How to Create a Project

with DataWinners

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Introduction

DataWinners Overview

DataWinners is an online do-it-yourself mobile data collection service for development professionals like you. Organizations all over the world use DataWinners to transform paper forms into digital questionnaires. Staff submits data in seconds using any combination of SMS, Smartphone and Web with the equipment they already have.

Objective of the Document

Provide a step-by-step guide to help Project Managers convert their paper forms to digital questionnaires.

Target Group

Project managers who need complete, accurate and timely data to make better decisions.

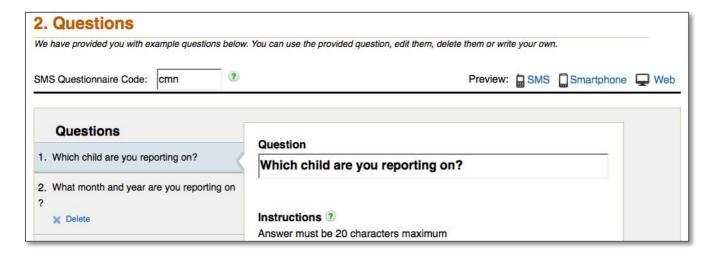
Time Estimation

This guide will help you to build your digital questionnaires in minutes. Once created, you can immediately begin collecting the data you need via SMS, Smartphone and Web!

2 Creating a Project in DataWinners

This guide will lead you through the four key steps to get started collecting data with DataWinners.

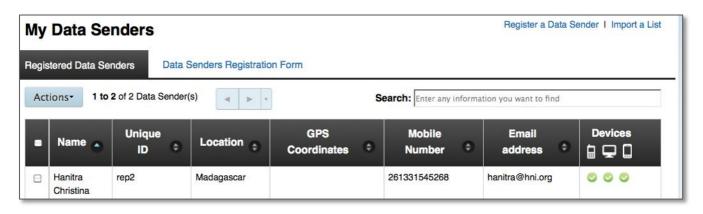
Step 1: Build your Questionnaire



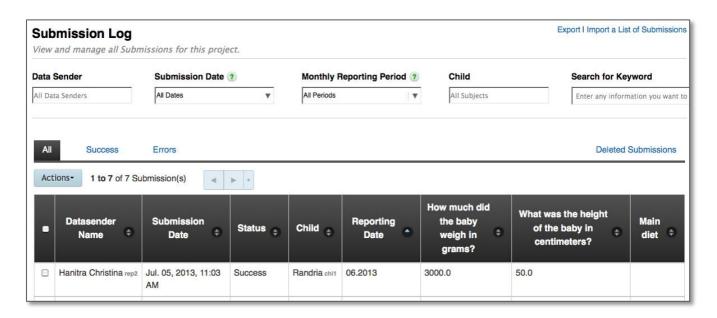
Step 2: Create profiles for your people, places and things



Step 3: Authorize who can send you data



Step 4: Collect data



Create Your Questionnaire

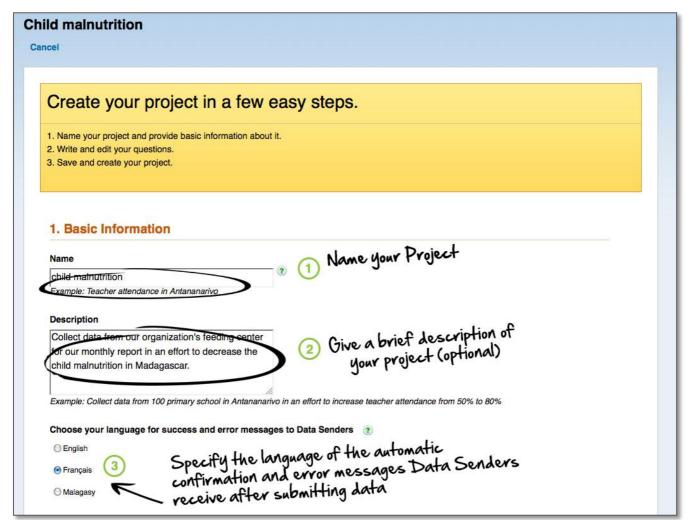
When you sign in to DataWinners (<u>www.datawinners.com/login</u>), you land on the Dashboard page.

This page is where you will create a new project. You can also see a list of existing projects. Each project in DataWinners represents a single questionnaire. You can create an unlimited number of projects in your DataWinners account.



3.1 Project Profile

Click "Create a new project" to fill in some basic information about your project.



Summary Report vs. Individual Report

Choose between collecting Summary Reports or Individual Reports about a specific Subject.



Summary Report

Choose this option if you want answers to a list of basic questions.

