

Technical Training Curricula - Mobile Phone Data (GDF-MPD project)

| Module | Topics | Learning objectives (After this session/module, participants will be able to...) |
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| Introduction to MPD: What they are, how they get used and considerations for production of mobility statistics | | |
| Mobile Phone Data (MPD) and Call Detail Record (CDR) – A basic introduction | Why MPD? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Describe what Mobile Phone Data (MPD) are - Explain why MPD are a useful source of data for informing policy |
| | Types of MPD | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Describe the different types of MPD - Explain which type of MPD are suitable for inferring mobility, expenditure and social networks |
| | Strengths and limitations of different types of MPD | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Describe the advantages and disadvantages of different types of MPD |
| | How are CDRs generated | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Describe what Call Detail Records (CDRs) are - Describe how CDRs are generated |
| Introduction to CDR data quality, limitations and biases | Overview of the limitations of CDR data | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify the main limitations of CDR data |
| | Sampling biases | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Describe the factors that result in sampling biases in CDR data |
| | Considerations for spatial resolution | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Describe the factors affecting the spatial resolution of CDR data |
| | Considerations for temporal resolution | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Describe the factors affecting the temporal resolution of CDR data |
| | SIM usage and SIM sharing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Describe how SIM usage and SIM sharing impacts the analysis of CDR data |
| Types of MPD-derived aggregates and statistics | Rationale for combining CDR data with other data sources | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understand the need for bias-adjustment and describe how combining CDR data with survey data on mobility or expenditure can address biases |
| | Types of MPD aggregates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Describe four MPD-derived aggregates |
| | Introduction to short-term mobility aggregates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify the main types of short-term mobility aggregates - Identify the features that are required for short-term mobility aggregates - Explain the importance of selecting the appropriate methods for counting trips and travellers |
| | Introduction to long-term mobility aggregates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify the main types of long-term mobility aggregates - Identify the features that are required for long-term mobility aggregates - Explain what a subscriber home location is |
| | Further mobility aggregates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Describe additional types of mobility metrics aggregates that can be produced (e.g. social mixing aggregates) |
| | Introduction to social network aggregates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify the main types of social network aggregates - Identify the features that are required social network aggregates |
| | Introduction to expenditure aggregates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify the main types of expenditure aggregates - Identify the features that are required for expenditure aggregates |
| | Introduction to network status and usage aggregates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify the main types of network status and usage aggregates - Identify the features that are required for network status and usage aggregates |
| Introduction to the applications of MDP-derived statistics | Overview of the applications of MPD-derived statistics | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify the sectors in which MPD-derived data has been used for decision-making |
| | Introduction to MPD for disaster management | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Describe an example of MPD-derived data being used to inform disaster preparedness - Describe an example of MPD-derived data being used to inform disaster response - Identify the types of MPD-derived aggregates which are required for different disaster management applications |
| | Introduction to MPD for dynamic population mapping and migration statistics | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Describe an example of MPD-derived data being used to compute dynamic population estimates - Describe an example of MPD-derived data being used to compute migration statistics - Identify the types of MPD-derived aggregates which are required for different dynamic population mapping and migration applications |
| | Introduction to MPD for public health | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Describe an example of MPD-derived data being used to compute health metrics - Describe an example of MPD-derived data being used to inform infectious disease control - Identify the types of MPD-derived aggregates which are required for different public health applications |
| | Introduction to MPD for transportation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Describe an example of MPD-derived data being used to inform transportation planning or demand modelling - Identify the types of MPD-derived aggregates which are required for different transportation applications |
| | Introduction to MPD for tourism | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Describe an example of MPD-derived data being used to compute tourism statistics - Identify the types of MPD-derived aggregates which are required for different tourism applications |
| | Introduction to MPD for information society statistics | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Describe an example of MPD-derived data being used to compute information society statistics - Identify the types of MPD-derived aggregates which are required for different information society applications |
| | Introduction to MPD for socio-economic indicators | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Describe an example of MPD-derived data being used for poverty-mapping - Describe an example of MPD-derived data being used to compute socio-economic indicators - Identify the types of MPD-derived aggregates which are required for different socio-economic indicator applications |
| | Data governance: Data protection, data privacy, data ethics and data security | |
| | Introduction to personal and non-personal data | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Define what would make data 'personal data' - Identify the potential stakeholder in an MPD project - Identify the ways in which individual privacy can be protected in an MPD project |
| | Mobility data as personal data | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explain why mobility data is personal data |
| | Introduction to data protection regulations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify the types of legislation that might regulate the use of mobile operator data - Identify the types of government body which may be responsible for enforcing these regulations |

