

Open data initiatives in Kenya have achieved 6x the level of impact compared to India

The World Wide Web Foundation’s Open Data Barometer (ODB, 2015) report evaluates openness and accessibility of data on the performance of key public services in 86 countries of which 24 are from Africa. South Africa and Tunisia lead Africa on the ODB Index and outscore China. Ghana, Rwanda and Kenya complete the top 5 rankings for Africa. Morocco (2011), Kenya (2011), Tunisia (2012) and Nigeria (2013) are Africa’s pioneers in establishment of open data portals to give its citizens access to public data.

Readiness, Implementation and Impact of open data initiatives on development are ODB sub-indices. On a scale of 0 (Low) to 100 (High), Tunisia (30), Kenya (20) and Morocco (18) lead Africa in open data impact. Comparatively, Kenya’s impact level is twice that of Brazil (9) and sextuple that of India (3). Open data implementation in Africa is led by Ghana (36), Rwanda (35) and South Africa (31). Complementing national open data initiatives, the African Development Bank has rolled out a data-rich pan-African open data platform.

