

Selection of countries in the FLOORCASH datasets

The selection of countries was driven by an interest in the ‘global South’. There are diverse understandings of this term. According to our understanding, ‘global South’ suggests both geographical criteria and aspects of development. The FLOORCASH datasets cover all developing countries and emerging economies—basically independent and internationally recognized countries as well as a few disputed territories—outside of Europe and North America, as of 2012/2013, except a few countries with high Human Development Index (HDI) scores. In this sense, the data set covers the entire global South (N = 148) rather than representing a selective sample (see Table).

The geographical selection of countries follows the classification by the UN Statistics Division.¹ The selection with regard to development refers to the Human Development Index (HDI).²

Out of the 193 UN member states all are included with the following exceptions:

a) Geographical restriction:

The 45 European countries, as classified by the UN Statistics division, are excluded, that is, the 47 member states of the Council of Europe and Belarus; but Azerbaijan, Armenia, Georgia are included in the database.

b) Restriction with regard to development:

Five non-European, but highly developed countries are excluded (with very high HDI scores over decades): Australia, New Zealand, Canada, USA, and Japan.

In addition to the UN member states, the FLOORCASH datasets include the following territories: Palestine, Macao, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Cook Islands.

The dataset FLOORCASH-SocPen for social pensions additionally covers Turkey.

Table: Countries and territories covered by the FLOORCASH-SocCit dataset

<i>No.</i>	<i>Country Code</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Country Code</i>	<i>Country</i>
1	AFG	Afghanistan	75	LBN	Lebanon
2	AGO	Angola	76	LBR	Liberia
3	ARE	Arab Emirates	77	LBY	Libya
4	ARG	Argentina	78	LCA	Saint Lucia
5	ARM	Armenia	79	LKA	Sri Lanka
6	ATG	Antigua and Barbuda	80	LSO	Lesotho
7	AZE	Azerbaijan	81	MAR	Morocco
8	BDI	Burundi	82	MDG	Madagascar
9	BEN	Benin	83	MDV	Maldives
10	BFA	Burkina Faso	84	MEX	Mexico
11	BGD	Bangladesh	85	MHL	Marshall Islands

¹ <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/methodology/m49/> (accessed 24 October 2017).

² <http://hdr.undp.org/en/data> (accessed 24 October 2017).

12	BHR	Bahrain	86	MLI	Mali
13	BHS	Bahamas	87	MMR	Myanmar
14	BLZ	Belize	88	MNG	Mongolia
15	BOL	Bolivia	89	MOZ	Mozambique
16	BRA	Brazil	90	MRT	Mauritania
17	BRB	Barbados	91	MUS	Mauritius
18	BRN	Brunei Darussalam	92	MWI	Malawi
19	BTN	Bhutan	93	MYS	Malaysia
20	BWA	Botswana	94	NAM	Namibia
21	CAF	Central African Republic	95	NER	Niger
22	CHL	Chile	96	NGA	Nigeria
23	CHN	China	97	NIC	Nicaragua
24	CHN-HKG	China - Hong Kong	98	NPL	Nepal
25	CHN-MAC	China - Macau	99	NRU	Nauru
26	CHN-TWN	China - Taiwan	100	OMN	Oman
27	CIV	Côte d'Ivoire	101	PAK	Pakistan
28	CMR	Cameroon	102	PAN	Panama
29	COD	Democratic Republic of the Congo	103	PER	Peru
30	COG	Congo	104	PHL	Philippines
31	COK	Cook Islands	105	PLW	Palau
32	COL	Colombia	106	PNG	Papua New Guinea
33	COM	Comoros	107	PRK	Democratic People's Republic of Korea
34	CPV	Cabo Verde	108	PRY	Paraguay
35	CRI	Costa Rica	109	PSE	State of Palestine
36	CUB	Cuba	110	QAT	Qatar
37	DJI	Djibouti	111	RWA	Rwanda
38	DMA	Dominica	112	SAU	Saudi Arabia
39	DOM	Dominican Republic	113	SDN	Sudan
40	DZA	Algeria	114	SEN	Senegal
41	ECU	Ecuador	115	SGP	Singapore
42	EGY	Egypt	116	SLB	Solomon Islands
43	ERI	Eritrea	117	SLE	Sierra Leone
44	ETH	Ethiopia	118	SLV	El Salvador
45	FJI	Fiji	119	SOM	Somalia
46	FSM	Federated States of Micronesia	120	SSD	South Sudan
47	GAB	Gabon	121	STP	Sao Tome and Principe
48	GEO	Georgia	122	SUR	Suriname
49	GHA	Ghana	123	SWZ	Swaziland
50	GIN	Guinea	124	SYC	Seychelles
51	GMB	Gambia	125	SYR	Syria
52	GNB	Guinea-Bissau	126	TCD	Chad
53	GNQ	Equatorial Guinea	127	TGO	Togo
54	GRD	Grenada	128	THA	Thailand
55	GTM	Guatemala	129	TJK	Tajikistan

56	GUY	Guyana	130	TKM	Turkmenistan
57	HND	Honduras	131	TLS	Timor-Leste
58	HTI	Haiti	132	TON	Tonga
59	IDN	Indonesia	133	TTO	Trinidad and Tobago
60	IND	India	134	TUN	Tunisia
61	IRN	Iran	135	TUV	Tuvalu
62	IRQ	Iraq	136	TZA	Tanzania
63	ISR	Israel	137	UGA	Uganda
64	JAM	Jamaica	138	URY	Uruguay
65	JOR	Jordan	139	UZB	Uzbekistan
66	KAZ	Kazakhstan	140	VCT	Saint Vincent
67	KEN	Kenya	141	VEN	Venezuela
68	KGZ	Kyrgyzstan	142	VNM	Vietnam
69	KHM	Cambodia	143	VUT	Vanuatu
70	KIR	Kiribati	144	WSM	Samoa
71	KNA	Saint Kitts and Nevis	145	YEM	Yemen
72	KOR	Republic of Korea	146	ZAF	South Africa
73	KWT	Kuwait	147	ZMB	Zambia
74	LAO	Laos	148	ZWE	Zimbabwe