We are pleased to announce the World-Wide Human Geography Data Working Group meeting on 27 June 2012, hosted at the World Bank in Washington D.C. The Working Group is designed to build voluntary partnerships around human geography data and mapping focused on the general principle of making appropriate information available to promote human security. We have recognized the increasing need to build voluntary partnerships around human geography data and mapping and we will be concentrating this meeting on economic development and livelihoods. We will include presentations, panels and networking breaks where we’ll share ideas from around the world on understanding and analyzing economic development and livelihoods. The focus of the Working Group is discovering best practices for human geography mapping in data-poor locations, and projects that have contributed to decision making.

We ask that you please bring to the group your successes, innovative ideas, and challenges in Human Geography data as it pertains to economic development and livelihood requirements and data sources, and describe your existing gaps in data-poor locations. We will bring relevant presentations, interesting research, and colleagues experienced at establishing relationships within difficult areas of the world.

**Presentations will focus on Collaboration, Methodology, Dissemination & Technology:**
- Where do you go for economic development and livelihoods data needed for your area of interest?
- What methodology do you use to identify, capture, build, share and disseminate economic data?
- What techniques have you used that can be generalized for other data-poor locations?
- What collaborative or technological solutions have you identified to solve data gaps?
- Can these capabilities be generalized to other data-poor locations?

The agenda for this first meeting will be published in early June. Attendees and presenters will represent Civil Agencies, Academia, Department of Defense, International Organizations, Non-Governmental Organizations and Private Industry. Please join us.

**Website Registration is available now at** [https://WWHGD.org](https://WWHGD.org) **and we will need you to register by June 20, 2012 so we have time to arrange logistics and security measures at the World Bank.**

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We look forward to seeing you.

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