Example Project

Osi, the Project Manager for a child nutrition project, needs to collect a monthly activity report from each of her Nutrition Agents. She asks her Data Senders the following questions:

- 1. What month and year are you reporting on?
- 2. How many babies did you weigh last month?
- 3. How many babies were severely malnourished?

Individual Report

With DataWinners, you can go beyond collecting summaries; you can collect individual reports about a specific Subject.

Subjects are people, places, things, or events you want to collect data about. Examples of Subjects include: patients, regions, health clinics, trainings, etc. Before collecting data about your subjects, first create a profile for them in DataWinners. You can assign each a unique identification number as part of their profile. Your Data Senders then use these identification numbers when submitting their data. (Example Question: What water pump are you reporting on? - Answer: wp003). See section 4 Register Subjects for more information on creating Subject profiles.

- Example Project

Osi needs key data after each child's visit to a Feeding Center. She asks her Data Senders (Nutrition Agents) the following questions:

- 1. What is the identification number of the baby?
- (Note, every baby has a profile in DataWinners and has a unique identification number)
- 2. How much did the baby weigh in grams?
- 3. What was the height of the baby in centimeters?

3.2 Questionnaire Builder

The Questionnaire is the basis for every data collection project in DataWinners. You build your questionnaire on the Questionnaire builder page. Before starting, ask yourself two questions:

- 1. What key data do I need to collect from the field to gain insight and make the right decisions?
- 2. How can I formulate the question so my Data Senders understand what I want from them?

You might want to start by reviewing your current paper form and identifying the most pressing information needs.

When you create a project, DataWinners automatically adds two questions to your questionnaire:

- 1. Subject Identification Question (Example: Which child are you reporting on?). We recommend that you use identification numbers for your subjects rather than names in order to avoid spelling errors. Before collecting data about a specific Subject, you can create a profile for each in DataWinners. The profile includes a unique identification number. Data Senders answer this question by using the Subject's identification number that's already registered in DataWinners. See section 4 Register Subjects for more information. (Please note that DataWinners will not add this question if you choose the Summary Report option).
- 2. Reporting Period Question (Example: What is the reporting period for the activity?). This question is a reminder to include a reporting period question in your questionnaire. For example, you may want to collect information monthly. You can edit this question to read, "What month and year are you reporting on?" Data Senders then answer by specifying the reporting period (example: 07.2013). This reporting period question is separate from the date and time your Data Senders submit their data, as DataWinners automatically registers the submission date and time in the Submission Log.



Congratulations! You successfully created your project. Now learn how to register your Subjects and Data Senders.

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4 Register Subjects

The next step is to create a profile for each Subject by filling out a registration form. If you choose Summary Report, you can skip this step, and move directly to Step 3: Register Data Senders (page 14). Think of the profile as background data for each of your Subjects (Example: Child's first name, Child's last name, Child's mother's name, GPS code of village, unique identification number, etc.)

There are several advantages to registering Subject profiles:

- 1. Improve data quality: ID numbers help avoid data errors due to common misspellings or typos.
- 2. Speed up data collection: Register the background information once, then Data Senders only have to answer one question (Example: "What is the identification number of the child"?). They'll have to just type the short code instead of typing a long text.
- 3. Use Subject IDs for multiple DataWinners Projects: Once you create your profiles, you can use the same Identification numbers across several different questionnaires.

The first step is to create a Subject registration form for your Subjects. Come up with a list of simple background questions you'd like to collect for each of your Subject types as part of the Subject profile. DataWinners provides a first draft of the Subject questionnaire. You can edit this to include any questions that would be useful for your Project.

