and malnutrition

• We need to find solutions beyond MORE food. Nutritionally sensitive agriculture is essential for global public health and wellbeing

• We are convinced that the solution to closing this unacceptable hunger gap lies within harnessing and opening agriculture and nutrition data
• Develop a shared agenda to increase the supply, quality, and interoperability of data

• address questions and provide research on impact

• harmonize activities with others, share knowledge
Bring together agriculture, nutrition and open data sectors to:

• build high-level policy and public and private institutional support for open data

• encourage collaboration, sharing and cooperation

• manage a framework of national and international events and dialogues
Beyond absolute hunger, agriculture can be a means for smallholder farmers to develop economically through trade BUT lack of information about:

• Plant pests and diseases
• Market data
• Regulations and standards
• Weather data
Building a global momentum
Lack of data or access to that data can stifle innovation

Restricted information may be in geographic or thematic silos

Keeps data in the hands of the powerful – reducing the world’s ability to innovate
What is Open Data

Data anyone can access, use and share

• Accessible (published on the web)
• Available (increasingly machine-readable format)
• Licensed to permit anyone to access, use and share it
What is GODAN

- Over 260 partners
- National governments, NGOS, international and private-sector organizations
- Began in 2013 at Open Government Partnership Conference
- Encourages collaboration and cooperation across existing agriculture, nutrition and open data activities

Any organization that supports open access to agriculture and nutrition data can join
Working Groups

- Nutrition Data Gaps (USDA & DFID)
- Rice Data Interoperability (IRRI)
- Data Ecosystems for Agritech (Syngenta)
- Precision Agriculture (USDA)
- Capacity Development
- Soil Data Interoperability (FAO & ISRIC)
- Ag Sector Package (ODI)
- Satellite Data Integration (IBM & Government of Kenya)
- Data Rights & responsibilities (Un of Ottawa & Govt of Canada)
Build momentum through increasingly important activities (existing and new)

Complimented by smaller but also visible events, such as…

“The Open Data Camp is a major two-day event, entirely devoted to open data…”
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Thank You!