



DevInfo Global Initiative Mission Statement

Description

DevInfo is a database system for monitoring human development. It is a software tool for organizing, storing and presenting data in a uniform way to facilitate data sharing at the country, regional and global levels across government departments, United Nations agencies, civil society organizations and development partners. DevInfo has features that produce tables, graphs and maps for inclusion in reports, presentations and advocacy materials. The system can be deployed both as a desktop application and on the Internet.

Vision

The vision that DevInfo supports is a day when UN Member States use common database standards for tracking national human development indicators, containing high-quality data with adequate coverage and depth to sustain good governance around the agenda of achieving development goals, such as the Millennium Development Goals.

Mission

To enable the UN system and its national development partners to realize this vision as an effective and relevant common database system used for the accumulation, dissemination, presentation and advocacy of human development indicators.

To add value to national statistics systems by complementing existing databases and bridging data dissemination gaps.

To be used as an advocacy platform by UN agencies to engage both government and civil society in policy choices for human development that yield measurable results.

Values

To strive to pursue our mission with entrepreneurship, creativity, and originality.

To be mindful in our actions and words of the insights and counsel of diverse opinions.

To learn how to tap the great potential of information technology to improve lives around the world.

To make every effort to explore and examine issues with objectivity and neutrality.

To strive for excellence through continuous quality improvement.

Strategies

To anchor DevInfo implementation in a wider effort to collect, analyze and disseminate information on human development to ensure long-term sustainability and usage of the database system.

To strengthen the capacity of governments to adapt DevInfo to their national monitoring strategies and thereby effectively use DevInfo technology to monitor progress in human development.

To strengthen the capacity of UN country teams and national partners to effectively use DevInfo in monitoring progress on national and international priorities, such as the MDGs.

To provide access to timely and relevant information that is necessary for solutions.

To help close data gaps and improve data quality.

To help transform data into information, information to knowledge and knowledge into wisdom.

To endeavor to be as flexible and timely as possible in working with existing institutions, starting with the assumption that long-term solutions must be nurtured to grow organically from practical and effective institutional problem-solving processes.