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| | Introduction to commercially sensitive data and MPD projects | - Identify the types of data in an MPD project which may be commercially sensitive |
| | Introduction to the stakeholders in an MPD project | - Identify the main stakeholders involved in an MPD project and their potential role(s) |
| | The risks associated with MPD projects | - Identify the main data governance risks associated with an MPD project - Explain which stakeholders are most concerned with each risk |
| | Ethical use of MPD | - Identify the types of ethical concerns which may arise when working with mobile operator data |
| | Introduction to privacy enhancing technologies (PETs) for MPD | - Identify the main methods for preserving the privacy of subscribers - Explain the difference between pseudonymisation and anonymisation |

Processing MPD into anonymised aggregates

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| Methodologies for standard MPD aggregates | Subscriber presence aggregates | - Identify the features that are required for presence aggregates - Describe how presence aggregates are computed |
| | Trips and travellers aggregates | - Identify the features that are required for trips and travellers aggregates - Describe how different trips and travellers aggregates are computed |
| | Identifying points of interest | - Identify the features that are required for calculating points of interest - Describe the different methodologies from assigning subscriber home locations |
| | Resident and relocation aggregates | - Identify the features that are required for resident and relocation aggregates - Describe how relocation aggregates are computed - Describe how resident aggregates are computed using relocation aggregates |
| | Social mixing aggregates | - Identify the features that are required for social mixing aggregates - Describe how different social mixing aggregates are computed |
| | Social connectivity aggregates | - Identify the features that are required for social network aggregates - Describe how social network aggregates are computed |
| | Mobile expenditure aggregates | - Identify the features that are required for expenditure aggregates - Describe how expenditure aggregates are computed |
| | Network status and usage aggregates | - Identify the features that are required for network status and usage aggregates - Describe how network status and usage aggregates are computed |
| Privacy Enhancing Technologies (PETs) | Introduction to preserving individual privacy | - Explain why it is important to preserve individual privacy of subscribers - Describe the difference between pseudonymisation and anonymisation |
| | Pseudonymisation methods | - Explain how MPD can be pseudonymised |
| | Aggregation methods | - Explain how MPD can be aggregated |
| | Additional anonymisation tools | - Explain k-anonymisation and/or other anonymisation tools |
| | Differential privacy | - Explain differential privacy |

Aggregates to indicators

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| Population-scaling and bias-adjustment of aggregates | Introduction to bias-adjustment and population scaling of MPD | - Explain why MPD is not a non-probability sample of the population - Describe the selection errors that occur when using MPD alone |
| | Methodologies for bias-adjustment of MPD using survey data | - Explain how survey data can be used to adjust for the biases in MPD |
| | Caveat and limitations of using survey data to adjust for biases in MPD | - Describe the limitations and caveats of using survey data to adjust for biases in MPD |
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| Quality assurance checks for MPD aggregates | Introduction to quality assurance for MPD data | - Explain why quality assurance checks are important when processing MPD - Identify which MPD aggregates are important for QA |
| | Investigating variation in the mobile network infrastructure | - Identify which MPD aggregates can help identify variation in the mobile network infrastructure which might confound the use of MPD - Explain how to use MPD aggregates to assess the status of and variation in mobile network infrastructure |
| | Investigating variation in mobile subscriber behaviour | - Identify which MPD aggregates can help identify variation in the mobile subscriber behaviour which might confound the use of MPD - Explain how to use MPD aggregates to assess variation in subscriber behaviour |
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| Producing the standard set of mobility statistics from adjusted aggregates | Calculating long-term mobility indicators | - Describe how to use MPD aggregates for dynamic population mapping - Describe how to use MPD aggregates to investigate migration patterns - Describe how to use MPD aggregates to identify anomalous numbers of relocations |
| | Calculating short-term mobility indicators | - Describe how to use MPD aggregates for dynamic "presence" mapping - Describe how to use MPD aggregates to investigate connectivity and daily travel or commuting behaviour |
| | Calculating expenditure indicators | - Describe how to use MPD aggregates for mobile expenditure statistics - Describe how to use MPD for poverty mapping |
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