



**Mobile Data Access for Public Benefit/SDGs:
Applications and Caveats
ITU-WTIS 2015**

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Flowminder (NGO): Unique track-record of applied work with mobile operators in support of international & government agencies

Sample collaborations and donors:



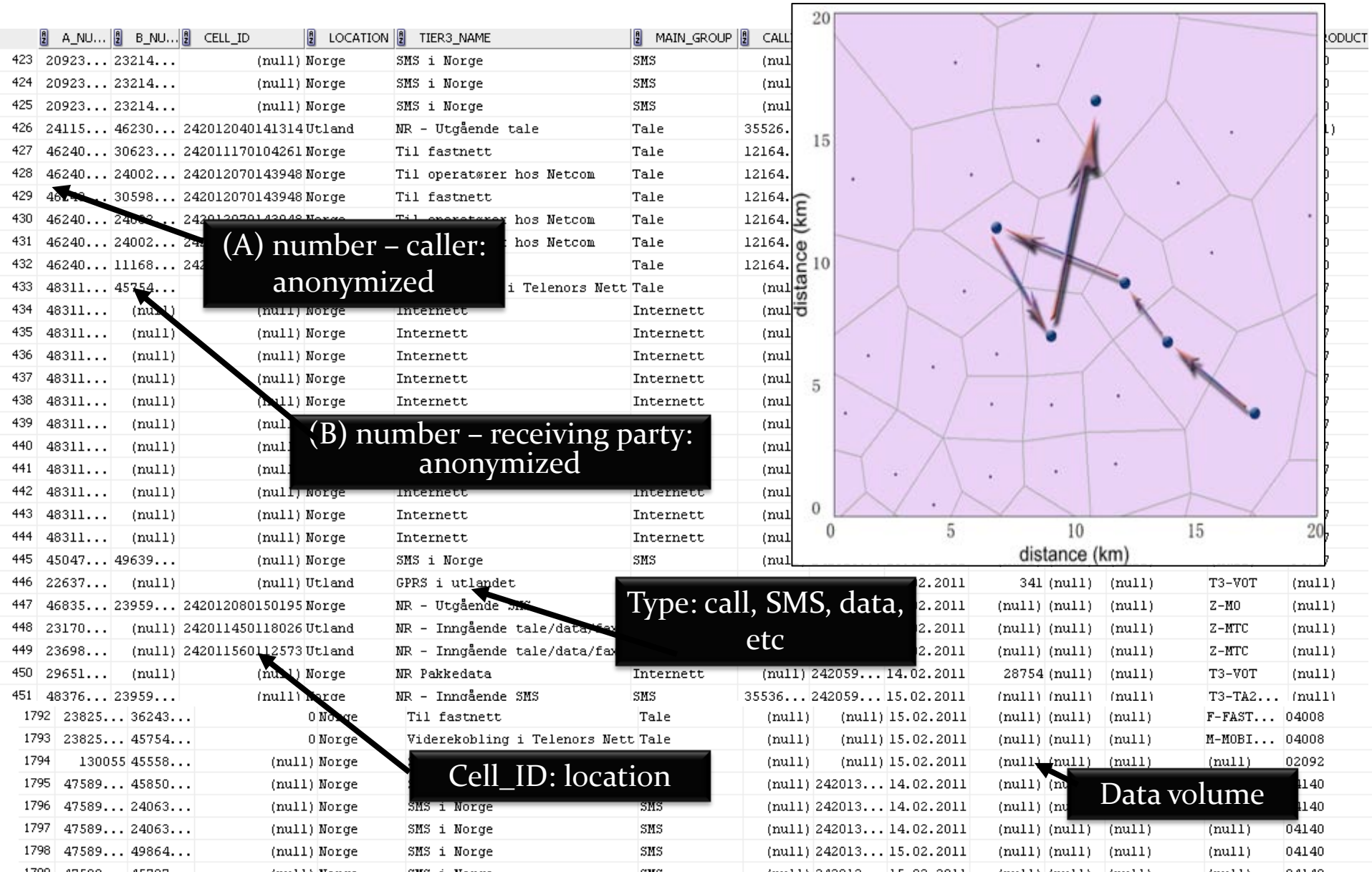
Dialogue partners on privacy and policy



Sample mobile operator collaborations:



Mobile network data: Call detail records (CDR)



Flowminder team pioneered CDR analyses for infectious disease: 2008- malaria (Zanzibar, Kenya, Namibia), 2010 cholera (Haiti), 2015 dengue (Pakistan)



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How Cell-Phone Data Could Slow the Spread of Malaria

