



# WHAT IS GODAN

GODAN supports the proactive sharing of open data to make information about agriculture and nutrition available, accessible and usable to deal with the urgent challenge of ensuring world food security. It is a rapidly growing group, currently with over 900 partners from national governments, non-governmental, international and private sector organisations that have committed to a joint Statement of Purpose.

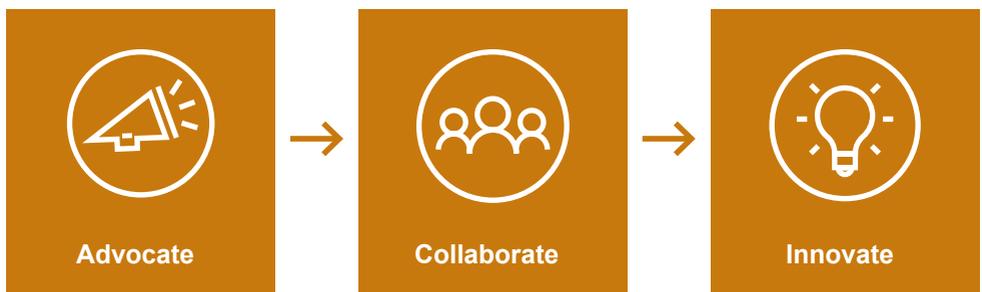
GODAN focuses on building high-level policy, and public and private institutional support for open data. The initiative encourages collaboration and cooperation among existing agriculture and open data activities, without duplication, and brings together stakeholders to solve long-standing global problems like food and nutritional security.

## What does it mean to be a partner

- Agricultural and nutritional data to be available, accessible, usable and unrestricted  
Partners aim to build high level policy and private sector support for open data
- Encourage collaboration and cooperation across existing agriculture, nutrition and open data activities and stakeholders to solve long-standing global problems

## What do GODAN partners engage in

- Host regular conversations with our peer multilateral and local organisations to identify and share best practices and determine how to more effectively share data and provide useable analysis for local application
- Recruit new partners to GODAN



## When did this initiative launch

The GODAN initiative was announced at the Open Government Partnership Conference in October 2013 following discussions in 2012. Participants made commitments to Open Data for Agriculture at the International Conference on Open Data for Agriculture in Washington D.C. Subsequently, the governments of the United States and United Kingdom partnered to form this global initiative.

## Which organisations can join GODAN

Any organisation that supports open access to agriculture and nutrition data. Our partners include government, donors, international and not-for-profit organisations and businesses.

## The GODAN Secretariat & Governance

GODAN is supported by a small secretariat hosted by CABI in Wallingford, UK. The organisation's activities are financially supported by the US Government, the UK Department for International Development (DFID), the Government of the Netherlands, FAO, Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA), GFAR, The Open Data Institute (ODI), the CGIAR and CABI. Further details of how GODAN Secretariat is funded and how funding is used can be found at <http://www.godan.info/resources-and-financing/>

## Research and Success Stories

GODAN is continuously seeking compelling case studies featuring open data in the fields of agriculture and nutrition. GODAN is proud to capture the success stories that highlight the 'open data' projects our partners are taking on.

More in depth case studies are captured through the GODAN Research Series, which highlights the latest research on the developments and issues of open data in agriculture and nutrition.

We welcome anyone to submit their research for inclusion in our Research Series through [enquiries@godan.info](mailto:enquiries@godan.info)



## GODAN Action

GODAN Action is a three-and-a-half-year programme launched by the UK's DFID. GODAN Action brings together agriculture and nutrition specialists and open data experts and will support GODAN in its mission by building people's capacity to engage with open data.

The project aims to contribute to increased farmers' yields, improved nutrition for consumers and better evidence based policy making. Achieving such impacts requires that individuals, organisations and communities feel confident in engaging with open data.

The activities of GODAN Action will focus on three areas including standards, research and capacity building. These focal areas will be supported by activities aiming at uptake of its results and monitoring & evaluation.

### How do I learn more

Contact us to find out more about how your organisation can get involved in this growing network at [enquiries@godan.info](mailto:enquiries@godan.info) or get updates on Twitter at [@godanSec](https://twitter.com/godanSec)

### Interested in joining

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