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Tier Classification Criteria

- Tier I: indicator is conceptually clear, has an internationally established methodology and standards are available and data are regularly produced by countries for at least 50 per cent of countries and of the population in every region where the indicator is relevant;

- Tier II: indicator is conceptually clear, has an internationally established methodology and standards are available but data are not regularly produced by countries;

- Tier III: no internationally established methodology or standards are yet available for the indicator but methodology/standards are being (or will be) developed or tested for the indicator.

Tier Re-Classification

- Tier II --> Tier I: Data are regularly produced by countries for at least 50 per cent of countries and of the population in every region where the indicator is relevant.

- Tier III --> Tier II: Information needed
- ✓ Information on how NSSs and in particular NSOs are involved in methodology development
- ✓ Information on how and when the methodology has become an international standard and who is the governing body that approves it
- ✓ Result of the pilot studies that are regionally representative
- ✓ Draft metadata

Data Custodian Agency

An agency is referred to as "custodian" when:

- It has an existing mandate for global monitoring of the indicator in question and established data reporting mechanisms from countries; or

- It does not have an explicit mandate from its intergovernmental process but has a well established global data reporting mechanism, recognized by Member States, and clearly identified counterpart in countries' government agencies.

Responsibilities include:

- Compile internationally comparable data in the different statistical domains;

- Support increased adoption and compliance with internationally agreed standards; and

- Strengthen national statistical capacity.

Other responsibilities of a data custodian agency include:

- Working with the IAEG-SDGs on implementation of the indicator.

- Coordinating on indicator development with national statistical systems, other international agencies and stakeholders.

- Methodological development of indicators, in particular for Tier III.

- Communicating and coordinating with national statistical systems in a transparent manner, including on the validation of estimates and data adjustments when these take place;

- Compiling the international data series, calculating global and regional aggregates and providing them, along with the metadata, to the United Nations Statistics Division; and

- Preparing the storyline for the annual global progress report.

Data Partner Agency

An agency is referred to as "partner agency" when:

- It does not have an explicit mandate for global monitoring but has a well established data reporting mechanism for some countries; or

- It has been involved in the methodology development of the indicator.

Responsibilities include:

- Work with data custodian agency on indicator development;

- Facilitate the compilation of the international data series;

- Support increased adoption and compliance with internationally agreed standards; and

- Support countries in strengthening their national statistical capacity.