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HEALTHY, BIRTH, GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Knowledge Integration

Child health is complex



The global burden of stunting includes:

- **15M** babies born prematurely each year
- **200M** children with faltered growth
- **600M** children with neurocognitive deficits

Further complicating this challenge:

- Multiple variables may affect each outcome
- Relative impact of different variables may vary in different contexts and for different populations
- There are often multiple plausible interventions, and it's difficult to know the most efficacious one

We need better information to be able to get the **right** group the **right** intervention at the **right** time

Complex problems require an integrated approach

Data ------ Discovery ------- Decision



HBGD data is significant and increasing







1936 covariates: Demographic, Clinical, and Socioeconomic

Population Survey

~116M 39 Children Countries 197/64

Surveys/Censuses

- 2400 variables:
- Nutrition, growth
- Disease burden, mortality

• Fertility, education, SES, and WASH

• Access to health care

Models help generate insights from the data

Population

Describe how populations at large are changing over time

Causal

Describe how given insults or interventions affect growth or development



Mechanistic

Describe a relevant process underlying growth and development, e.g., mathematical model of the human gut

Empirical

Describe trends inherent in observational data (as opposed to theoretical models that assume certain conditions)

New collaborative processes to quickly answer questions



HBGDki

Announcing hbgdki.org



A NEW WEBSITE aiming to expand and accelerate impact on the toughest early child growth and development problems by making data science results and accessible tools rapidly available to the greater research community and public.

HBGDki

Sharing Resources, Tools, and Insights

This website is designed to engage with four key audiences including: data contributors, data scientists, program officers, and the general public.



ongoing work. ● ● ● ki Tools & Models - HBGDki × ← → C () hbgdki.org/tools-models * 0 🛛 🔾 Empirical models of longitudinal growth outcomes Empirical models help us understand study data and identify key trends by fitting model curves to the measured data. HBGDki empirical models include the Full Random Effects Model (FREM) that describes growth patterns in height- (HAZ) and weight-for-age zscore (WAZ), and the Development score (D-score) to model observations about cognitive development. AGE RANGE Full random effects model (FREM 0 - 15 YEARS Joint model for length, weight, and head circumferemce 0-2 YEARS Ordered categorical model for longitudinal measures of HAZ 0-2 YEARS 0-2 YEARS Multistate Markov model to describe longitudinal changes in LAZ categories Longitudinal growth measures and associations with brain development 0-1 YEAR SuperLearning to define and predict composite outcomes 0-2 YEAR [ANTHROPOMETRY]: 11 YEARS (TEST. SuperLearning of child growth trajectorie STUDY SPECIFIC CURRENTLY USES ALL AGES... 0-24 MONTHS Pooled logistic regression to describe characteristics associated with wasting and recovery Machine learning models for child growth trajectories 0-5000 DAYS Mechanistic Models

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and stay up-to-date on

tools, models, and the

Mechanistic models describe underlying biological mechanisms that are relevant to growth and development outcomes. HBGDki mechanistic models use data from published studies to quantitatively characterize the interactions of nutrients (quantity and quality), gut function, maternal-fetal interactions, infectious and noninfectious microbes, and environmental enteropathy pathways that affect birth; growth, and neurodevelopmental outcomes.

HBGDki has assembled a knowledge base (> 170 studies, 11M subjects, and 170M observations), model catalog, data science and visualization tools, and results to promote and advance healthy birth, growth, and development globally.



Agenda – emerging capabilities

Time	Agenda	Speaker(s)
11:00-11:10	Welcome & Introduction	Steven Kern, Ben Pierson, Thea Norman
11:10-11:40	Undiscovered Public Knowledge with Influence Search	Mihai Surdeanu
11:40-12:10	A Method and Tool for country segmentation and its application to childhood stunting	Dave King & Sofia Trommlerova
12:10-12:40	Visualization with the Data Journey Platform	Naomi Keena & Andrea Brennen
12:40-12:10	Innovation Trail Design: opportunities for global health	Scott Berry
1:10-1:30	Q&A and wrap up	Ben Pierson