Access to Information on the Move
Looking for the latest data on human development and don’t know where to find it? Help is just an SMS away! Simply send an SMS message to the DevInfo SMS database server and get an instant reply from the official UN database on human development. DevInfo database technology, deployed on desktops and the web, now offers the advantages of quick access to information on the move from your mobile phone. The DevInfo Short Message Service (SMS) Database Server makes it possible to get information anywhere in the world where you have access to a mobile phone network. You don’t need a laptop nor access to the internet. All you need is your mobile phone!

Try It Yourself
Here’s how it works. Create a new SMS message with keywords. The keywords should refer to indicators, time periods and geographic areas. For example: “NEPAL NET ENROLMENT 2000”. Send the SMS to +91.98.108.94443. In a few moments, the DevInfo SMS Database Server will respond: “In 2000 in Nepal Net enrolment ration in primary education was 70.4 percent [UNSD MDG 2006] 1 of 24 [Reply N=Next A=All]. There are 24 data values that match this request. To view the next record, reply to the SMS with “N” or reply with “A” to view all records. Give it a try!

State-of-the-Art Technology
When you send an SMS to the DevInfo SMS Database Server, your keywords launch a query for retrieval of records stored in the database. The search covers indicators, time periods and geographic areas. The query results are sent back to the SMS server component in the form of SMS messages. The SMS server application queries the MDG Info 2006 database to retrieve records against the keywords sent in the SMS message. The Query Results are sent back to the SMS Server Component in the form of SMS messages. The SMS Server Component sends the SMS to the recipient using the GSM modem. The entire process only takes a few seconds, subject to cell phone traffic congestion. The system returns the first record found and gives you the option to see the next record or all records. This service is available globally and is independent of your mobile telephone service network.

DevInfo offers UN endorsed technology to organize, store and disseminate data on the progress towards the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the national development programmes. More than 90
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countries are now using this powerful database technology to keep track of the global and national commitments towards human development. Given the explosive rise in mobile telephone subscribers—from 11 million in 1990 to 1.8 billion in 2004—the availability of information on mobile devices, powered by DevInfo, aims to help bridge the information gap and provide access to human development statistics.