



Accra Hackathon – Lessons Learned

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Would be state...

The screenshot shows the homepage of data.gov.gh, the data portal for Ghana. At the top, it features the Ghanaian flag and the text "REPUBLIC OF GHANA". Navigation links include "A-", "A", "A+", "A", "A", "FEEDBACK", "SHARE+", "SIGNUP", and "LOG IN". The main header displays "data.gov.gh" and "Data portal Ghana". A secondary navigation bar contains "DATASETS", "APPS", "METRICS", "COMMUNITIES", "WW DATA SITES", and "SEARCH". The central banner features a collage of images: a 3D bar chart, a pie chart, a bar chart with an upward-pointing green arrow, and a circular collage of various agricultural products like fruits and vegetables. The text "Variety-wise daily Market Price Data" is overlaid on the banner.



GODI

- Stands for **G**hana **O**pen **D**ata **I**nitiative
- Started by National Information Technology Agency (NITA) in January 2012
- Takeoff fueled by good feasibility report conducted by Web Foundation 2010/11 and Ghana's signing of the Open Government Partnership by late President Mills in 2011. (see <http://www.opengovpartnership.org>)
- Propelled by NITA's mandate to engage citizens with government using ICT tools for feedback to improve policy development.



Vision

The vision of GODI is to develop an open data community bringing together government, civil society organizations, media practitioners, developers, academia and citizenry to interact with one another through an open data portal with the view to provide valuable feedback to government to:

- Promote evidence-based decision making,
- Promote socio-economic development,
- Promote improved government service delivery,
- Drive innovation and wealth co-creation leading to overall national development and efficiency in Government processes.



GODI Objectives

- To provide a central platform for access to public government data
- To bring about the development of the open data community
- To promote discourse between government, civil society organizations, and the citizen
- To serve as a concrete action plan of the fourth thematic area of the Open Government Partnership (technology and innovation) for the republic of Ghana.
- To promote national development and efficiency in government through citizen feedback.
- To promote transparency & accountability



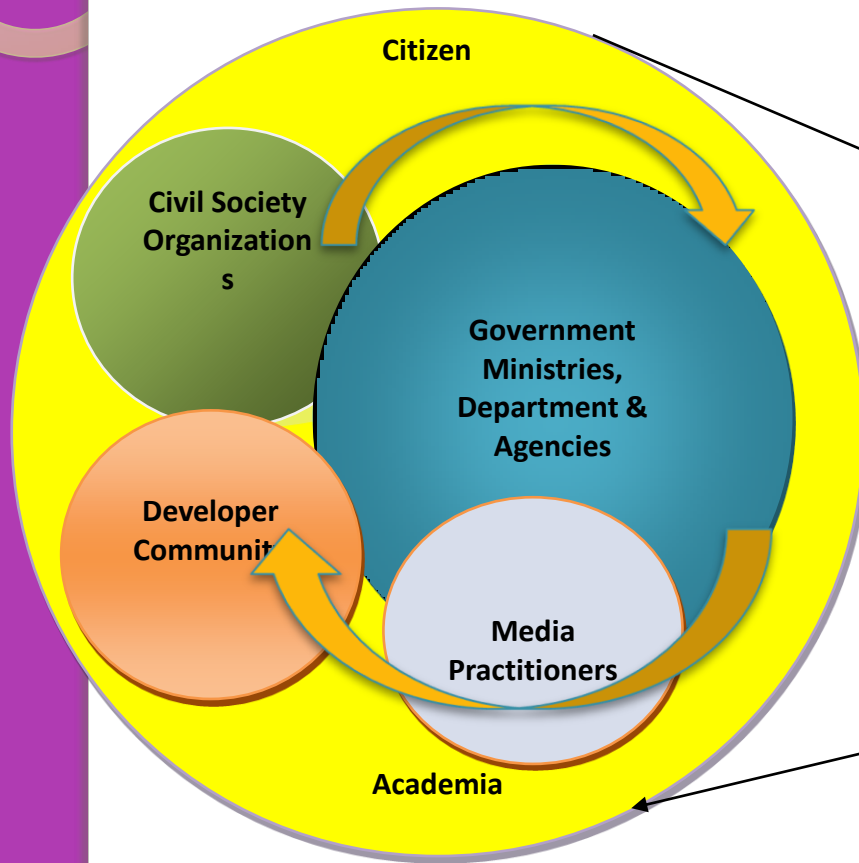
Structure

- Initiative focuses on building open data “Ecosystem”
 - Government
 - Civil Society
 - Developer
 - Academia
 - Journalist
 - Citizens



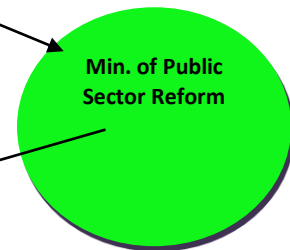
GODI Ecosystem

GODI Community



Decision Making

Executive Buy-in



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Accra Hackathon - Overview

- Presentations
- Brainstorming, Pitching, Voting.
- Breaking into groups
- Scraping & DataViz Tutorials
- 70+ participants in attendance
- Over 20% women
- About 60% students
- A good mix of CSOs, Developers, Creative designers, Academia, Government, Data journalists, Media.



