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Monitoring internet censorship in South and Southeast Asia: the Internet Monitoring Action Project (iMAP)

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What do we hope to achieve through this Community Lab session?

- To provide an overview of iMAP
- To understand our stakeholders' needs and concerns
- To discuss how we can improve the iMAP Project

What is iMAP?



Objective:

To establish **regional and in-country networks** that will **monitor network interference and restrictions to the freedom of expression online** in Burma, Cambodia, Hong Kong (China), India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam.



Overview of iMAP

Contribution of data and information

Increase the collection of OONI Probe measurements

Contribute regular OONI Probe measurements from local vantage points

Strengthen censorship monitoring by improving country specific test lists

- Include metadata (labels) in addition to the existing categories
- Provide additional context on websites, eg: state-affiliated media entities

Produce annual country reports on the state of internet censorship

Analysis of the OONI Probe measurements and explanation of the meaning of the findings within legal, social, and political contexts

Movement Building

- Foster the development of regional and national network of digital activists
- Establish in-country networks that will monitor network interference and restrictions to the freedom of expression online

Capacity Building

- Build the capacity of the iMAP network to understand internet censorship testing
- Equip members with skills to carry out monitoring of internet censorship and to improve the existing test-lists containing URLs under monitoring