



## Remote Sensing of Economic Development in Data-Poor Regions

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The lack of reliable data in low-income countries holds back both development and disaster management. Large portions of the population are missed or ignored, and important aspects of people's lives and environmental conditions are not measured. Traditional forms of data gathering fail to provide the widespread coverage and rich levels of information necessary to inform and evaluate complex policy. Remote sensing has enormous potential to deliver timely, relevant, and cost-effective information about the impact of policies and the measurement of key targets. A major problem with both new and existing data is that they are gathered in a heterogeneous and unstructured form. We are falling behind in developing useful information from it because we do not have the tools or resources to process it.

This Special Issue will publish original research papers which apply remote-sensing-based techniques or data to analyze economic development, especially as it relates to the Sustainable Development Goals. Furthermore, papers addressing methodological, theoretical, and ethical issues relating to remote sensing in development are encouraged. Review contributions are also welcomed.





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