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# UNSD-DFID Project on SDG Monitoring

## Overview of recent activities

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<p><b>7</b> AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY</p>	<p><b>8</b> DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH</p>	<p><b>9</b> INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE</p>	<p><b>10</b> REDUCED INEQUALITIES</p>	<p><b>11</b> SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES</p>	<p><b>12</b> RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION</p>
<p><b>13</b> CLIMATE ACTION</p>	<p><b>14</b> LIFE BELOW WATER</p>	<p><b>15</b> LIFE ON LAND</p>	<p><b>16</b> PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</p>	<p><b>17</b> PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS</p>	

## Recent project activities (Feb-Jul 2019)

- **User engagement:** Zimbabwe, Zambia, Uganda, Ethiopia, Lao, Jordan, Rwanda (and international workshop in Jordan)
- **Initiation and Metadata:** Viet Nam
- **Data modelling:** Palestine, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Uganda, Ethiopia, Lao, Viet Nam, Cambodia (and regional workshop with Burundi, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Uganda)
- **Open data and interoperability:** Bangladesh
- **Gap assessment:** Mozambique



## Project implementation progress

- 7 out of 8 targeted countries successfully mapped their national SDG data to the global DSD
- 6 countries have published their platforms and 4 additional ones have test versions running
- Almost all countries have an SDG capacity gap assessments in place (target: 12 countries)
- More than half of the countries are in the process of developing user engagement strategies around statistics and SDG indicators (target: 10 countries).

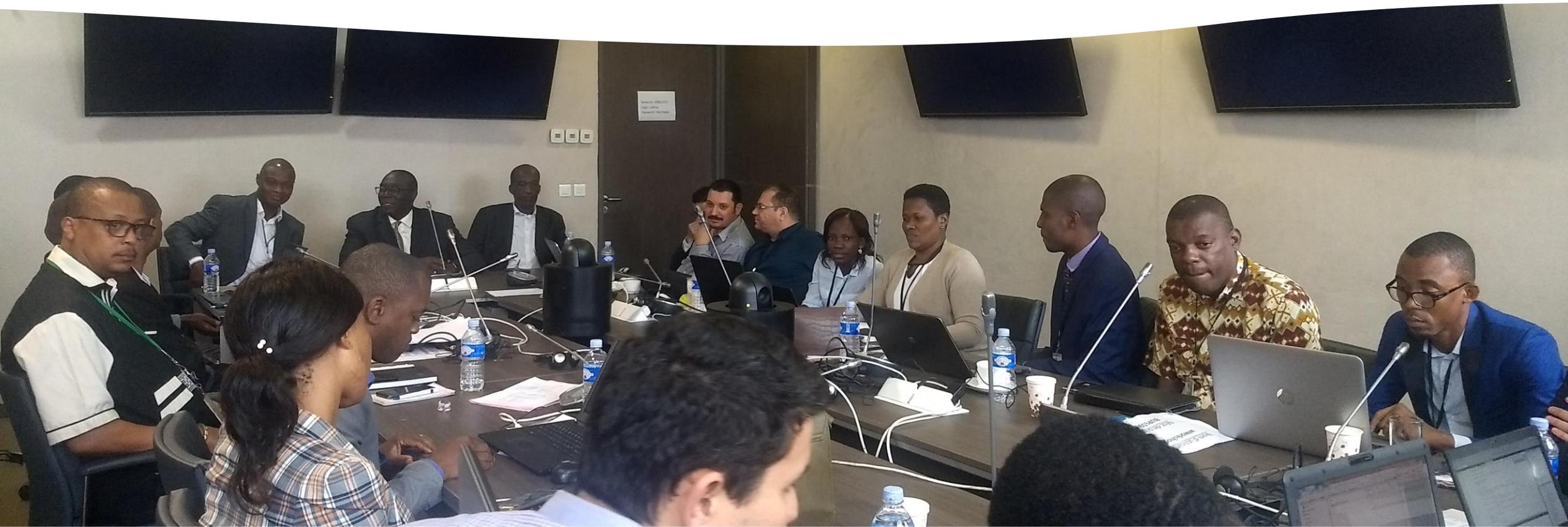


## Open and participatory approach to capacity building

- In all countries that have conducted metadata and user engagement workshops so far, there have been participants from more than ten different ministries and agencies (on the target).
- In the user engagement workshops the NSOs have also invited many different user groups which has led to interesting discussions and feedback.
- Partners in the project advisory group and outside have contributed key tools, expertise and funds

# Strong commitment and national ownership of SDG process

- Many project countries have established national indicator frameworks and strategies, and incorporated the SDG in their national development plans.
- Data and statistics have an increasingly prominent role in national development plans.
- SDGs are included in many National Strategies of Development of Statistics



# Second annual review (end of June 2019)



Project received **A** rating

# Voluntary National Reviews by project countries

- **Cambodia, Ghana, Rwanda** and **Tanzania** presented their VNRs at the High-level Political Forum in July 2019  
(<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf/2019#vnrs>).
- All three VNRs made reference to their SDG reporting platforms
- **Kyrgyzstan** will present its first VNR next year, and the National Statistical Committee (NSC) has already started preparations
  - National SDG indicator framework consists of over 500 indicators
  - Goal is to have a national SDG reporting platform published before the report

# User engagement





# User engagement activities in Lao

- **User engagement workshop and annual National Statistics Forum in June 2019**
- Forum is the primary mechanism for engagement between producers and users of statistics
  - Reflect on evolution of the national statistical system and lessons learned
  - Promote statistical products
  - Discuss coordination and integration with international frameworks and SDGs
  - Review needs associated with the collection, production and dissemination of official statistics.
- The event included participants from the Government's senior leadership (seven Vice Ministers attended), central planning and line ministries, subnational and provincial governments, the United Nations, the World Bank, and development partners.

