# UNSD-DFID Project on SDGs Monitoring

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# Origins

• UNSD-DFID Project on Improving the collation, availability and dissemination of national development indicators, including MDGs

<sup>o</sup> Jan 2010 – Mar 2015

• 11 countries

- Burundi, Cambodia, Ghana, Lao PDR, Liberia, Morocco, State of Palestine, Rwanda, Uganda, Viet Nam
- A major objective: investigate differences between nationally-produced and official MDG Indicators

### MDG Project: Achievements

- Dissemination platforms established or upgraded in all 11 countries
  - DevInfo in 9, home-grown in Thailand & Morocco
- Countries assisted in the preparation of metadata
- SDMX-based data exchanged established with all 11 countries; metadata exchange with 8
- National data delivered to a central database, compared and analyzed with official MDGs at
  - <u>http://data.un.org/CountryData</u>

## New UNSD-DFID Project on SDGs

- Signed in December 2016, expected to end June 2021
- Will work with **20 countries** across Africa and Asia
  - Carries over many activities of the completed project
  - Carries over many of the project countries and adds new ones
- As of February 2017, the project is in the initial stages

### **Project Countries**

#### • Confirmed as of March 2017:

Bangladesh	Myanmar
Burundi	Nepal
Cambodia	State of Palestine
Ethiopia	Rwanda
Ghana	Tajikistan
Kyrgyzstan	Tanzania
Lao PDR	Uganda
Liberia	Viet Nam
Mozambique	Zimbabwe

### **UNSD-DFID** Project Objectives

- Improve dissemination of development indicators and metadata in project countries
- Establish data and metadata exchange with project countries, identify and analyze differences between their data and global SDG Indicators
- Assist the countries with metadata compilation
- Assist the countries with assessing their statistical capacities and developing strategies for SDGs monitoring
- Facilitate user-producer engagement
- At international level, facilitate dissemination and exchange of SDG indicators

### Challenges at national level

- Identify platform(s) suitable for dissemination of SDG indicators by the countries
- Develop SDMX exchange modules for SDG Indicators for these platforms
  - No black box but easy to learn and use
  - As on the MDG project, dissemination/exchange to be managed by the countries themselves
- Ensure sustainability
  - Training and other capacity building
- Improve usage .... ->

#### User engagement

- Existing national dissemination platforms criticized for low usage rates
  - PARIS21 in particular paints a rather bleak picture
- Identifying users and addressing their needs a key part of the project
  - Pressure from donors and other groups

#### International SDGs Platform

- SDGs Data and Visualization Platform will bring together global and national SDG Indicators
  - Global and national monitoring clearly delineated
  - For comparison and analysis
- All countries will be invited to transmit their data and metadata for their publication at the platform

#### Advisory Group

• It is envisaged that an Advisory Group will be established composed of about 9 countries and 9 international agencies Thank you!