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GIDEON Platform Helps International SOS Protect Travelers From Disease Outbreaks

> Our team uses GIDEON to get credible data to compile information about outbreaks and understand whether a disease is endemic or not in an area.
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International SOS has been saving lives for over 35 years. The company protects global teams from health and security threats. Since the pandemic began, they have been tasked with anticipating and safeguarding their clients from health-related threats, like infectious diseases. They offer over 11,000 experts in over 1,000 global locations to provide round-the-clock support.

THE CHALLENGE

Unfortunately, a small outbreak can transform into a worldwide disaster in less than a week. The COVID-19 pandemic is a prime example. Such emerging infectious diseases are deadly because they cause widespread devastation before they are accurately diagnosed and treated.

For international travelers, the stakes are high. Based on the pathogen, symptoms can take anywhere from a week to even a month to appear. Suppose companies do not inform their teams about outbreaks in time. In that case, employees may unknowingly infect many more people as they travel. Also, without timely diagnosis and treatment, they may be at a higher risk of experiencing severe illness or even death.

THE GIDEON SOLUTION

The GIDEON database helps International SOS get in-depth information about disease-specific outbreaks. This way, they can elevate their support services for their customers.

“[GIDEON helps us in] finding the history and prevalence of a disease in different countries. Charts are also helpful to see disease progression within a specified time,” says Xaxa.

GIDEON – the Global Infectious Diseases Epidemiology Online Network – is a comprehensive database of infectious diseases and a proud partner for many prestigious public health intelligence establishments.

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GIDEON's continuously updated global data equips travel risk management professionals with mission-critical insights

GIDEON Advantages

In-depth daily analysis of global disease spread

GIDEON's database contains 120,000+ prevalence and seroprevalence surveys, 26,000+ country-specific notes and provides information on over **30,000 historical outbreaks and cross-border events.**

Dedicated data visualization toolkit

Make a point in seconds. Use 58,000+ epidemiological graphs to create bespoke charts that tell a story or configure time-specific outbreak maps. Enhance publications, presentations, or engage classroom with effortless visualizations, exported at a click of a button.

Interactive maps

GIDEON renders interactive maps of disease distribution and outbreaks: **there is one for every disease.** GIDEON also provides vaccine coverage maps.

REST API with R wrapper for streamlined data modeling

GIDEON API is designed to help travel risk professionals retrieve data programmatically and integrate it into internal systems. Epidemiologists can easily query the database **using a familiar R environment.**

Updated daily

GIDEON is curated by a team of highly regarded medical scientists who are **updating the database daily.**

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