Data for the Public Good: Statistical Humanitarian Groups Making a Difference for Their Clients/Partners

Discussion: An Intersectional Approach
Outline

• Organizational Characteristics
• Strategic Partnerships
• Leveraging Advanced Methods and Technology
• Topical Research Subjects
• Future Opportunities and Directions
Organization

• Non-Governmental Organization (NGO)
• Core Staff, Project Leaders, Often with a Volunteer Corps
• Not For Profit with Foundational Support
• Minimal physical infrastructure and overhead: focus is on the people and science
Partnerships

• Projects developed leveraging strategic partnerships
Technology

• Statistical Humanitarian Groups consistently leverage advanced and emerging technology in their projects

• Project teams often contribute to new statistical science, sharing through papers, conferences, and open source
Topical

• Projects focus on – and often identify – the most important humanitarian topics of the day

- COVID-19 Response
- Smoke Alarms Absent or Not Working
- Justice System Risk Assessment Algorithms
- Age and Gender-Based Violence
- DataKind
- SCIENTIFIC RESPONSIBILITY, HUMAN RIGHTS & LAW PROGRAM
- HRDAG
Future Opportunities & Directions

• With a highly successful organizational model, the focus can be on more projects on both established issue and emerging crises

• A particular strength of these groups is their focus on science serving humanitarian needs – not ideology!

• Global opportunities – especially in the data infrastructure needed to support humanitarian efforts with statistical science

• Leveraging the post-COVID New Normal in global connectivity

• Opportunities in public advocacy, including effective legislation and government actions, while remaining independent and non-partisan
Thank you