Participant Perspective

- Internet connectivity
- Great comments on DataViz & Scrapping tutorials
- Brainstorming process(see <http://bit.ly/X2bbX2>)
 - Brainstorming sheets
 - Resource persons
 - Limited time
- Transparent Pitching & Voting Process
- Too much food 😊



Participant Perspective

- Follow up sessions
- Presenter profiles



Organizer perspective

- DATA!
- Pass RTI Bill!
- Sponsorship-seeking approach
- Organized brainstorming session
- Extra coffee & possibly mattresses 😊
- Follow up sessions
- Actively engage participants from previous events



Event Shots

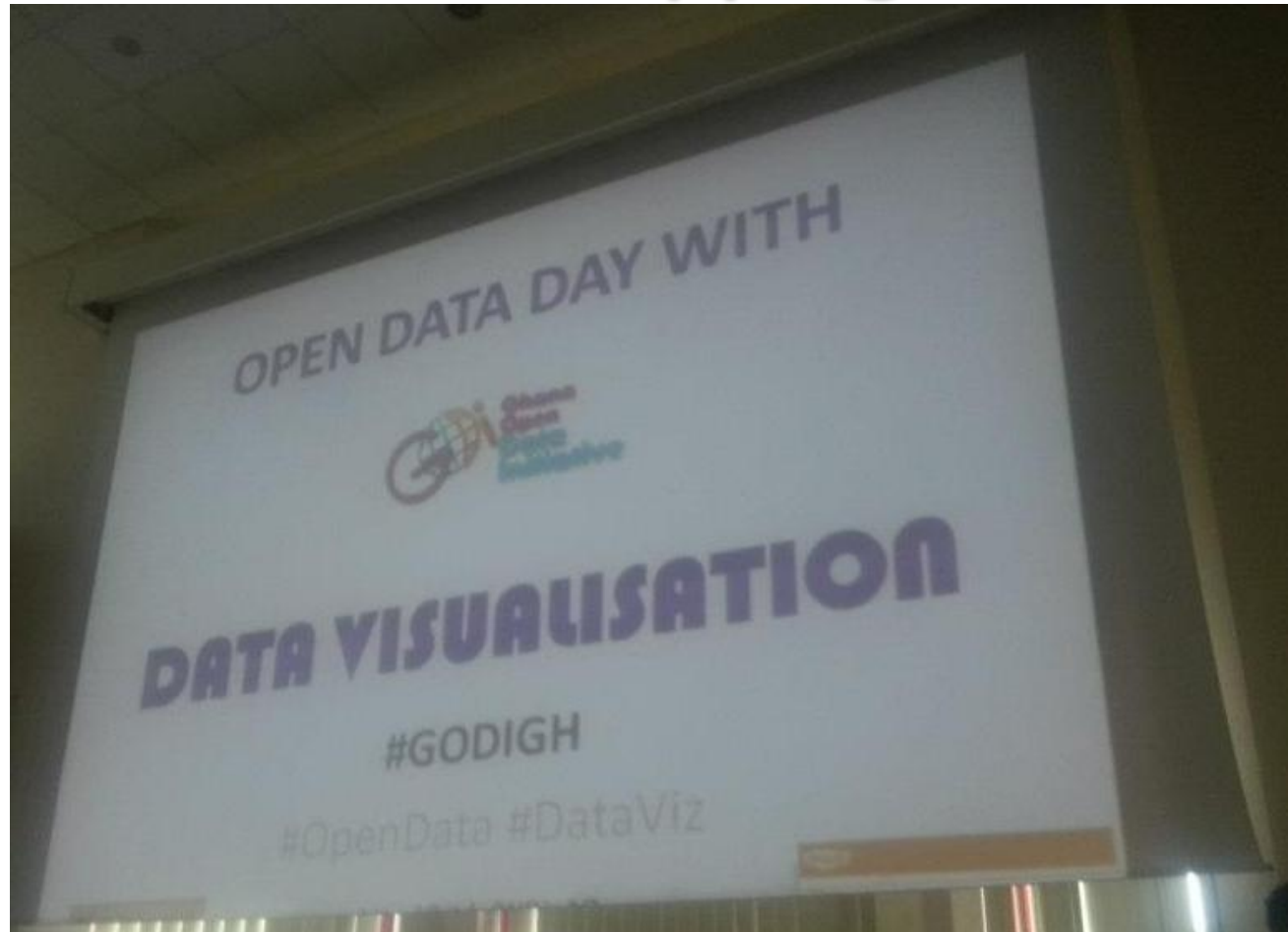
- See <http://tinyurl.com/b42w7t6>



Event grounds



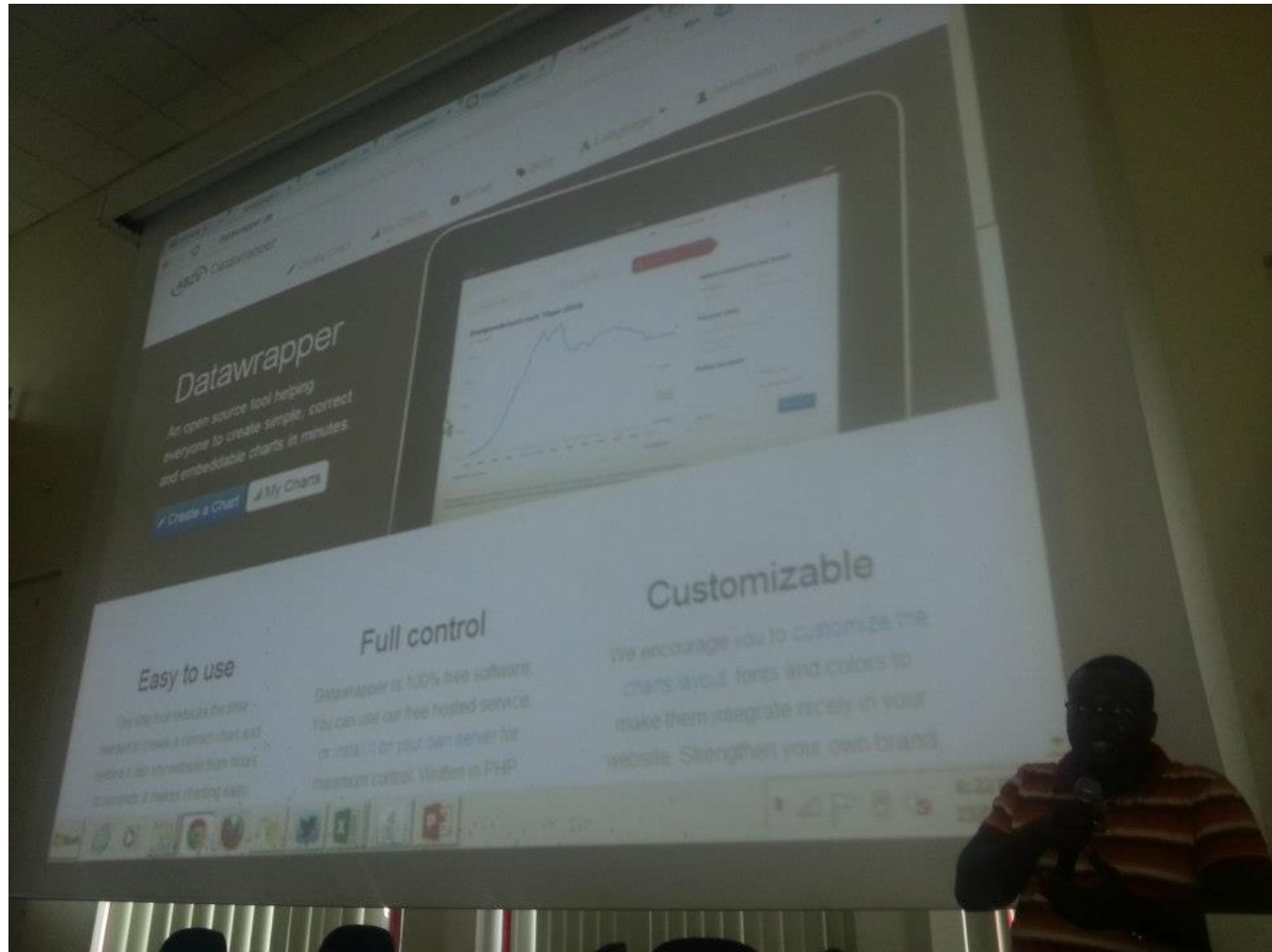
DataViz + Scrapping Tuts



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Brainstorming session



Pitch Session

Project Title	Project Description	Audience
MEDH	This application provides information on available pharmacies in the country such as their names, locations, contact info etc.	Health person General publ
district budget allocation of funds tracker.	this project is mainly focusing on the funds that is allocated to the various district in Ghana and check or track the way funds are been used in the various district. the system is going to get it data from DATA.gov.gh HTML, JavaScript, CSS	the main targ for this projec people of pol political analy entire people
studentAid	This is a project that intends to inform student on scholarships provided by government and other financial aid that government provides	student
Government Matters	Purpose: it is intended to echo the complains of	1



Voting session



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