UK’s 2019 Voluntary National Review
Our experience and lessons learned

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Virtual Expert peer exchange for VNR 2023 countries:
Best practices in data disaggregation for VNR reporting
UK’s 1st VNR in 2019

- Cross-Government Coordination led by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office; Cabinet Office and ONS
- Sets out activity since 2015
- Covers all 169 Targets
- Covers national and international work, focus on national
- Collaboration with Devolved Governments of Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales
- Informed by a range of stakeholders, with 380 organisations engaged, and 270 case studies received during the process
How was our VNR (data) led?

- Established 'data led' as a principle early on
- ONS had a 'seat at the table' from the start
- Negotiated a stand-alone data chapter: Using Data and tracking progress towards the Goals
- Strong 'Leave No One Behind' theme -> needs data
- Pushed for data to be the thread throughout
- Statistical Annex
Leave no one behind

- Disaggregated data essential for ensuring that we leave no one behind
- Focal part of our SDG platform

Maternal mortality rate per 100,000 maternities

Source: National Perinatal Epidemiology Unit (NPEU)
Geographical Area: United Kingdom
Unit of Measurement: Rate per 100,000 maternities, Rate per 100,000 live births
Challenges... and opportunities

**Challenges**

• Not joined up – with statisticians in other government departments, statisticians and policy leads
• Chapter authors/ data familiarity
• Timescales

**Opportunities**

• Excellent networking opportunity!
• Educational opportunity!
• Pace!
What progress have we made since our 1st VNR?

Our data has been described by the Chief Exec of UN Global Compact UK as ‘world leading’ in terms of the coverage and quality of data provided and as ‘ground-breaking’ by the UN Statistics Division.

- Quantity and quality of data
- Non-Official data protocol
- Our research
Thank you for listening!

“Coming together is the beginning

Keeping together is progress

Working together is success”

Any questions, comments or suggestions?

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Link to the UK Open SDG Platform
Link to the UK’s Voluntary National Review