The Open Source Journey

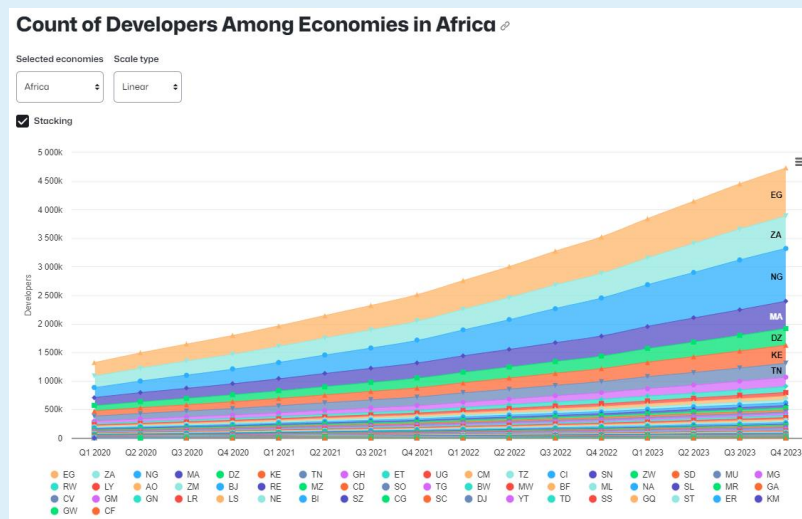The Go.Data transition to Open Source

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The WHO Open Source Programme Office at the WHO Pandemic Hub

What?   A **center of competency** for Open Source related efforts.

Why?   To **promote collaboration and open innovation** through practices that make it easier to grow contributor communities that include experts in software development and related fields.

How?   By defining and implementing Open Source **strategies, policies, and best practices** as well as providing **advice and hands on support.**

Who?   For those who want to develop, release, and scale Open Source solutions for pandemic and epidemic intelligence.

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Open Source at a glance

Count of Developers Among Economies in Africa

Open Source communities are growing

According to GitHub, 2023 saw the largest number of first-time Open Source contributors.[1 & 2]

Use - run as you wish

Study - access source code

Redistribute - help others

Modify - improve for community

Open Source fundamental freedoms are key

Open Source licenses ensure the fundamental freedoms for Open Source Software.[3]

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Digital public goods are accelerators

Recognition of digital public goods (more generally) and Digital Public Goods (those reviewed by DPGA), enhance discovery, use and investment.[4]

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[1] https://github.blog/2023-11-08-the-state-of-open-source-and-ai/
[2] https://innovationgraph.github.com/global-metrics/developers
[3] https://www.gnu.org/
[4] https://digitalpublicgoods.net/

The Go.Data community

Go.Data users, implementors and developers, all working to improve the process contact tracing during pandemics and epidemics.

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The Go.Data freedoms

Freedom to use, study, redistribute, and modify.

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Go.Data as digital public good

Go.Data is part of an ecosystem of tools and technologies that can be rapidly customized and enhanced to prepare for and respond to pandemics and epidemics.

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