New Strategies and Initiatives to Bridge Data Gaps through Research and Government Partnerships

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The Challenge

• Siloed information
  • By subject/form of exploitation
  • By institution
  • By government (and within governments)

• Lacking standardized definitions and measures

• Barriers to data access

• Communicating data/findings to multiple audiences
  (particularly policy makers that need the information for evidence-based policy decisions)
Some Initiatives and Approaches

• Delta 8.7
• Earthtime
• Code 8.7
• Research to Action Project
Delta 8.7 Overview

- Alliance 8.7 Knowledge Platform
- Brings data from multiple sources together to tell a story
- Translates data visually to be accessible
- Provides a forum to discuss research activity
- Showcase events and learning opportunities
Notice and Comment

• Governments contacted for comment on data (specifically NSOs)
• Responses thorough and technical
• Supportive of dashboards
• Point to newer policies, new data, and other updates
Earthtime

Government Efforts to End Modern Slavery

Global action is needed now to address the estimated 40.3 million people in situations of modern slavery and 152 million children engaged in child labour (2016). This story shows the aid spending and policy efforts of governments to end modern slavery.

Story by: Delta 8.7
Data from: Delta 8.7, United Nations University Centre for Policy Research, Walk Free Foundation
• Collaboration between multiple institutes focused on findings tech solutions to eradicate slavery
• Conference held in February 2019
• Main steps moving forward:
  • Focus on building out shared data standards and collection frameworks
  • Mapping new technology pipelines
  • Mapping of research opportunities and monitoring progress over time
• Future plans involve match-making events, joint research and fundraising, good practice insights
ILC/US DoL Research to Action project

- Enhance capacity and connectivity between researchers through grants and education tools
- Mapping of research efforts and funding
- Set national and global research agendas
- Deliver findings to policy actors through:
  - Expanding Delta 8.7, including qualitative data/findings
  - Build digital policy guidance tool
  - Workshops bringing policy actors into the research process
Moving Forward

• Ensure there aren’t just as many siloed coordinated efforts
• Carefully investigate relationships observed by combining datasets
• Build greater buy-in from those not as invested in data collection by showing benefits to their work
• Keep focus on individuals and sustained freedom
• Identify novel sources of data
Thank you!

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