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INDEPTH adds new health and demographic data to its publicly available online data archives

- INDEPTH strengthens data management systems in health research and improves access to information for better science and health policy
- The INDEPTH Data Repository now includes data from **20** HDSSs **(further 4 to be released later)** covering **11** countries
- INDEPTHStats now includes data from **30** HDSSs **(one more to be released later)** covering **15** countries

Accra, Ghana, 1st July 2015 – The International Network for the Demographic Evaluation of Population and Their Health (INDEPTH) in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) today announces IMPORTANT UPDATES on the INDEPTH Data Repository (www.indepth-ishare.org) and on its associated data visualisation website, INDEPTHStats (www.indepth-ishare.org/indepthstats), two unique online data archives that continue to build and strengthen capacity for research data management, health and scientific research in LMICs as well as improving access to fully documented high quality longitudinal datasets by the scientific community and health policymakers worldwide.

INDEPTH Data Repository

The INDEPTH Data Repository is an online archive of fully documented high-quality longitudinal datasets from INDEPTH member Health and Demographic Surveillance System (HDSS) centres. It is the first repository that specializes in longitudinal population-based data from LMICs.

The repository was established on 1st July, 2013 with **Six (6)** datasets from the following HDSSs:

	HDSS	Country
1	Vadu HDSS	India
2	Chililab HDSS	Vietnam
3	ACDIS HDSS	South Africa
4	Agincourt HDSS	South Africa
5	Magu HDSS	Tanzania
6	Nairobi HDSS	Kenya

On 1st July 2014 the repository was updated with an additional **Seven (7)**, bringing the composition of the repository to the following thirteen (13) HDSSs:

	HDSS	Country
1	Vadu HDSS	India
2	Chililab HDSS	Vietnam
3	ACDIS HDSS	South Africa
4	Agincourt HDSS	South Africa
5	Magu HDSS	Tanzania
6	Nairobi HDSS	Kenya
7	Ouagadougou HDSS	Burkina Faso
8	Taabo HDSS	Côte D'Ivoire
9	Kilite Awlaelo HDSS	Ethiopia

10	Dabat HDSS	Ethiopia
11	Gilgel Gibe HDSS	Ethiopia
12	Karonga HDSS	Malawi
13	Mbita HDSS	Kenya

From today 1st July 2015, the INDEPTH Data Repository will contain **Twenty (20)** datasets from **all** of the above **13** HDSSs and the additional **Seven (7)** listed below:

	HDSS	Country
1	Dikgale HDSS	South Africa
2	Kersa HDSS	Ethiopia
3	Iganga/Mayuge HDSS	Uganda
4	Rufiji HDSS	Tanzania
5	Mlomp HDSS	Senegal
6	Niakhar HDSS	Senegal
7	Filabavi HDSS	Vietnam

The following four datasets will be added later making a total of **24 HDSSs** on the repository covering **Eleven (11)** countries.

	HDSS	Country
1	Kilifi HDSS	Kenya
2	Kisumu HDSS	Kenya
3	Ifakara Rural HDSS	Tanzania
4	Ifakara Urban HDSS	Tanzania

In 2014, the unique datasets on Cause Specific Mortality covering 22 HDSSs was released and added to the repository.

The INDEPTH Data Repository is also now recognised by PLOS-ONE, a reputable international academic journal, as an approved repository to lodge publication datasets. The first such dataset, "South Africa - Participation in Africa Centre's HIV surveillance between 2003 and 2012" was added in February 2015.

INDEPTHStats is the corresponding data visualisation website that contains summary statistics, images and graphs of key health and demographic indicators generated from the respective INDEPTH member HDSS centres.

INDEPTHStats provides researchers, government officials and policymakers with information that can guide their decision-making, including crude birth and death rates, age specific fertility and death rates, infant, child, and under five mortality rates, as well as numerous other health and demographic indicators.

Launched on 1st July, 2013, INDEPTHStats had initial data from **Eighteen (18)** HDSSs and was updated to **27 HDSSs** on 1st July 2014. These included:

	HDSS	Country
1	Chakaria HDSS	Bangladesh
2	Matlab HDSS	Bangladesh
3	Ouagadougou HDSS	Burkina Faso
4	Taabo HDSS	Cote d'Ivoire

5	Dabat HDSS	Ethiopia
6	Gilgel Gibe HDSS	Ethiopia
7	Kilite Awlaelo HDSS	Ethiopia
8	Farafenni HDSS	Gambia
9	Dodowa HDSS	Ghana
10	Kintampo HDSS	Ghana
11	Navrongo HDSS	Ghana
12	Vadu HDSS	India
13	Kilifi HDSS	Kenya
14	Kisumu HDSS	Kenya
15	Mbita HDSS	Kenya
16	Nairobi HDSS	Kenya
17	Karonga HDSS	Malawi
18	Manhica HDSS	Mozambique
19	Mlomp HDSS	Senegal
20	Niakhar HDSS	Senegal
21	Africa Centre HDSS	South Africa
22	Agincourt HDSS	South Africa
23	Ifakara Rural HDSS	Tanzania
24	Magu HDSS	Tanzania
25	Rufiji HDSS	Tanzania
26	Chililab HDSS	Vietnam
27	Filabavi HDSS	Vietnam

The 1st July 2015 public release updates INDEPTHStats with new data for 2012 from **24** of the above 27 HDSSs and additional **Four (4)** datasets from:

	HDSS	Country
1	Dikgale HDSS	South Africa
2	Kersa HDSS	Ethiopia
3	Iganga/Mayuge HDSS	Uganda
4	Ifakara Urban HDSS	Tanzania

The last will be released later bringing the total of **31** HDSSs covering 15 countries.

INDEPTHStats app

In addition to these data, INDEPTH launched the beta version of INDEPTHStats app on 1st July 2014. The INDEPTHStats App is a data visualisation app which allows users to explore on tablets or mobile phones, basic demographic indicators generated by INDEPTH member HDSSs centres (currently 45 member centres from 20 countries in Africa, Asia and Oceania). The indicators are visualized by interactive, animated charts and tables.
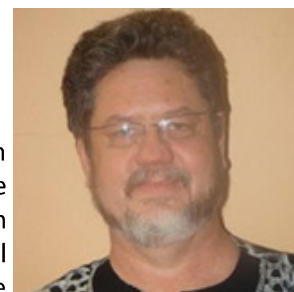
The INDEPTHStats App has been further developed and made available as a free App on Google store Android phones and tablets as well as made available for iphone and ipad users. This means that the visualisation website can be viewed on tablets and smart phones as well.

Dr Kobus Herbst, the Principal Investigator for the INDEPTH Data Systems said, "The INDEPTH Data Repository isgrowing from a modest start to greater recognition, with close to 800 datasets downloads over its relatively short history."

Dr Kobus Herbst

Prof. Osman Sankoh

Prof. Osman Sankoh, the Executive Director, said that with the continued confidence in the Secretariat's support to the Network's member centres, the number of datasets in both the INDEPTH Data Repository and on INDEPTHStats will continue to grow. "I thank our support teams and the leaders and data managers of the centres who have demonstrated commitment that is making this possible."

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For more information, please visit: www.indepth-network.org

The INDEPTH Network is one of the few international population health agencies based in the global South. From its Secretariat in Accra, Ghana, it serves as an umbrella organisation for 52 Health and Demographic Surveillance System (HDSS) sites in 20 low- and middle-income countries, each following individuals in defined populations on a continuous basis. www.indepth-network.org

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