Digital Square Webinar: Private Sector Digital Adaptations for COVID-19 Response

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Agenda

● Introduction and objectives (Skye Gilbert, Digital Square)
● DIAL (Kate Wilson)
● Facebook (Praveen Raja)
● Tableau (Neal Myrick)
● mClinica (Farouk Meralli)
● Microsoft (Brooke Loughrin)
● General Q&A (Skye to facilitate)
Objectives for this session

- Explore private sector digital adaptations at different points along the digital & data value chain
- Support the global digital health community in identifying collaboration opportunities
Introductions

Skye Gilbert, Digital Square
Kate Wilson, Digital Impact Alliance (DIAL)
Praveen Raja, Facebook
Neal Myrick, Tableau
Farouk Meralli, mClinica
Brooke Loughrin, Microsoft
Kate Wilson, DIAL
COVID-19 tools: What tech and data sources already exist that you can use today
Common questions that have ready solutions
Presenting three tools and people who can help you deliver response efforts

What software platforms and applications already exist that I can use in my COVID-19 response efforts?

Have you ever had to figure out …?

Can I access new data sources to find out how many people live in an area to predict where supplies will be needed?

How do I set up a messaging programs to quickly deliver messages to my whole population?

Can I access data to better predict where people are moving and trace disease spread?
Published instructions on how to work with Mobile Aggregators

And provide guidance on which mobile channels will meet your needs

And detail how messaging platforms can be leveraged

Collected this data into an online catalog that maps global providers and their capabilities and lets you drill down on which countries they serve. You then contact the group and get started.

(https://registry.dial.community/organizations)

Contact Tanvir Singh Natt: tsinghnatt@digitalimpactalliance.org for free consults
Software Evaluation: Build from what already exists

Working with Digital Square, we made it easier to find which products were already in use and could be optimized for COVID-19 response efforts via an Online Catalog.

1. Mapped all digital tools that could be used by countries across sectors.
2. Developed an online catalog that shows available digital tools.
3. Filtered it for COVID-19 products only.
4. Educate donors on the Digital Principles and how these products link to procurement.

Contact Steve Conrad sconrad@digitalimpactalliance.org to learn more

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Mobile Network Data: Get access to data insights

We bring together NGOs, governments and the private sector to answer COVID-19 questions

1. Research shows which data is most useful from a CDR and its application to health.

2. Set up relationships in specific countries for on-going data sources and responsible data policies. Example: https://youtu.be/pDgFTPJ5eVU

3. Support the MOH and NGO to get on-going stream of non personal data. Used to predict where to place health response efforts, track mobility movements.

4. Implementers working with governments and operators that you can contract with now.

DIAL model in MWI TZA & UGA
OPAL used in COL & SEN
Flowkit used in GHA HAI NAM & NEP
DIAL's Ongoing Support to Aid COVID-19 Response

[Images and logos of DIAL, COVID-19 Response, and Data for Now]
COVID-19 Resources and Contacts

Website: www.digitalimpactalliance.org

Online catalog: https://registry.dial.community

Principles for Digital Development: www.digitalprinciples.org

For more information, contact: info@digitalimpactalliance.org
THANK YOU
COVID-19 Facebook Health Initiatives
How is Facebook responding to COVID-19?
Steps Facebook is taking to respond to the coronavirus

- Prevention Health Information and Social Behavioral Change
- Frontline Health workers & Health Systems
- Containment & Epidemiology
- Mental Health & Well-being

Source: Facebook newsroom 03/18/2020
Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information Center

• Real-time updates from national health authorities and global organizations such as the WHO, as well as helpful articles, videos and posts about social distancing and preventing the spread of COVID-19

• Follow the Info Center to receive updates from health authorities directly in News Feed

• Features to help people connect with local groups and ask for or offer help within their community
Over 2 billion people have received information from the WHO and other health authorities through our COVID-19 Information Center and educational pop-ups on Facebook and Instagram with over 350 million people clicking through to learn more.
• Government health organizations use Messenger to share timely information with local communities and speed up their replies to commonly asked questions with tools like automated responses

• WHO Health Alert answers common questions about COVID-19 and provides reliable information about how to prevent the spread of the coronavirus as well as travel advice, coronavirus myth debunking and more
• Supporting online COVID-19 related health communities / groups

• Prompt group admins to share authoritative content, e.g. Live broadcasts and curriculum on how to stay safe during outbreak

• 2000+ partners using Facebook local alerts
Stopping misinformation and harmful content

- Limiting misinformation and harmful content
- Banning ads for medical face masks, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, and COVID-19 test kits
- Prohibiting exploitative tactics in ads

Source: Facebook newsroom 03/18/2020
• **Fact-checking program:** Displayed warnings on about 40 million posts related to COVID-19, based on around 4,000 articles by our independent fact-checking partners. *When people saw those warning labels, 95% of the time they did not go on to view the original content.*

• **Removed hundreds of thousands of posts with harmful misinformation** that could lead to imminent physical harm, like “drinking bleach cures the virus” and theories like physical distancing is ineffective in preventing the disease from spreading.
Informs disease forecasting efforts & protective measures

Data for Good

-Disease Prevention Maps

Co-location maps

Movement range trends

Social connectedness index
1 million responses in the US that correlate with publicly available data on confirmed cases, which suggests this data can help predict where the disease will spread.