# User engagement activities in Zimbabwe



## USER ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY (2019-2021)

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- First project country to organize a national workshop on user engagement in April 2019
  - Over 40 participants from ZIMSTAT, line ministries, development partners, and academia
  - Work in small groups to draft various sections of the user engagement strategy for Zimbabwe, building upon other relevant documents such as the national strategy for the development of statistics.
- After the workshop, ZIMSTAT staff revised and updated the strategy to consider inputs from senior management.
- The strategy has been endorsed by the Board of Directors of ZIMSTAT and its implementation has also started



# International user engagement workshop (Amman, June 2019)

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- Process and institutional mechanism for developing and implementing a user engagement strategy
- Differences and similarities between user engagement and communication
- Role of SDG data and metadata platforms in engaging users
- Hands-on exercises on linking policies and indicators
- Meeting the needs of different user groups
- Sharing of country experiences, e.g.:
  - **Palestine** - conducting user satisfaction surveys,
  - **Zambia** - developing an action plan for implementing the user engagement strategy



## International user engagement workshop (Amman, June 2019)

### Main outcomes

- User engagement should be a **core function** of the National Statistical System and build upon the National Strategy for the Development of Statistics
- **Human and financial resources** should be made available to have dedicated staff to work on user engagement
- **Key user groups** include policy makers/analysts in government institutions, media, academia and general public.
- Statistical products must be produced to meet the **needs** of different user groups, disseminated through relevant **channels** and in accessible **formats**

# Metadata

# Metadata compilation and dissemination in Ghana

- Workshop on metadata for Ghana Statistical Service (GSS) and other members of the National Statistical System (NSS) in December 2018
- Since then, GSS has made significant progress in **compiling SDG metadata** and making them **easily available** on the national SDG reporting platform
  - Increased transparency and ability to explaining differences in data
  - Useful tool in conversations with policy makers and politicians
- All metadata were available for Ghana's Voluntary National Review in July 2019
- **Key success factor:** Engage with all producers of SDG indicators across NSS and provide guidance to compile metadata correctly.



## COMPILING METADATA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (ENGLISH)

Training Course on Compiling Metadata for Sustainable Development Goals: This course introduces the SDGs and the metadata that should be disseminated along with the SDG indicators.



### ABSTRACT

The value and usability of SDG indicators is enhanced when metadata is disseminated along with the indicators. This course provides an overview of these two topics: SDG indicators and metadata. It is comprised of 6 modules: overview of the SDGs (module 1); various topics on metadata (modules 2-5); and, voluntary national review (module 6). Technical staff working in national statistical systems tasked with compiling SDG indicators and metadata are encouraged to take course.

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- Self-paced course
  - 6 modules
  - 3 hours to complete
  - Free or charge

<https://elearning-cms.unstats.un.org/>

E-learning course on metadata

Provides an overview of the SDGs, the importance of metadata, and how to compile metadata.

# Data platforms and data exchange



# Data Platform Development in Cambodia

- In March 2018, OECD, UNICEF, PARIS21, and UNSD joined forces with Cambodia National Institute of Statistics to pilot the replacement of DevInfo database
- The new **CamStat** platform went live in May 2019 at <http://camstat.nis.gov.kh/>
- Government of Cambodia designated CamStat as Cambodia's official National Indicator Reporting Platform.
- UNICEF, OECD, PARIS21, with support of the UN Country Team and donor community, continue to support the NIS with capacity building, work to ensure sustainability of the platform

# Data modelling workshop held in partnership with AfDB

- On 8–12 April 2019, UNSD and the African Development Bank (AfDB) held in Abidjan a joint workshop on Advanced Data Sharing and Exchange
- 14 participants from National Statistical offices of Burundi, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.
- The topics covered included: SDMX fundamentals, Data modeling and Advanced SDMX tools.
- Participants mapped SDG datasets on the Open Data Platform to the SDG Data Structure Definition.
- Countries presented their experiences on data dissemination and sharing, including SDGs indicator data

## **New workstream: Open data and interoperability**

- Principles and guidelines for national data platforms emphasize the importance of open data and standards for data interoperability
- Decision by the Statistical Commission

## Open data and interoperability workshop in Bangladesh

- Dhaka, 28-30 April 2019
- First workshop of its kind with UNSD-DFID project countries (in collaboration with ODW)
- Participants from Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Planning, Bangladesh Bureau of Educational Information and Statistics, Access to Information (a2i) Programme, Directorate General of Health Services and Bangladesh Bank
- Topics covered included: introduction to open data, measuring and licensing open data, introduction to data interoperability, review of the key areas of the practitioners guide to interoperability and data portal best practices



# The way forward

## Key milestones in 2020

- UNSC – SDG Indicator Framework comprehensive review
- Voluntary national reviews
- Technical missions on data modelling and data platform
- Data exchange and SDG Data Lab
- Implementation of user engagement strategies
- Complementary initiatives
  - FIS4SDGs / Statistical-Geospatial Integration
  - Data4Now
  - UN World Data Forum

# National data platforms training: PX Web

- Building on data modelling training delivered in 2019 through country missions
- Planned for the last week of November 2019
- In collaboration with Statistics Sweden for 3 project countries (Jordan, Palestine, Vietnam)
  - Mapping SDG data and metadata to PX-Web data model
  - Publication of data from SDG database into PX-Web
  - Introduction PX-Web API and front-end customization
  - Integration with ArcGIS online



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