Data Responsibility Scenario v2

People: 2 to 24 people
Time: 30 Minutes
Difficulty: Medium

THE SCENARIO

You work for an International NGO in Ethiopia that supports Internationally Displaced Persons in the country. You manage the Monitoring and Evaluation Unit and lead a regular survey that collects comprehensive information about IDPs from key informant interviews. You have recently completed round 8 of the survey, and the report has generated a lot of interest. Most partners are concerned with the worsening situation although some are sceptical of the numbers. The government is especially critical of the numbers.

You and your team have 30 minutes to make decisions and tackle the key questions.

Key Questions

- What are some of the risks, gaps and? How will you safeguard the data workflows to protect the most vulnerable?
- What are some of the steps, roles, and decisions in this survey process?
- What is the minimal data set that can be shared and with who? Why?
  - How was consent acquired, how is the data stored and transmitted?

Your Decision Points

You have received a request for the data for the last round from the following partners. Should we be sharing the data with this actor? And at what stage of the process would you do so? How will you manage/share the data with outside providers?

1. The public information unit at your NGO’s headquarters based in Geneva. They want to take a look at the data to see if they could make a compelling graphic from the data to accompany a press release about the worsening situation.
2. The Office of the Governor of one of the worst affected regions identified in the latest round of the survey. They say they would like to take action and need the data.
3. The office of the UN Resident Coordinator, who would like to use the data, together with data from other sources to build a clearer picture of the broader situation in the country.
4. The programme officer from the donor funding your NGO
5. One of the key informants/community members who took part in the survey and feels your report did not accurately capture the problem in their area
6. There is also a process to share data via an open data sharing platform with the potential to increase the impact of the data through exposing the data to a broad audience through the development of a captivating dashboard based on the data. When would you do this and what data would you give them?

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