SDG Target 11c: alternative indicator proposal

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Local Materials for Sustainable Urban Development

Goal 11: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

Target 11c: Support least developed countries, including through financial and technical assistance, in building sustainable and resilient buildings utilizing local materials.

Target 11c targets the use of local sustainable building materials in the construction sector of least developing countries. This approach aims to enhance the local economy and reduce the environmental impact by utilizing locally produced resources.

11.c.1: Proportion of financial support to the least developed countries that is allocated to the construction and retrofitting of sustainable, resilient and resource-efficient buildings utilizing local materials.
Interconnection with other SDG indicators

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Target 11.2: by 2030, provide access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all, improving road safety, notably by expanding public transport, with special attention to the needs of those in vulnerable situations, women, children, persons with disabilities and older persons.

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Target 11.3: by 2030 enhance inclusive and sustainable urbanization and capacities for participatory, integrated and sustainable human settlement planning and management in all countries.

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Target 11.6: by 2030, reduce the adverse per capita environmental impact of cities, including by paying special attention to air quality, municipal and other waste management.

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Target 11.7: by 2030, provide universal access to safe, inclusive and accessible, green and public spaces, particularly for women and children, older persons and persons with disabilities.
Ecological Friendliness of Local Materials

- **Ecological Sustainability**: Reduces ecological impact through sustainable resource extraction and local sourcing, promoting environmental responsibility.
- **Economic Growth**: Boosts local economies and job creation in LDCs, contributing to economic sustainability.
- **Affordability**: Lowers housing costs by reducing reliance on imported materials, making housing more accessible.
- **Climate Resilience**: Enhances building resilience by using materials suited to local climate conditions.
- **Cultural Adequacy**: Supports cultural sustainability by incorporating traditional local materials in construction.
- **Green Job Creation**: Facilitates greener job opportunities in the construction industry, promoting economic and environmental sustainability.
Financing for infrastructure development

- There is a lack of direct Official Development Assistance (ODA) financing for the production of local building materials.
- Most funds allocated to the construction sector are channeled indirectly through sectors like education, health, and industry.
## Proposed indicator

**Indicator:** Official development assistance (ODA) in support of infrastructure

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<td>Official development assistance (ODA) by sector is defined as the distribution of bilateral ODA commitments by economic sector. It does not refer to the type of goods or services provided. These data are aggregates of individual projects notified under the Creditor Reporting System, supplemented by reporting on the sectoral distribution of technical co-operation, and on actual disbursements of food and emergency aid. This indicator is measured in million USD constant prices, using 2021 as the base year.</td>
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UN-Habitat proposes to further develop a comprehensive methodology within the next 6 months and provide a substantial proposal for consideration in the 2025 Comprehensive Review process.

OECD and other partners are potential co-custodians. Plan is to organize an expert group meeting and consultations for detailing methodology and initial data tables by June 2024.
Thank You

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