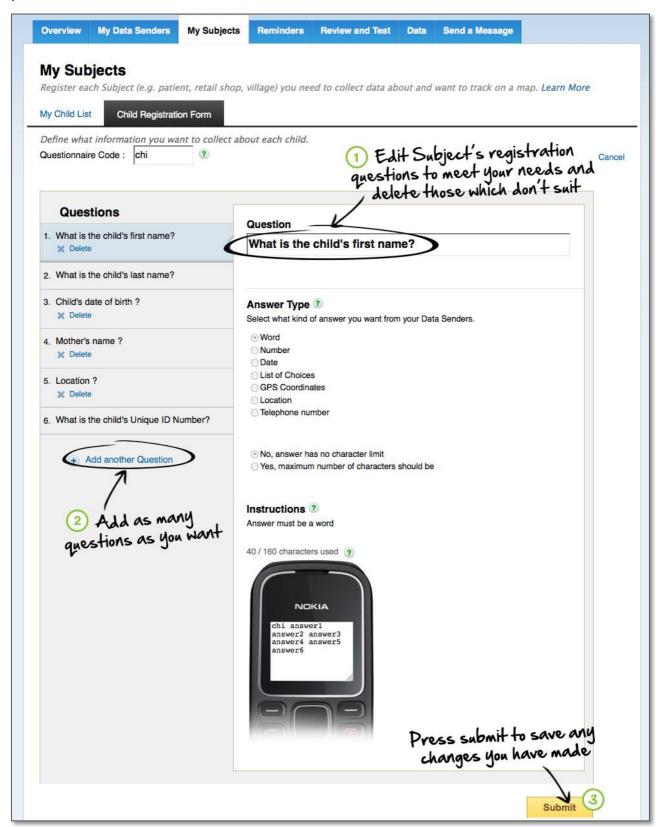
4.1 My Subjects List

Click on the blue "My Subjects" tab to see an overview of the "My Subjects" section.



4.2 Subject Registration Form

You can customize the Subject registration form to meet your needs for each Subject type. The Subject registration form builder is similar to the Questionnaire builder – you can add, edit and delete questions as needed.



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4.3 How to Register a Subject

Once your Subject Registration Form is ready, you have three options to register your Subject profiles:

- 1. One-by-one using the web form
- 2. In bulk using "Import a list"
- 3. In the field using SMS

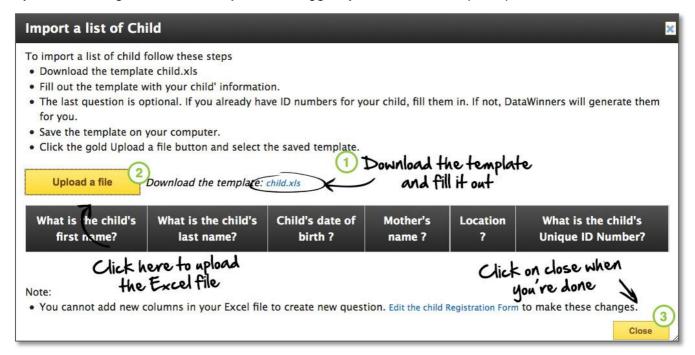
4.3.1 Register a Subject by Web Form

To register a Subject by Web form, please click on "Register Child (your Subject will be displayed accordingly)" in the upper right hand side (see screen shot in section 4 Register Subjects above) or in the Subject Registration Form page, click on the Web button next to the SMS button.



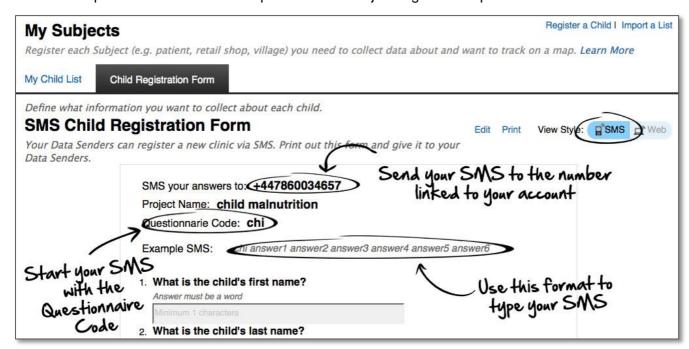
4.3.2 Import a list of Subjects

If you have a large number of Subjects, we suggest you choose the import option.



4.3.3 Register a Subject by SMS

Click on the "Subject Registration Form" tab on the My Subjects page. There is a link to print this form Please print this form and share it with your field staff. When registering a new Subject, they have to type the SMS in the following format: QuestionnaireCode answer1 answer2 answer3... One space is used as a separator between each response to the Subject registration questions.



Now that you've registered your Subjects, you only have one step left before your project is ready for data collection: **Register Data Senders**.

Register Data Senders

To ensure the quality of your data, it is important to specify who has authorization to send you data. All account users can authorize Data Senders to submit data by filling out a short registration form. Remember, Data Senders must be registered in the system in order to be authorized to send in data.

Data Senders can submit data using any combination of three channels:

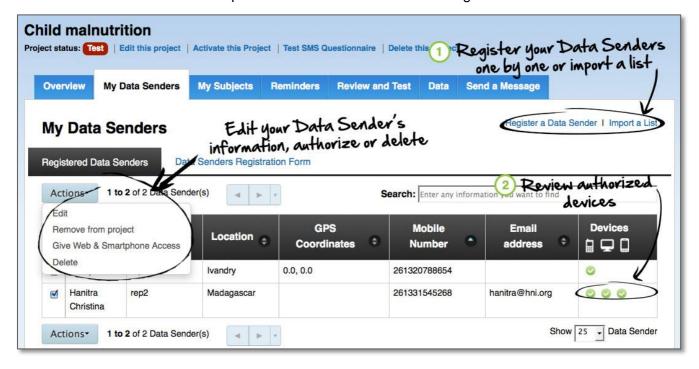
- 1. SMS
- 2. Web
- 3. Smartphone

When registering a Data Sender, you can select the authorized channels for data submission. To authorize Web and Smartphone access to your Data Senders, it is necessary to provide a valid email address. This email address will serve as the login for the Data Sender.

