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## Infant Biometric Identity: A Mobile Deep Learning Approach

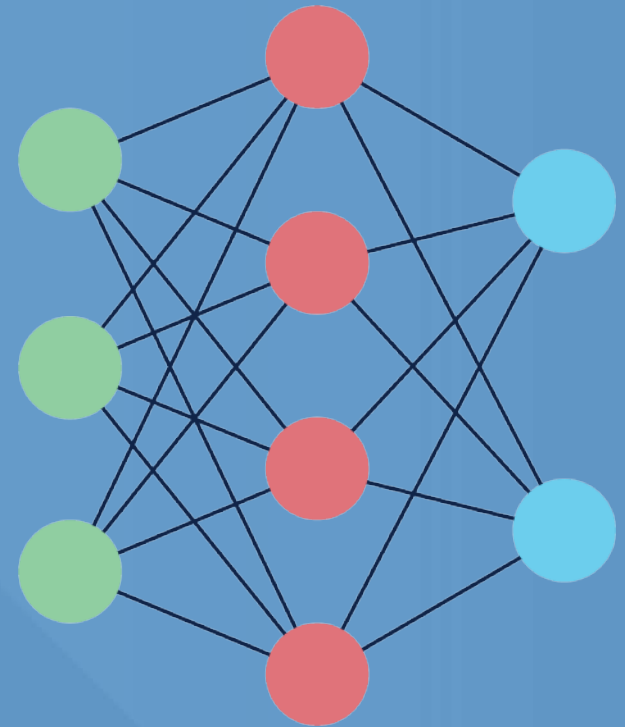
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# Deep Learning

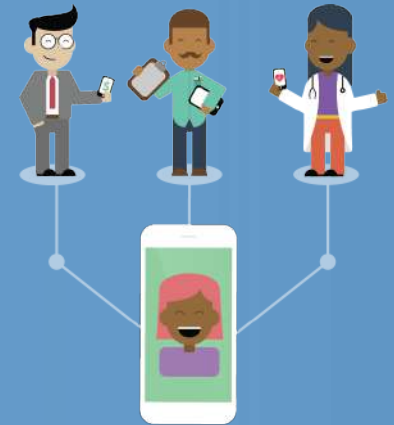
A modern form of machine learning (artificial intelligence) in which models learn directly from data

## Suited to address the unique challenges of scalable biometric recognition:

- ✓ **Inclusive:** Can be applied to unique (and multiple) human features
- ✓ **Performance:** Improvements in accuracy and robust over different conditions
- ✓ **Security:** Creates irreversible abstractions of data, providing native security architecture



# AI-Powered Mobile Software Solution



- 1 Capture image
- 2 Automated ID Check
- 3 Biometric ID Creation
- 4 Ecosystem Access

Uses existing camera on mobile devices - no specialized hardware

Works across devices

OCR technology to scan legal ID - enabling KYC / AML database checks

Deep Learning algorithms create a unique user ID

Without having to store PII/underlying images

Unique user ID can serve as cross-channel identity key for ecosystem access

Can be used without connectivity

# Infant Biometric Recognition

## Challenges

- Small, rapidly-changing features hard to capture
- Last mile, low resource, low connectivity contexts
- Data security and privacy

## Deep Learning Approach

- ✓ Can be deployed to recognize changes in features over time
- ✓ Application to modalities that can be captured with mobile cameras
- ✓ Native security architecture

# The BioNIC Initiative

A non-touch, globally scalable solution for infant biometric recognition

In partnership with



## Key Questions

- Are infant biometric modalities suitable for identification and verification?
- Do they have sufficient stability in infancy?
- Can they be captured on existing mobile devices, increasing the opportunity for use?

