Governments' Responses to COVID19 Database - Sources

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The Governments' responses to COVID19 database puts together all the measures implemented by governments worldwide in response to the Coronavirus pandemic. It particularly separates the information in two categories - economic measures and public health measures.

Each category is broken down into several types of measures. Economic measures include wage support, cash transfers, credit schemes, tax cuts, tax delays, support to exporters and importers and interest rates cuts . Public health measures include schools closure, postponement of elections, bans mass gatherings, restaurants and bars closures, travel restrictions, domestic lockdown, cancellation of sporting and large events, state of emergency, testing policies and enhanced surveillance.

The database is built using several sources:
- the ACAPS : https://www.acaps.org/projects/covid19-0;
- IDEA : https://www.idea.int/publications/catalogue/elections-and-covid-19;
- the IGC: https://www.theigc.org/covid-19/tracker/;
- the IMF: https://www.imf.org/en/Topics/imf-and-covid19/Policy-Responses-to-COVID-19;
- the UNESCO: https://en.unesco.org/covid19/educationresponse.

For economic measures, the initial sources used to identify the key measures are the IMF (primary source) and the IGC (secondary check). When the of implementation are not found on the IMF website, we rely on the information reported by the ACAPS (secondary source) and, if the information is retrieved, on alternative sources reported in the "Econ sources" sheet . A binary coding is applied: 1 means that the source is used and 0 means that source is available but not used. N/A indicates that no information was found in the source.

For public health measures, we used several sources depending on the measures covered. The initial sources are the UNESCO for schools, IDEA for election and the ACAPS for other public health measures. A binary coding is applied: 1 means that the source covers the country and is used, N/A tha country is not covered in the source. Sources for each country are reported in the "Public health sources" sheet.

If you point any error, or if you have any comments, please contact us at porcher.iae@univ-paris1.fr or leave a message on the GitHub page of the pr https://github.com/simonporcher/COVID-19-Governments-Responses.

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