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**IEP Country Risk Analysis Product**

**1) IEP Background**

Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) is the world’s leading think tank dedicated to developing metrics to analyse peace and to quantify its economic value. It does this by developing global and national indices, calculating the economic cost of violence, analysing country level risk and understanding positive peace. The research is used extensively by governments, academic institutions, think tanks, non-governmental organisations and by intergovernmental institutions such as the OECD, The Commonwealth Secretariat, the World Bank and the United Nations. The Institute was recently ranked in the top 15 most impactful think tanks in the world on the Global Go to Think Tank Index.

Institute’s intellectual properties Global Peace Index (GPI), Positive Peace Index (PPI) and Global Terrorism Index (GTI) provide solid and unique foundation to measure the international peacefulness of 162 countries. It has raised significant awareness about the drivers and indicators of peace and become a valued resource used by academics, intergovernmental organisations, and governments around the world.

In an effort to make peace a more central area of study, for students, teachers and academics, the Institute for Economics and Peace works with a growing network of schools and universities globally. At the Primary and Secondary level, we have developed a range of resources for teachers to introduce peace into the classroom across a number of subjects. At the tertiary level, we are working with academics and universities, including business schools and economics departments, to develop deeper research into peace and its value within society.

The institute’s research is used in university courses worldwide, in fields including management, business, economics, criminal justice, conflict resolution and international affairs. In order to further our understanding of the linkages between business, peace and economic development, IEP has created the Business Faculty Network, a consortium of business faculties and scholars. We periodically host academic conferences.

**2) IEP Country Analytic and Risk Product**

IEP is developing a cloud based country analytic and risk assessment software product to offer to academic institutions, multi-lateral organisations, governments and businesses to enable them to easily craft country based analytics.

IEP country analytic productwill have below **key** **features**.

* Cloud based Architecture supporting SaaS subscription model.
* A simpler and user friendly interface to provide an easy, memorable and meaningful interaction for customers.
* Enable quantitative analysis and comparison of IEP risk indicators
* Ability to create, modify, update and delete indexes, country profiles and risk models.
* Access to pre-defined IEP indexes, risk models and country profiles.
* Compare and evaluate indexes using data visualization techniques i.e. bar charts, pie charts, time series, scatter plots, histograms etc.
* Ability to generate customized country analytic profiles by analyzing a large range of indicators including economics, society, peace, conflict and violence.
* Identify a country’s risk of falling in GPI, PPI or GTI rankings.
* Identify a country’s level of societal resilience based on prior empiric research
* Enable academics to compare cross country socio-economic data, and help find correlation between risk indicators.
* Upload client data or modify IEP data to better understand the flow on effect of changes.
* Download client analysis into a pdf, jpeg, png or excel format.
* Allow users to register for 1 month trial or a multi-year subscription membership.
* Regular data updates to IEP datasets.

**2.1) Benefits**

The key product benefits are

* **Simplicity** – Automates complex statistical analysis and saves academics and students time on manually updating spreadsheets and graphs to include in their analysis and research.
* **Advanced Country Analytics** – Hundreds of data views, indexes and country profiles.
* **Superior Risk Analysis** – Unique research methodology to forecast systemic country risk using IEP risk models.
* **Superior Opportunity Analysis** – Enable probability measures for which countries will have

the potential for sustained long term future growth.

* **Streamlined country information** – Hundreds of pre-defined views of country risk data
* **Unique Data** – Access to IEPs original data combined with other data statistically transformed into knowledge.

**2.2) IEP Research Data**

IEP has one of largest harmonised country based datasets in the world with over 8,900 different indexes, attitudinal surveys and dataset, as well as IEPs own unique datasets and analysis which is considered some of the world’s leading research on peace research. The product will enable academics, students and researchers access to our acclaimed research in the areas of economics and peace studies.

Our research team is highly skilled in quantitative techniques and specialised development of indicators and composite indices related to global peace, conflict, and violence.

The institute’s studies into finding linkages between economy and peace are well defined, well regarded and unique. IEP analyses over 8,900 different indices, datasets and attitudinal surveys in conjunction with current thinking about the drivers of violent conflict, resilience and peacefulness. The extensive data coverage of world’s 99.6 % population is harmonized and stored in a common database.

The combination of IEP’s datasets, along with the other data that it has sourced provides an excellent baseline set of data suited to undertake holistic and empirical studies to identify the positive factors which create and sustain peaceful societies.

The institute believes this data is of great value to researchers, academics and students globally interested in peace studies. IEP plans to make our research data available to academic institutions and libraries.

Institute holds data for below categories

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| **Datasets** | **Indicators** |
| Economic | * Macroeconomics * Finance * Government Budget * Infrastructure |
| Conflict & Violence | * Militarization * Diplomatic Relations * Terrorism * Safety & Security * Ongoing conflict |
| Political | * Governance * Respect for human rights * Political institutions * International Relations |
| Societal | * Education * Health * Social Capital * Attitudinal * Inequality |
| Geographic | * Natural Resources * Natural Disasters * Ecological * Metrological |
| Demographic | * Ethnicity * Population * Religion |

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