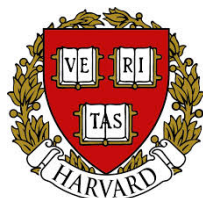
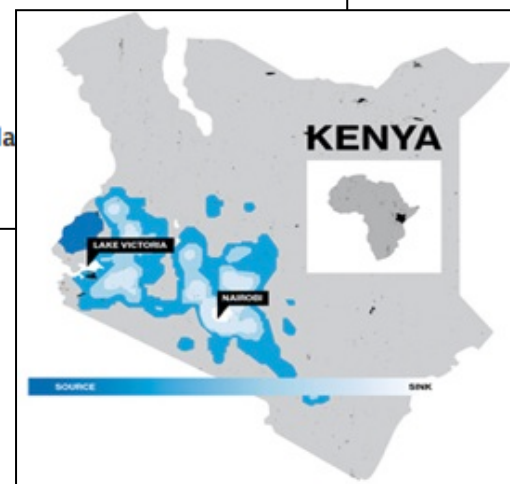
Location data suggests a better way to fight a disease that kills a million people a year.

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REPORT

Quantifying the Impact of Human Mobility on Malaria

Amy Wesolowski^{1,2}, Nathan Eagle^{3,4}, Andrew J. Tatem^{5,6,7}, David L. Smith^{6,8}, Abdisala Robert W. Snow^{9,10}, Caroline O. Buckee^{4,11,*}



First CDR analyses/method development for Ebola (Aug 2014)

27 août 2014

ALLÔ DOCTEUR – Suivre les téléphones portables pour prévoir la diffusion du virus Ebola



Le Monde

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Cell-Phone Data Might Help Predict Ebola's Spread

Mobility data from an African mobile-phone carrier could help researchers recommend where to focus health-care efforts.

First project (MDEEP) on CDR and climate impacts: 2013 Bangladesh cyclone Mahasen



**International Centre for
Climate Change and
Development**

at
Independent University, Bangladesh
in partnership with BCAS and IED



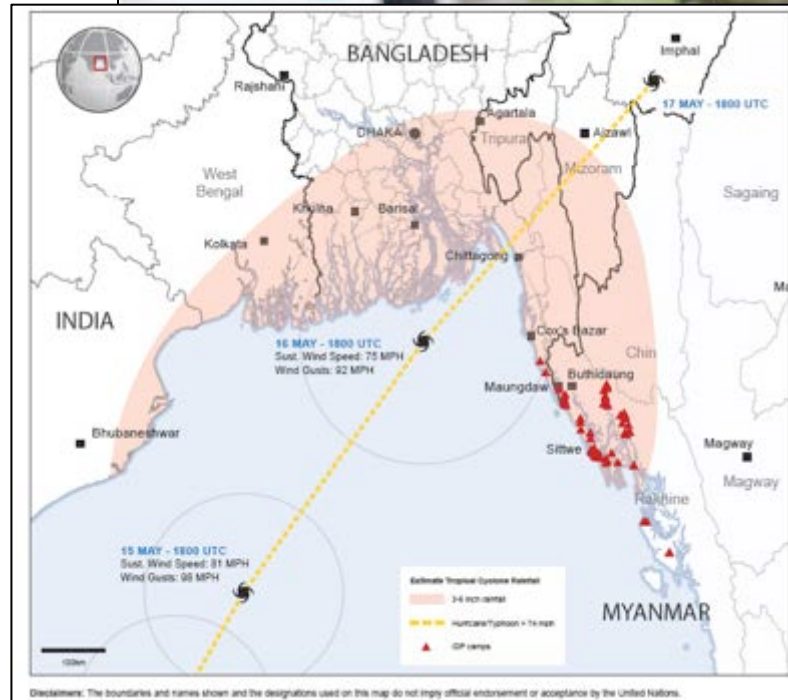
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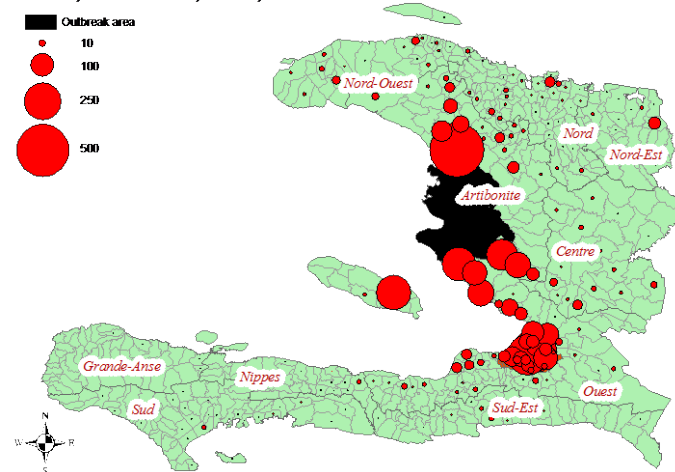
Pioneered de-identified CDR for disaster response: 2010 Haiti earthquake & cholera outbreak



Digicel HQ day after the earthquake

Digicel

Average daily numbers of sims that moved out from the communal sections surrounding Saint-Marc, Oct 15 to Oct 23, 9:00 am, 2010.