5.1 My Data Senders List

Registered Data Senders are listed on the My Data Senders page. These are the individuals who are authorized to submit data for this project.

Manage and edit the information for your Data Senders from this page. To do this, check the box next to the Data Sender's name, then select from the Actions drop down list. Use this page to update Data Senders' information should their phone number or other details change.



5.2 How to Register a Data Sender

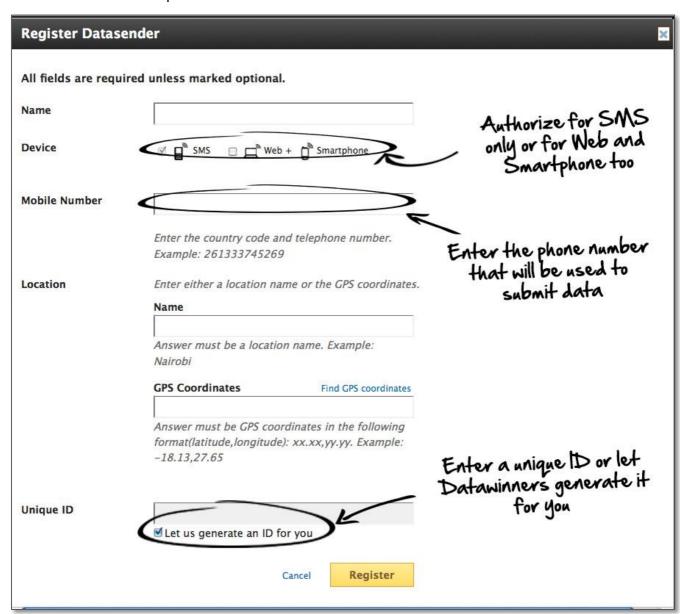
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- 1. One-by-one using the web form
- 2. In bulk using "Import a list"
- 3. In the field using SMS

5.2.1 Register a Data Sender by Web Form

To Register a Data Sender by Web form, click on "Register a Data Sender" on the My Data Senders page or click on "Data Senders Registration Form". (See section 5.1 My Data Senders List for a screenshot of this page).

Once you are on the Registration Form, note that the SMS box next to "device" cannot be unchecked. If you wish to only use Web and Smartphone, you can enter a fake placeholder number if the Data Sender does not have a phone.



5.2.2 Import a List of Data Senders

When registering a large number of Data Senders, we suggest you use the "Import a list" option. Follow the downloadable template to fill out the registration information for each Data Sender



5.2.3 Register a Data Sender by SMS

Please use the following SMS format to register a Data Sender using SMS:

reg reporter name uid location gps phonenumber

- 1. **Name**: Enter the name of your Data Sender. If you would like to register the first name and the last name, you have to separate them by a period ("."). Example: John.Smith
- 2. **UID**: When registering a Data Sender via SMS, do not leave the uid (Unique ID) field blank. If you would like DataWinners to generate it for you, we suggest you register the Data Sender via the Web.
- 3. **Location**: Enter the location of your Data Sender (for example, the town, village, or administrative zone of the Data Sender). If the location is more than one word, remember to use a period instead of a space as a separator.
- 4. **GPS**: Enter the GPS location for the Data Sender. If you don't have the GPS coordinates, enter 0.0,0.0 as a placeholder.
- 5. **Phone number**: Enter the phone number that the Data Sender will use to submit data, starting with the country code. In the case that local phone numbers contain a leading zero, take care to omit them as you enter the number.

Example Project

reg reporter Steve rep112 Dublin 0.0,0.0 35318145417

Notes:

- When registering a Data Sender via SMS, all fields are mandatory.
- Only previously registered Data Senders can register a new Data Sender via SMS.
 Otherwise, DataWinners will reject the SMS due to lack of authorization.

Congratulations! Your project is now ready to be tested. As soon as you're satisfied, you can activate your project and start collecting real data.

6 Other Tutorials That Might also Interest You

Please have a look around on our Website: www.datawinners.com DataWinners description: More information about DataWinners

User Guide: A complete guide on how to use DataWinners

DataWinners Submission Feed and Send SMS Manual: A manual about a feed API that helps the Users to perform Extract, Transform and Load (ETL) operations on the data collected. This document provides the specifications for this feed and also describes its operation under various scenarios.