

# Mobile Data Solutions (Free Self-Paced Course)

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This two hour interactive on-demand online course developed by the Global Development Lab at USAID, FHI360, and TechChange explores how mobile technologies can be used to more effectively collect and disseminate data in order to better meet development goals. Access this full course for free from anywhere with an internet connection and anytime no matter your time zone.

#### Course Description

Mobile technologies offer transparent, timely and affordable solutions for collecting and disseminating data about people, projects, and programs.

USAID and its implementing partners can utilize this powerful technology to improve the efficiency and quality of the data we use to make decisions and to better meet USAID goals related to the Forward Reforms, the Evaluation Policy, and the Open Data Initiative.

This two hour interactive on-demand online course developed by the Global Development Lab at USAID, FHI360, and TechChange will help build the technical capacity necessary to achieve these goals.

#### Course Objectives

- How to assess a mobile data collection project and its required resources
- How to design a project to achieve the maximum impact possible
- How to implement a project to take advantage of appropriate technologies
- How to visualize and share the collected data with the relevant communities

# Course Methodology

Participants can expect a fun and practical learning environment with a mixture of animations, video interviews, scenario-based case studies, and interactive exercises including designing and undertaking a survey using mobile tools.

## Acknowledgements

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# Platform Screenshots

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#### Module 2: Project Design

We will discuss how to make the design process more effective. You will hear experts discuss their experience with designing mobile data solutions as well as practice analyzing projects to determine when such solutions are appropriate.

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# **Readiness Assessment**

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#### **Data Acquisition (Continued)**

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They also have demonstrated the ability of local people to use these technologies successfully even when they have had little to no exposure to the technology previously. However, it is important to consider that enumerators will often require additional training and support costs beyond that provided for paper surveys.

Click the question mark for more information on how to determine how much time to factor in for enumerator training.

# **Course Conclusion**

## Final Assessment

How much did you learn from the course? Take this final assessment for the mData course. There are eight questions. At the end of the assessment, you will be able to see your results as well as review and retry the assessment.



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