UNSD-DFID PROJECT ON SDG MONITORING

MODULE 3

Introduction to the SDG metadata template

Module structure

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- Based on past experiences and international processes
  - SDG global metadata
  - Metadata template agreed by IAEG-SDGs
  - Metadata Structure Definitions used for the MDGs
  - Global Reference Metadata Concept Scheme and default metadata structure definition

- Covers 8 broad areas
  - Indicator information
  - Definitions and concepts
  - Data sources
  - Data collection methods
  - Method of computation and other methodological considerations
  - Comparability with international data/standards
  - References and documentation

Elements of the SDG metadata template

1. Indicator Information

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Goal:
Target:
Indicator:
Series (if applicable):

2. Data reporter

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Organization: *Please indicate the name of the organization that reports this data to the NSO/national data platform*
Contact person(s)/Focal point: *Please provide the name of the focal point for this indicator*
Contact person's email: *Please provide the focal point's email*
Contact person's phone: *Please provide the focal point's phone number*
Organization website (if available):   *Please provide a link to the organization's website*

3. Definitions and concepts

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Definition:

Precise definition of the indicator including references to standards and classifications, preferably relying on international agreed definitions. The indicator definition should be unambiguous and be expressed in universally applicable terms. It must clearly express the unit of measurement (proportion, dollars, number of people, etc.)

Concepts:

Precise definition of all different concepts, variables and terms associated with the indicator, also including reference to any associated classifications and international standards.

Rationale and interpretation:

Explain how this indicator is related to the target, and any specific way it should be interpreted for example specific thresholds. For instance, a value higher than 20 per cent indicate severe malnutrition, while value between 10-20 indicate moderately high malnutrition.

4. Data sources and collection methods

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Data sources:

Description of sources of data to calculate this indicator, as well of the methods used for data collection. This description should include, when applicable, the sample frame used, the questions used to collect the data, the type of interview, the dates/duration of fieldwork, the sample size, the response rate, and any changes of the data source over time, details of denominator (if from a different source) and any other relevant information related to the origin of the source or indicator.

Data collection methods:

Description of the mechanism for collecting data: for example, the frequency and the periods when the data is collected, and the frequency and periods when the data is released to the NSO or the national reporting platform.

5. Method of computation and other methodological considerations

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Method of computation: *Explanation of how the indicator is calculated, including mathematical formulas and descriptive information of computations made on the source data to produce the indicator (including adjustments and weighting).*
Comment and limitations: *Comments on the feasibility, suitability, relevance and limitations of the indicator.*
Quality assurance: *Information on steps taken for quality assurance. For instance, information on how missing data is treated, validation systems in place, specific guidelines, or other mechanisms that address data quality.*

6. Data availability and disaggregation

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Data availability and gaps:

Description of the availability of data, including the time periods for which data is (un)available.

Disaggregation:

Specification of the dimensions and levels used for disaggregation of the indicator (e.g., income, sex, age group, geographic location, disability status, etc.).

7. Comparability with international standards
8. References and documentation

7. Comparability with international data/standards

Discussions on this data's comparability, and if the data deviates from internationally estimated data, explanation on the sources of discrepancy, highlighting and summarizing the main sources of differences.

8. References and documentation

Any references and documentation that helps with understanding of how the data for this indicator

Thank you for your attention!