

Summary Notes: Discussion on data science and ethics within the Humanitarian Sector

<p>group discussed about exploring an online repository where work can be uploaded too and commented on by peers.</p> <p>Additionally, it was discussed that we may want to develop some sort of group endorsement statement, that can then be put on reports stating it has gone through this review process e.g. “This work has been passed through a technical peer review by the members of the Humanitarian Data Science and Ethics group (URL)”. This will both legitimise the work, and also quietly advocate that peer review is vital component of research, and helps to support quality assurance, thus encouraging others to do the same.</p> <p>From the ethical review part, it was discussed that this will be raised on how to do this at the next meeting with the wider group. Submitting code / equations etc to the wider group may not make sense, so it may be more appropriate at inception stage or when more macro level discussions happen.</p>	<p>online repository where work can be reviewed and commented on. [REDACTED] from IOM offered to research.</p>
<p><u>What type of ethics for data science are organizations involved in:</u> Like in the first meeting we discussed ethics with perspectives shared by participants, but did not collect systematic information on ethics work. We need to do a similar research into the on-going work by the ethic colleagues as this is a missing piece of the discussion.</p>	<p><u>ACTION 3)</u> To follow up and conduct a more comprehensive mapping of ethic work on this topic</p>
<p><u>Presenting real life case studies of data science practices:</u> It was discussed it may be useful to explain to the group what is the result or can be the result if we imagine combining all our different data science efforts in one country/region, e.g., Nigeria / West Africa.</p>	<p><u>ACTION 4)</u> DTM/IDMC/Flowminder to agree on country/region to present their different data science work</p>

Moving Forward

- Next Meeting, September 25th 1530pm BST. **Proposed Agenda** (please share feedback/comments/topics):
 - Update on Problem Space discussion, and short discussion about the taxonomy of harm/harm spectrum
 - Update on establishing a peer review mechanism
 - How will the ethic stakeholders engage?
 - Presentation of data science work for a specific context, e.g. Nigeria by DTM, FlowMinder and IDMC
 - AoB