



Platform objectives

- Making data available for secondary review and policy development (especially where it is often lacking)
- Making MSF sharing of research data more consistent, reliable and transparent in line with MSF Open Data commitments



What the platform can do for MSF

- Increase utility of MSF research data, by, 1 providing standardized governance, guidelines and standards; 2. Increasing hygiene and curation
- Contribute to MSF's commitment to be an Open Data organization.
- Contribute to MSF's commitment to be a research organization.
- Share research data while upholding medical confidentiality, inter-operable independence and ethical data sharing.
- Sharing research data while lowering burden for research coordinators by tying into existing systems (ReMIT) and processes.
- Contribute to research and policy development in locations where MSF is active

Nexo is the main deliverable of the project agreement between MSF-OCA and MSF-Japan, signed in 2019 – in which MSF-J agreed to develop a technical solution for MSF-OCA's research data sharing objectives.

The platform is an important practical step in 1. Developing MSF's capacity in sharing research data for secondary review and policy development, 2. Building MSF's profile as a research organization, 3. Contribute to MSF's Movement-wide commitment to be an Open Data organization.

Nexo represents a significant investment in resources that is ready for implementation and scaling.



Project history

- 2013 MSF Open data framework published
- 2017 DirMed movement-wide open data platform framework
- 2019 DirMed decide to not pursue movement-wide data sharing
MSFOCA and MSFJ decide to develop platform together
- 2020 Phase I: Understanding research data sharing at MSFOCA
Phase II: Developing research data sharing system
- 2024 Development of technical platform start
- 2025 Implementation Phase start



Status and next steps

- Development of platform is finalizing by end 2024.
- Work remains on growing the platform and embedding it within MSF.
- Proposed transfer of project to MSF-OCA PMO with financial transition contribution from MSF Japan.

Our recent interactions show there is active interest in the Movement to improve and standardize research data sharing practices.

Currently, we are exploring system options from different MSF entities.

If Nexo does not move forward, it will hold back MSF's ability to share research data, which could lead to parallel and duplicate efforts and adjoining waste of MSF resources.

MSF-Japan is proud to provide the Nexo platform to the movement.

Moving forward, it needs management and support situated close to the research and operational community to flourish.