GLOBAL UPDATE

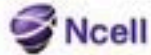
Haiti: Cellphone Tracking Helps Groups Set Up More Effective Aid Distribution, Study Says



The New York Times

Nepal 2015 earthquake: data access and analyses within 14 days

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Nepal Population Estimates as of 27th May 2015

Pre-earthquake population

2.8m

Population outflow (above normal)

+340,000

(200,000 ~ 480,000)

Population inflow (above normal)

-150,000

(-90,000 ~ -210,000)

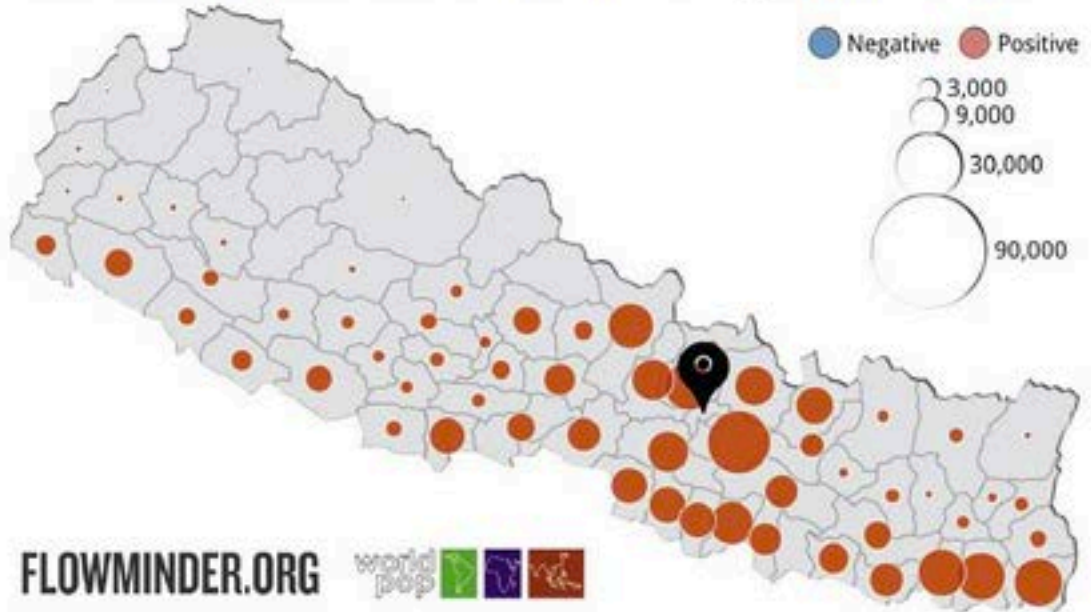
2. Kathmandu Valley

Kathmandu Valley is here defined as the districts Kathmandu, Bhaktapur and Lalitpur. Kathmandu Valley is home to 2.8m people under normal conditions [1].

Key findings:

- An estimated 340,000 people more than normal had left Kathmandu Valley - comparing 23rd-27th May with 20th-24th April (ratio to the population 12%).
- An estimated 150,000 persons less than normal had come into Kathmandu Valley during the same period (ratio to the population -5.3%).
- People leaving Kathmandu Valley went to a large number of areas, notably the populous areas in the south and the Central and West Development Regions.

Above normal flows from Kathmandu Valley to other districts



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[1] www.worldpop.org

Above normal flows from Kathmandu Valley to other districts (comparing 23rd-27th May and 20th-24th April).

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Where are we?

Ncell partners with Flowminder to track movement of Nepalis post-earthquake

Ayesha Shakya

Nearly 400,000 people left the Valley in six days after quake: Study

More than 390,000 people left Kathmandu Valley after the devastating earthquake of April 25. This is what a study report pre-

In Sindhupalchowk, the most affected district, an estimated 15,000 people (which is more than the normal inflow) had arrived at the district in the review period. Travel to Kathmandu went down drastically and out of the people leaving the district, many went to Kavrepalanchowk, with lesser number also going to Sarlahi, Siraha, Jhapa and Nuwakot.

