Public Code and Digital Public Goods devroom
Housekeeping
DPGA: What is a DPG and how to get certified?
The Digital Public Goods Alliance

A multi-stakeholder initiative launched in 2019 to accelerate attainment of the sustainable development goals in low- and middle-income countries by facilitating the discovery, development, use of and investment in digital public goods.

We are a unique network of governments, multilateral organizations, philanthropic foundations, funders, think tanks; and technology companies working on DPGs.
What is a Digital Public Good (DPG)?
“We must undertake a concerted global effort to encourage and invest in the creation of digital public goods: open source software, open data, open AI models, open standards and open content. These digital public goods should adhere to privacy and other applicable laws and best practices, do no harm, and help attain the SDGs.”

UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

✓ Advance the SDGs
✓ Open Source
✓ Do No Harm
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<td>1. SDG Relevance:</td>
<td>2. Open Licensing:</td>
<td>3. Clear Ownership:</td>
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<td>Your digital solution must demonstrate relevance to one or more Sustainable Development Goals.</td>
<td>Your digital solution must use an approved open license.</td>
<td>The organisation that owns this digital solution must be clearly defined.</td>
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<td>Digital solutions with mandatory dependencies imposing stricter restrictions than the original license should provide open alternatives, allowing for the replacement of such dependencies without significant modifications to the core solution.</td>
<td>Ensure your digital solution has robust documentation enabling a technical user not familiar with it, to independently launch and operate it.</td>
<td>For solutions handling non-PII data/content, implement mechanisms to extract or import such data in a non-proprietary format.</td>
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<td>Your digital solution must comply with relevant standards, best practices and/or principles.</td>
<td>For digital solutions handling PII data, demonstrate measures ensuring privacy, security, and integrity of the collected information.</td>
<td>Ensure digital solutions managing content have policies to identify and address inappropriate or illegal material, like child sexual abuse content, through effective processes for detection, moderation, reporting, and removal.</td>
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<td>For digital solutions facilitating user interactions, establish processes for users to protect themselves from grief, abuse, and harassment, and implement systems ensuring the safety and security of underage users.</td>
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How do you become a DPG?
Becoming a Digital Public Good

Nominate

Technical Review

Recognition on Registry
Step 1: Eligibility
Take the 5 minute eligibility test

Is your digital solution ready to be a Digital Public Good?

The Eligibility Form requires you to answer 7 or 10 questions that will help you quickly determine if your digital solution can be nominated as a Digital Public Good (DPG) at this time. If your solution is eligible, you may continue with your nomination submission via the submission form. If your digital solution is not currently eligible, you will be given pointers on how you can improve it in order to make it eligible.

Want to know whether your favorite open, social impact project can become a DPG? Fill out this form and find out for yourself!

Get Started

digitalpublicgoods.net/eligibility
Step 2: Nominate
Fill in the application form

GENERAL INFORMATION
About your digital solution.

Solution name*
Please enter the full name of your digital solution. This will be listed on the registry if your application is accepted.

Add your answer

Aliases (if any)
Please mention any acronyms or aliases used to refer your digital solution. Use commas to enter multiple names.

Add your answer

Solution category*
Please select one or more of the four categories that your digital solutions belongs to. Most solutions belong to only one category.

Select one or more

Short description*
Please write a tweet-length description of the solution. If your application is approved, this will be reflected on the public DPG registry.
Step 3: Success!
Find your application listed on the DPG Registry

digitalpublicgoods.net/registry
CALL FOR EXPERTS: DPG ST. EXPERT GROUP MEMBERS

Advisory Expert Groups

DPGA Members: Co-Convenors for Expert Groups

Expert Group on Indicator 7: Privacy Laws

Expert Group on AI
WHO CAN APPLY TO THESE ADVISORY EXPERT GROUPS?

Subject Matter Expert on topic of the Expert group

Can contribute 3-4 hours monthly for Expert Group related work/meetings for 4 months approx.

Previous Experience in participating in Standard Working groups is encouraged
Questions for Standards or review team?

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Foundation for Public Code
Open standard
16 criteria

Code in the open
Bundle policy and source code
Create reusable and portable code
Welcome contributors
Make contributing easy
Maintain version control
Require review of contributions
Document your objectives

Document the code
Use plain English
Use open standards
Use continuous integration
Publish with an open license
Make the codebase findable
Use a coherent style
Document codebase maturity
Quick self evaluation

- To see if you’re ready for a full assessment
- 10 yes/no questions
- https://publiccodenet.github.io/assessment-eligibility
Compliance and certification

- Open standard - anyone can start using it
- Review template (and checklist) is available
- standard-compliant.publiccode.net - contains a list of all compliant codebases along with which release was reviewed (also includes a list of all codebases with a public commitment to adhere to the standard)