Toward a *reliable & authoritative* global dataset on administrative boundaries
2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

…”promote transparent and accountable scaling-up of appropriate public-private cooperation to exploit the contribution to be made by a wide range of data […] and geospatial information, while ensuring national ownership in supporting and tracking progress” of the SDGs…
• No reliable global dataset on common geographies
• Few pan-national or regional reliable geospatial
• Few standard and harmonized dataset
• a lot of unstructured and unreliable data available
• many places to retrieve data
• from unknown sources
• many fragmented approaches

How can the geospatial community provide authoritative common geographies and names globally so users can discover, use, analyse and integrate different datasets?
Objectives

Compile **complete and consistent** GIS dataset **worldwide** for administrative boundaries and names at first and second level below national, at 1 million scale;

Identify and maintain of **authoritative contact information** of the National Geospatial Authorities responsible for administrative boundaries **validation**

Maintain a table overview of **historical changes** (data through time) of national administrative units and names

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OUTREACH
- Data **advocacy** to political
- Yearly request for updates
- Promote geospatial authority

OWNERSHIP
- Custodian national agency
- **Authoritative** POC & data
- Policies & Terms

PROCESS
- Common geography
- Consistent and **standard** data
- Attributes & scale

STORE
- Metadata and time-stamp
- Time stamped data & validity
- **Global** data coverage

SHARE
- Accessible website
- Dedicated country pages
- Data through time

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Challenges:
- Continuous participation from Member States
- Standardization efforts (geography & codes)
- Lack of resources of the programme

Opportunities:
- Unique authoritative approach
- Countries interest in participating
- Currency with the help of partners
Defining further with partners a process for linking operational initiatives to SALB as the authoritative source of data on internal administrative boundaries.
Collaboration with WFP

WFP

- country office’s presence of WFP
- data processing support at Headquarters
- operational dataset availability

SALB programme

- benefit of the validation process by national geospatial authority
- global coverage
- data standardization of administrative data
- historical perspective