



# Global Data Barometer

Pilot edition - 2020/21

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## Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

between

**Global Data Barometer** (project) and **IDFI (Institute for Development of Freedom of Information)**

The Global Data Barometer is constituted as a project of the Latin American Open Data Initiative (ILDA) and funded by IDRC under the Open Data for Development (OD4D) partnership/program

### **Article I. Purpose**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as “MOU”) is to deepen and strengthen the strategic partnership between the Parties for the purpose of providing effective support and contribution to the first edition of the GDB study design, implementation and more specifically, around Data Collection Phase across countries in Eastern Partnership and Central Asia.

The Global Data Barometer will produce a unique global and regional view of data for public good across a wide range of sectors. As a high-profile study, it aims to influence policy debates at country, regional and global levels -and to support advances in a range of data for development initiatives.

### **Article II. Alignment of the work with GDB Theory of Change (ToC)**

**“We know datafication is transforming our lives** and the world in an unprecedented manner. We know using data for the public good requires good governance, data policies, and appropriate re-use of data across sectors and regions. But we don't know where the major gaps lie, and we don't know what's happening on the ground around the world.

**The Global Data Barometer Global Study provides a globally comparable indicator dataset**, in-depth qualitative insights, and spin-off sectoral metrics designed to



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support both global policy debates and the strategic efforts of established transparency and accountability initiatives and networks. It thus serves as a baseline and evidence base for various stakeholders working in the field of data for development and public good. **The Barometer is built on four pillars: Governance, Capability, Availability, and Use and Impact.** The first three serve as ‘the inputs’ of data for the public good, while the fourth tracks the extent to which these inputs feed through to action, outcomes, and impact.

**Thematic modules, co-created with our strategic partners,** are designed to explore these pillars in context, providing rich, globally textured insights and analysis that can be used to inform national policy-making, sectoral strategies, and hypothesis-testing research.

**Our institutional model is based on a decentralized approach** in which regional hubs are engaging with country researchers and peer reviewers across all phases of the GDB and are our ‘centers of excellence’, while still being connected to a GDB Global Partnerships and Network which allows them to build capacity, benefit from peer learning and sharing, and thrive professionally, as the GDB moves forward to its next editions.

**Our vision** is that with each edition of the GDB, governments around the globe will align their policies with the concept of ‘data for public good’; that civil society, development partners, academia, media, will use GDB to inform their strategies and advocacy work; and datification trends will contribute towards more equitable and sustainable development, more open and accountable governments and an increased respect for human rights across the globe.”

### **Article III. Areas of cooperation and responsibilities of the Parties**

1. The Parties agree to cooperate, within the context of their organizational policies, resources and instruments, with the objective of providing the most complete and highest possible quality of the work done, aligned to the *Theory of Change* of the Global Data Barometer.
2. *The EaP & Central Asia Hub*, represented by **Institute for Development of Freedom of Information**, is acting as a regional partner for the GDB pilot 2020/21 edition of the study.



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3. The *EaP & Central Asia Hu* is responsible for tier 1 survey research for 12 countries (as per Annex 1 to this MoU).

The Hub is expected to engage with GDB across all main phases of the GDB first edition, however, as part of this MOU, a specific emphasis will be put on the Data Collection Phase:

Phases	Roles of the Europe Hub
<b>Field work, data collection, peer review/thematic review June 1 - August 31st, 2021</b>	<p>The Hub will help ensure that contracts are signed with 12 country researchers, including offering honoraria to researchers in line with the overall project policies (based on its separate agreement with UNFPA and through this additional agreement with ILDA).</p> <p>The Hub has flexibility to vary the overall honorarium amount in contracts drawing on additional sources, or responding to local needs. The Hub will decide on the exact honoraria amount for the national researchers, however, not exceeding the <i>total allocated amount for research honoraria budget line</i>.</p> <p>The Hub will convene regular calls with researchers and keep track of the progress made, and will be the first point of contact for researcher queries.</p> <p>The Hub will facilitate peer-review and thematic review process. The Hub will be asked to support regional analysis for the global report, through conversations to inform research findings, reviewing draft content, or writing short contributions.</p> <p><b>Total budget provided for this phase from ILDA (via additional RLA from UNFPA) is \$15,500</b></p>