# Global Partners

Longitudinal collection of infant palm, ear, and foot biometric images

## Cambodia

**646,000**  
biometric images  
captured

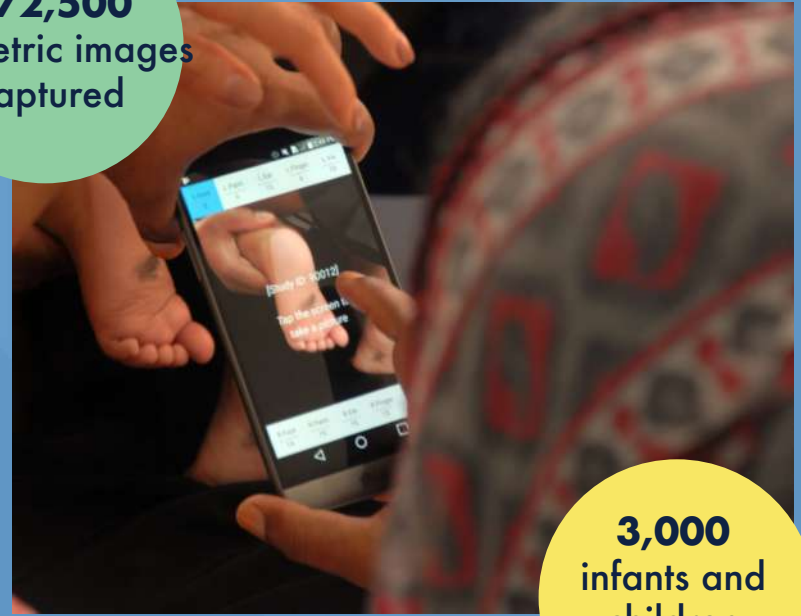


**5,000**  
infants and  
children  
enrolled



## Bangladesh

**972,500**  
biometric images  
captured



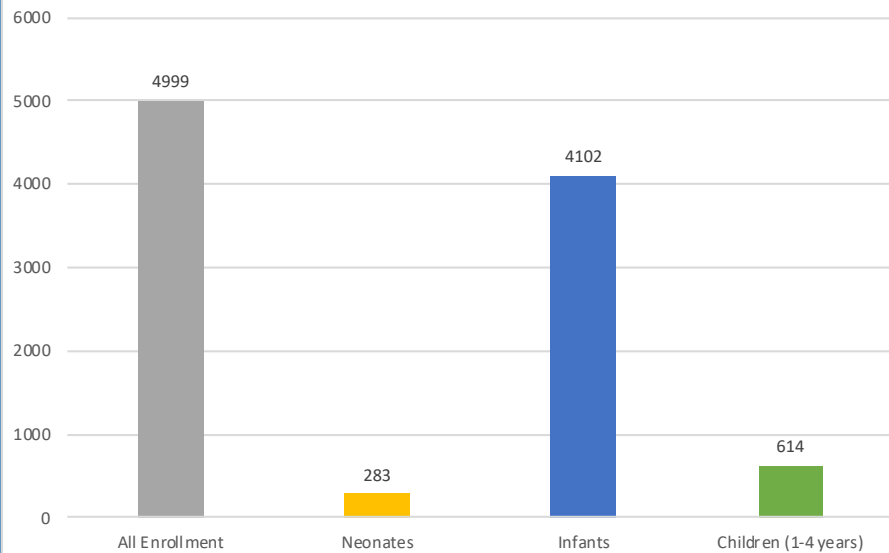
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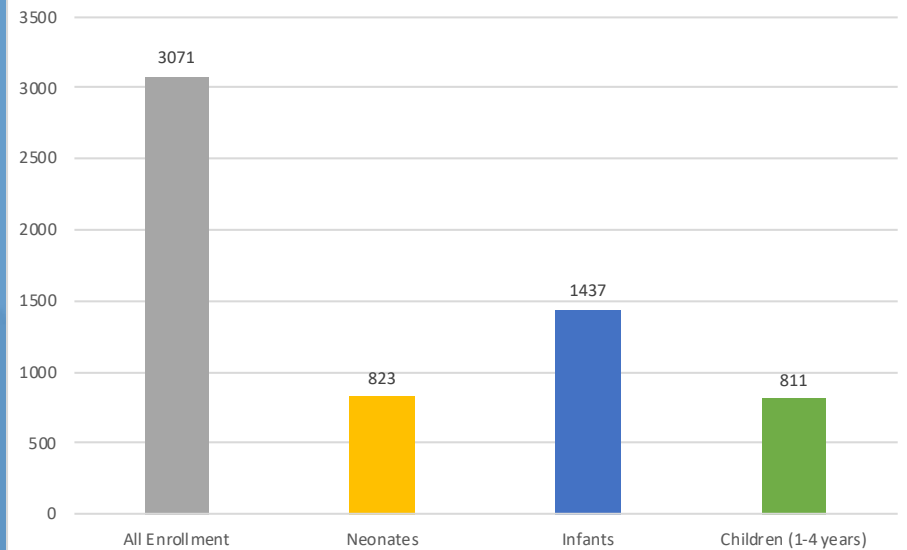
# Real-World Dataset

World's largest infant biometric dataset

Cambodia: Participants by Age



Bangladesh: Participants by Age



- Significant proportion of neonates
- Each child seen up to 3 times (6-8 weeks in between visits)
- Capture in real-world conditions

# Next Steps

## Mozambique

Field validation  
**2,000**  
infants and  
children



Migration of models to mobile devices for offline verification

Focus on mitigating ethnicity bias



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# Unlocking Digital Ecosystem

Mobile biometric identity from birth to improve transparency and efficiency of service delivery



**Thank you!**

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