Facebook & Carnegie Mellon University COVID-19 Symptom Map
Facebook AI and New York University have partnered to create localized forecasting models of the spread of COVID-19.

- Facebook and Cornell University are using public data to model the predicted spread of coronavirus in New York.
- NYU leverages this information in their models to estimate how progression of the disease will affect hospitals, bed and ICU capacity, and local demand for ventilators, masks, and other PPE needs at a hospital and county level.
- Facebook and NYU Langone Health’s Predictive Analytics Unit are building hospital-specific forecasts for COVID-19, using reinforcement learning, causal modeling, and supervised/self-supervised learning techniques.
- These models, which learn from de-identified X-rays and CT scans, as well as other de-identified and aggregated clinical data to predict the number of patients whose condition is likely to improve or worsen in a given time period; how many people are likely to be admitted, transferred to ICUs, or discharged; and the number of ventilators, types of tests, and treatments that might be needed. Facebook AI is neither making nor recommending diagnoses for individual patients.
• Request or offer help to others during COVID-19

• Donate to nonprofit fundraisers
Thank you
To encourage the use of facts and analytical reasoning to solve the world’s problems.
COVID-19 Related Activities

● Launched three funds:
  ○ **Community Response Fund** – providing community support in 22 cities around the world
  ○ **Hunger Fund** – supporting food banks and other hunger-related activities that reach vulnerable populations
  ○ **Resiliency Fund** – to help nonprofits buy technology needed to enable staff to work remotely

● Building data capacity through software and training
  ○ Partnering with organizations to rapidly deploy the Tableau platform
  ○ Providing 3 months of access to our e-learning platform for anyone

● Launched the Tableau COVID-19 Data Hub
Global COVID-19 Starter Workbook

We have created a downloadable workbook with a starter dashboard and an embedded connection to a clean Johns Hopkins University Coronavirus Data Stream that combines WHO and CDC case data. Anyone can blend their own data with this workbook to better understand the impact on their organization. View the Dashboard

LATEST UPDATES:
JHU Data Stream is updated daily at 11 a.m. ET
We added county level data for the U.S.

Special thanks to Tableau Zen Masters Anya A’Hoorn, Tamas Foldi, Allan Walker, and Jonathan Drummond for all of their work to make these resources more accessible to the public.
Access the data

Amazon Web Services (AWS)

The AWS Data Exchange makes it easy to find, subscribe to, and use COVID-19 data in the cloud.

- Refreshed daily by 10 p.m. PT
- View in AWS Data Exchange

data.world

COVID-19 case data can be directly downloaded or accessed through a Web Data Connector from data.world, a platform for data that enables users to post, search, and collaborate on data sets on a large and meaningful scale.

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- Hyper File: Direct Download
- CSV File: Direct Download | Link for Web Data Connector

Google Sheets

With the Google Sheets connector, you can use Google Sheets as a data source in Tableau Desktop. Vizzes on Tableau Public that use the Google Sheets connector can be automatically updated once per day. Please note that Google Sheets may experience periodic outages during times of peak usage.

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- View in Google Sheets
Building Data Capacity

- Helping existing Tableau users expand capacity
- Providing access to our e-learning platform
- Partnering with organizations including Dimagi, ThinkMD, AtmaConnect and others to help build infrastructure and visualizations
- Partnering with implementing organizations such as PATH and CooperSmith to build capacity in countries
- Supporting the Center for Data Visualization in their COVID-19 data hackathons
Farouk Meralli, mClinica
Enhancing COVID-19 Care at the Pharmacy Through Mobile Technology
Pharmacies are Critical to Public Health

Pharmacists are the first point of access to modern medical advice and treatment for many people in Southeast Asia, especially the poor and rural.\(^1,2\) Patients may not go to a hospital or clinic at all unless treatment at the pharmacy level fails first\(^3\) – pharmacists are critical to primary healthcare in these markets.\(^4\)

Reasons why patients go to pharmacies first\(^1,5\):

- Long opening hours
- Availability of medicines
- Ability to purchase small quantities of medicines
- No time or money to go to hospital or clinic
- Geographic familiarity
- Privacy concerns

Pharmacies across southeast Asia are fragmented

>80% of pharmacies are independent
We operate at the last mile

Pharmaceutical Company → Distributor → Sub Distributor/Wholesaler → Pharmacy → Patient

Data and Access Gap
SwipeRx – SuperApp for Pharmacy Professionals

- Accredited CPD modules
- News and announcements
- Collaboration with colleagues
- Case reporting and referrals
- Research surveys
- Drug directory
- Report adverse events
- Job opportunities
We digitally connected over 150,000 pharmacy professionals from 40,000 pharmacies across Southeast Asia.

