



# World Statistics Day Sustainable Data for Sustainable Development

**National Implementation of SDG Monitoring** 

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# Why data matters for the SDGs?



#### Inform policies

- AAAA: High-quality data is essential for smart and transparent decisionmaking, can improve policymaking at all levels
- The complexity and inter-connectedness of the SDGs will require significant research and analysis to ensure the coherence of implementation efforts and manage trade-offs.
- Monitor progress
  - With 169 targets, and potentially as many indicators, measuring the SDGs will require significant improvements in quality, reliability, availability and timeliness of development data
  - Data from non-official, third-party sources can complement official statistics where gaps exist
- Leave no one behind
  - Data can help achieve the transformative impact of the SDGs, by providing information on who benefits or not from the SDGs, through data disaggregation according to international human rights framework
- Accountability, participation and empowerment
  - Data is necessary but not sufficient for accountability. People must have a say on which data about them is used and how. They must have access to data and be empowered to take action within their communities.

# Mandate from inter-governmental process



### 2030 Agenda

- ➤ 16.10 ensure public access to information ...
- 17.18 ... increase significantly the availability of high-quality, timely and reliable data disaggregated by income, gender, age, race, ethnicity, migratory status, disability, geographic location and other characteristics relevant in national contexts
- 17.19 ... develop measurements of progress on sustainable development that complement gross domestic product ...

# Mandate from inter-governmental process (cont'd)



### Addis Ababa Action Agenda

- Strengthen domestic capacities. National statistical systems have a central role, complemented by data and analysis from private sector, civil society and academia
- Increase and use high-quality, timely and reliable data disaggregated by sex, age, geography, income, race, ethnicity, migratory status, disability, and other characteristics relevant in national contexts
- ... learn from and strengthen existing initiatives and open data standards, such as International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI)
- ... develop transparent measurements of progress on sustainable development that go beyond per capita income
- Access to data is not enough. Ensure access to tools, make data standards interoperable, increase global data literacy

# What did we do to Monitor the MDGs

# UN DP

#### Scorekeeper of the MDGs

- ➢ 500+ national MDG reports in 140+ countries
- Promotion of MDGs
- Assessment of progress
- Contribute to national debate on development
- Highlight challenges and insufficiently monitored issues
- Country Report Guidelines in 2001, 2003, 2009, 2013

#### Support statistical capacity for measuring development progress

- Data collection and analysis to produce MDG reports
- Fill data gaps
- Improvement in data quality
- Help create data-friendly environment

## **SDG Indicators**



### UN Statistical Commission Roadmap

- Inter-Agency and Experts Group on SDG Indicators established by UN Statistical Commission in March 2015
- Two work streams: indicator framework, interlinkages across goals and targets
- Process is highly political and contentious. Strong oversight, or political guidance by member states.
- SDG Indicators Framework expected in March 2016
- Next meeting of IAEG-SDGs: 26-28 October 2015, Bangkok

### Mandate/Criteria

- Limited number of indicators, but no target left behind
- Data disaggregation by age, gender and other criteria to address vulnerability and exclusion
- Respect national policy space: each country can decide own indicators

# **MAPS Strategy for SDG Implementation**



#### Mainstreaming

Landing the SDG agenda at the national and local levels: integration into national and subnational plans for development; and into budget allocations

Links to new UNDAF
 Guidelines

#### Acceleration

- Focus on priority areas defined by respective countries
- Support an integrated approach, including synergies and tradeoffs
- Bottlenecks assessment, financing and partnerships, and measurement

#### Partnerships

Accountability

Data

#### **Policy Support**

Support – skills and experience - from respective UN agencies to countries, which should be made available at a low cost in a timely manner

## **National SDG Reports**



- United Nations Development Group Sustainable Development Working Group
- Inter-agency task team on Data and National SDG Reports
- Objectives:
  - Strengthen data systems, capacities, methodologies and mechanisms to track progress
  - Effective and efficient monitoring and reporting through coordination, facilitation, knowledge sharing
  - Guidance for producing national SDG reports
  - Pooled expertise from UN System to support for 144 low and middle income countries
  - Contribution to HLPF Review architecture

## **Data Ecosystem Mapping**



- Opportunities and constraints for stakeholders engagement in data revolution for sustainable development
- 6 countries: Bangladesh, Colombia, Moldova, Mongolia, Senegal, Swaziland



### MY World2030



#### **UN Global Campaign for the Sustainable Development Goals**

- Continue the work of the UN Millennium Campaign
- Popularize the SDGs
- Localize the SDGs
- Get feedback from citizens
- Partner and innovate

#### ✤ MY World 2030:

- Build on MY World 2015 http://data.myworld2015.org/
- People's perception of progress on SDGs implementation How are their lives changing?
- Globally comparable data scaled up, nationally representative
- > Feed into official monitoring efforts at national and global levels
- Build dialogue between decision-makers and citizens, to contribute a "people's perspective" on how to implement the SDGs.



### GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP for sustainable development data



- May 2013: Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Post-2015 calls for a Data Revolution for Sustainable Development
- November 2014: SG's Independent Expert Advisory Group: A World that Counts
  - Unprecedented technology progress and exponential increase in volume, level of detail, and speed of data available on societies, the economy and the environment
  - Integration of new and traditional data to produce high-quality, detailed, timely and relevant information to foster and monitor sustainable development
  - Increased usefulness of data through greater transparency and openness, while respecting privacy and human rights, and equality in production, access and use
  - Ultimately, more empowered people, better policies, better decisions, greater participation and accountability, leading to better outcomes for people and the planet
- September 2015: Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data
  - Multi-stakeholder: Governments, international organizations, civil society, private sector, statistics and data communities
  - Improve the Effective Use of Data
  - Fill Key Data Gaps
  - Expand Data Literacy and Capacity
  - Increase Openness and leverage of Existing Data
  - Mobilize Political Will and Resources
  - More information: <u>http://www.data4sdgs.org/</u>

# Thank you!



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