An estimated 41,000 individuals went to Gorkha, the epicentre of April 25 earthquake, during the review period. Meanwhile, an estimated 2,000 people moved to

aSonera said that Ncell was providing customer macro data to the Flowminder that processes the data to better understand population displacement and mobility patterns pre- and post-quake. Nepal has 23 million mobile phone subscribers out of a population of 27 million people and Ncell claims to have 46 per cent market share.

Earlier, Flowminder, which pioneered analysis of mobile network data to support responses to natural disasters and epidemics, had used the same technique when Zanzibar was affected by

The Himalayan

Landslides and Displacement Situation Update

27 August 2015



Nepal Earthquake Assessment Unit

This report is an update of the 'Landslide and displacement update' of 27 July 2015. The main objective of this note is to provide an overview of the current situation and limitations of the available data.

Overview

2.33 million people not living in original house

59,500 people in 104 sites >20 HH

Almost **80,000** people relocated due to landslide risks

REACH/Shelter Cluster Assessment 17/05/2015

CCCM DTM 21/07/2015

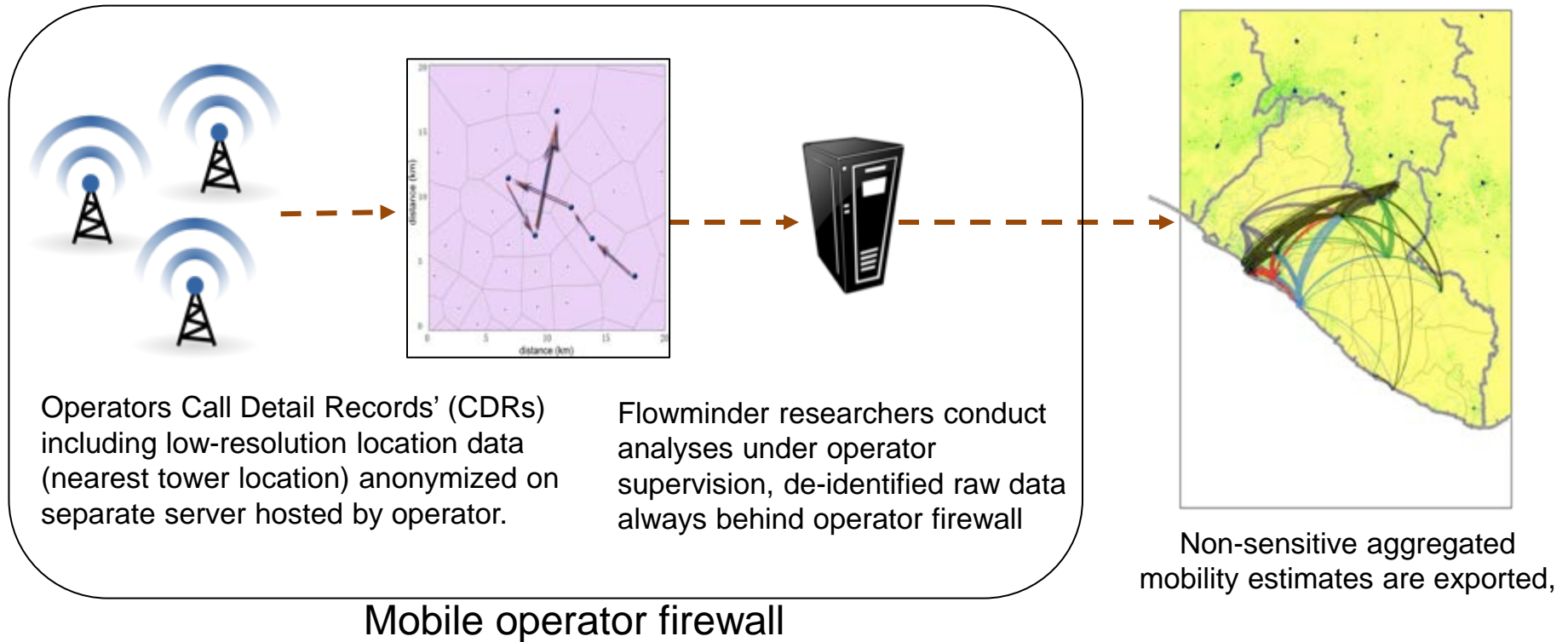
Media sources 17/08/2015



Office of the United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator



Flowminder access model: supporting MNOs to provide statistics



Raw data never leaves mobile operator custody to avoid privacy, security & commercial concerns - Only exporting aggregate statistics and indicators.