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4. *The EaP & Central Asia Hub will be granted a total amount of \$15,500 as part of this MoU agreement.*

<b>Deliverable</b>	<b>Amount (in USD)</b>
Country researcher for Mongolia	\$ 2500
Data collection (peer review/thematic review) -12 countries X 500 USD	\$6000
Coordination of Data Collection Phase (3 months X \$1500)	\$4500
Miscellaneous	\$2500
<b>Total in USD</b>	<b>\$15,500</b>

**Payment will be made in one installment of USD 15,500** (to be transferred with the signature of the MoU).

*The Global Data Barometer project team will support both capacity building efforts as well as during the data collection phase, as well as ensure that EaP&Central Asia Hub is actively engaged in regional and global debates on data governance.*

The Global Data Barometer team aim is to develop new opportunities for collaborative work with the Hub beyond the pilot 2020/21 edition. Where needed, the GDB team will provide support to the Hub in reviewing bids, providing supporting content for the bids or letter of support, should the Hub be interested in fundraising for GDB work in the respective region.

5. The Parties shall establish a joint platform for regular communication, reporting, monitoring and evaluation of the work done.



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6. The Parties shall appoint Contact Persons within their respective organizations who will communicate and exchange information and bring to each other's attention information of common interest and areas that are of concern to all Parties.
7. Within two weeks of the entry into force of this MOU and, thereafter, as often as necessary and at least once a month, the Contact Persons shall convene a call to discuss progress made as per the agreed Action Plan of the *Hub*.

### **Article IV. Implementation of the MOU**

1. In order to implement any specific joint activities undertaken within this MOU, the Parties shall agree on additional separate documents, which shall outline the specific activities agreed upon with clear time-line and deliverables, including costs and expenses and how they are to be borne by the Parties.
2. Each Party having the responsibility to organize an agreed activity under this MOU shall apply its own administrative and financial regulations and comply with either its own practices or specific donor requirements.




### **Article VI. Entry into Force and Duration**

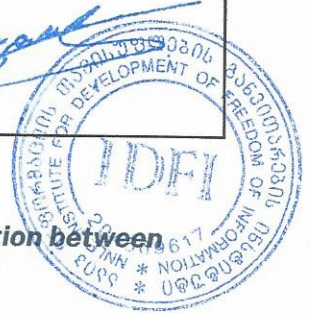
1. This MOU shall become effective upon signature by the Parties and remain in force until **December 2021**, on the understanding that the MOU may be extended through written agreement of the Parties.
2. Termination of participation in this MOU is possible only through a written notice provided by the Party who initiates the termination at least three (3) months in advance of the date on which the Party submitting such notice wishes to end their participation in the MOU. Without prejudice to the foregoing, steps shall be taken to ensure that termination of participation in this MOU shall not be prejudicial to any agreed activities undertaken within the framework of the MOU or to the completion of tasks for which binding obligations exist.

**IN WITNESS HEREOF**, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto, have on behalf of the Parties hereto signed this MOU:



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<i>For and on behalf of the ILDA-organizational partner for the Global Data Barometer project</i>	<i>For and on behalf of the Global Data Barometer project</i>	<i>For and on behalf of IDFI Georgia</i>
Ana Sofia Ruiz Director of Operations 	Silvana Fumega, Project Director 	Giorgi Kldiashvili, Executive Director 



**Annex 1. List of countries addressed as part of a broader collaboration between  
ILDA/Global Data Barometer project and IDFI Georgia.**

<b>Tier 1 countries</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Armenia</li><li>2. Azerbaijan</li><li>3. Belarus</li><li>4. Georgia</li><li>5. Moldova</li><li>6. Mongolia</li><li>7. Kyrgyzstan</li><li>8. Kazakhstan</li><li>9. Tajikistan</li><li>10. Turkmenistan</li><li>11. Ukraine</li><li>12. Uzbekistan</li></ol>
Note: the Hub will ensure to connect and engage the Russia Hub and its national researcher in its capacity building activities.