Our pharmacy network now reaches approximately 150 million patients.
In all our markets, we have engaged from 25% up to 70% of the pharmacists, creating a brand that pharmacy professionals know and trust.

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Case Study: COVID-19 in Indonesia

Since the first reported case on March 2, COVID-19 has spread across every province.

Today, there are 10,118 confirmed cases and 792 reported deaths.
We are using the pharmacy network to drive research, awareness and education.
Patients are visiting pharmacies for COVID-19 care

The pharmacy is an accessible source of care for the community during COVID-19 because they provide critical services like drug dispensing and counseling.

50% of patients seek advice on COVID-19 at the pharmacy

39% complain about COVID-19 symptoms

50% of patients bought fever or cold medicine during the period

1. Survey sample - 363 pharmacy professionals on SwipeRx between April 8-19, 2020
Pharmacy education on COVID-19 needs improvement

Equipping pharmacy professionals with reliable and current information on COVID-19 can lead to more informed patient care.

53% of pharmacy professionals got the symptoms of COVID-19 wrong

96% got the criteria for rapid testing wrong

70% got the criteria for hospital referrals wrong

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Pharmacy professionals are key to the fight against COVID-19

“My pharmacy remains open because the pharmacy provides health services and it is a moral and professional responsibility to continue serving in any situation. Has there ever been a time when there were no sick people? … So the pharmacy must still serve.”
Brooke Loughrin, Microsoft
Interactive Visualizations and Modeling Infections

One of the most impactful open datasets is provided by Johns Hopkins University. All the data collected is available on GitHub and the mapping solution is hosted by our partner Esri on Azure. IHME at the UW is hosting its data visualizations showing demand for hospital services on Azure. If you are on a team that needs access to any GitHub products or services for a COVID-19 project, send the team a note with info about your project and how GitHub can help.

Low-Code Application Development

As an end to end low-code application development platform, Power Platform is enabling citizen and professional developers to build apps and workflows for rapid crisis response in a matter of hours—not months—that connect to your existing data and systems. Power Apps and Power BI communities around the world are lending their time and expertise to create pre-built templates and solutions that can be easily customized and deployed.
Enabling the deployment of public health tools and services for self-assessment and self-screening

Healthcare Bot Service

COVID-19 self-assessment bots are helping healthcare organizations respond to inquiries, provide guidelines, answer questions, and guide people to sites of care. Together with the world’s leading plasma companies, Microsoft has also launched a self-screening tool that recovered COVID-19 patients can use to self-qualify for plasma donation.
Supporting the discovery and development of diagnostics, therapeutics, and vaccines

Decoding the Immune Response to COVID-19
Adaptive Biotechnologies and Microsoft are leveraging our existing partnership to find the relevant immune response signature to COVID-19 in order to advance solutions to diagnose, treat and prevent the disease and will provide an open data access portal for anyone to use in the fight against the pandemic.

Delivering Computing and Storage Infrastructure
We are also partnering with ImmunityBio to perform computational analysis of the spike protein structure of SARS-CoV-2 – and have contributed 24 petaflops of GPUs. We are also contributing computing power to our Folding@Home’s open-source, distributed-computing effort focused on computational drug design.
COVID-19 grants and resources

$20 million in AI for Health grants (Azure cloud and HPC capabilities, AI and data science resources), are now available to COVID-19 initiatives (you already heard about IHME at UW and Folding@Home!) focused on five areas where we think data, analysis, and the skills of our data scientists can have the greatest impact:

- **Data and insights** to inform for people’s safety and economic impacts
- **Treatment and diagnostics**, enabling research to further the development of vaccines, diagnostics, and therapeutics
- **Allocation of resources**, including recommendations on the allocation of limited assets, such as hospital space and medical supplies
- **Dissemination of accurate information** to minimize misinformation sharing
- **Scientific research** to study and understand COVID-19

Other resources focused on eligible NGOs:

- Microsoft offers donated or discounted products, including cloud services like Office 365 (including Teams), Azure and Dynamics 365, Surface hardware, and on-premises software.
- We’re building on our long-standing support to the nonprofit sector by committing $35 million to double our Azure credits, increase our Windows benefits and add new pro bono services to help critical care and first response NGOs.
Thank you!