



The test of sympathy in a man is whether he can be emotionally moved by statistics.

- Member of the American Association of University Women (1930)

Projects

Below is a sampling of projects SWB volunteers have worked on in the past year:



COVID Dashboard

Our volunteers have created an amazing COVID dashboard for the [India Excellence Forum \(IEF\)](#). This project began last summer and was expanded on this year. The SWB team helped IEF create a dashboard to track COVID-related cases, as well as instances of death, recovery, and hospitalization at a district level in India.



Representation of Older Populations

[HelpAge International](#) is an organization that does advocacy for older persons. SWB volunteers worked with census and survey data on a series of projects to ensure that they are representative of older populations. SWB's data disaggregation work with HelpAge International began at the beginning of this year with the latest project being completed this month. In a testament to the enthusiasm of SWB volunteers, four volunteers from the second project chose to stay on and contribute to an additional project as well!



Human Rights

The Office of the [United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights](#) (OHCHR) was established by the UN to promote and protect human rights internationally. SWB volunteers established a schema and organized data concerning human rights violations in Venezuela. We anticipate working on another project with OHCHR to perform an analysis of this data. Stay tuned! Our volunteers also successfully implemented an additional analysis on court trials within one week!

In The News

CHANCE Magazine

[CHANCE Magazine](#) has recently released a special issue focusing on the usage of data and statistics for the public good. This issue's guest editors are Dr. Davina P. Durgana, Matt Brems, and Dr. Caitlin Augustin. Davina and Matt serve on the SWB Executive Committee as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, and Caitlin is a Senior Director with DataKind. [Read more about it here!](#)

Southern Regional Council on Statistics

Vice chair of SWB Matt Brems will also be giving a talk on SWB's work at the 2021 Southern Regional Council on Statistics (SRCOS) Summer Research Conference in October. The talk is titled "Data Skills Deployed Around the World: Statistics Without Borders." You can find more about the conference [here](#).

Our Volunteers

We are excited to report that the number of SWB volunteers increased by **14%** in the last year, bringing us to **1,752 active volunteers**. Our volunteers come from many parts of the world and help us do important and impactful work! **Thank you for all that you do!**



SWB worked on **32 projects** in the last year. These included database and survey analysis, data visualization, statistical methodology, and a genetics project requiring statistical expertise.

Of these, **12 projects** pertained to the COVID-19 pandemic, including data gathering and visualization projects, surveys about education and beliefs about immunization, and a rapid assessment of behavioral changes, coping strategies, and evolving needs during COVID-19.

Meet the SWB Marketing and Communication Team!

Director of MarComm, Sloka Iyengar

Sloka is a neuroscientist, and her passion lies in the power of science to change the world for its most vulnerable citizens. She is also an Indian classical dancer, and is interested in the convergence between art and science. At SWB, she is responsible for all of the marketing and communication you see!

External Communications Coordinator, Simran Bahia

Simran is a recent bioinformatics graduate who studied impact of pesticide exposure on honeybees. She is passionate about leveraging big data to promote sustainable solutions for the planet. Simran manages all of SWB's social media accounts ([Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [YouTube](#)).

Internal Communications Coordinator, Wasila Quader

Wasila is an analyst by trade. She joined SWB in 2020 and is excited to tell its story. She is responsible for all of SWB's internal communication needs, including putting together this newsletter.

Multimedia Coordinator, Michelle Vanchu-Orosco

Michelle has a background in research methods and statistics. She currently works at the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness in the beautiful city of Victoria, British Columbia. In her spare time, she likes to hike and ride her bike around BC. At SWB, Michelle creates all multimedia you see, such as the videos posted on our site! You can check out one of the videos she created [here!](#)

Networking Coordinator, Ana Kuprina

Ana has joined us as SWB's very first networking coordinator. Ana is a Senior Product Manager in the mobile game development industry with experience in data analysis. In her spare time, she organizes [codebar.io](#) workshops in Helsinki, Finland to improve diversity in the tech industry. For SWB, she's putting together events and programs that will give volunteers opportunities to enrich their networks, experiences, and skills. Watch this space for events and opportunities to learn and mingle!

Website Coordinator, Ann Job

Ann is a businesswoman and a scholar with professional experience in finance. She holds a Ph.D. in International Economics and is an adjunct professor of Economics. As the incoming website coordinator for SWB, she is responsible for what you see on [SWB's website](#). Ann is also heading the migration of the site to a new platform.

Call for Interviews

We would love to hear from our volunteers! Let us highlight your experience with SWB in the newsletter. If you're interested and have volunteered for SWB in 2021, feel free to click below!

Reach out. We look forward to hearing from you!

I'm interested!

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