Monitoring Decent Work in the SDGs

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Measuring Decent Work in the SDG Global Indicator Framework

Decent work is a prominent item in the SDGs

**SDG 8** – Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

But also, **Goal 1** (End poverty), **Goal 4** (Ensure quality education), **Goal 5** (Achieve gender equality), **Goal 10** (Reduce inequality), **Goal 14** (Conserve marine resources), **Goal 16** (Promote justice and Institutions)

→ Cross-cutting topic

→ 30 indicators related to DW. ILO custodian for 14.
What do the SDG decent work indicators allow us to monitor?

SDG labour market indicators provide a wide overview of the labour market situation:

- Labour underutilization (8.5.2)
- Quality of employment: remuneration (8.5.1, 1.1.1), occupational safety and health (8.8.1), productivity (8.2.1) and informality (8.3.1)
- Legal frameworks (8.8.2), social protection (1.3.1), policy priorities (8.8.1)
- Youth situation in the labour market (8.6.1)
- Gender gaps (5.5.2), (8.5.1)
- Work that should be abolished (8.7.1)
Some considerations

The SDG labour market indicators cover many areas of decent work: labour underutilization, quality of employment, legal frameworks, work that should be abolished, gender segregation, youth.

... but they are insufficient, and should be complemented with other indicators.

Importance of local context and relevance of indicators at the national level: need to adapt based on country circumstances.
Main sources of labour statistics

- Administrative sources
- Official estimates
- Household surveys
- Establishment surveys
- National accounts

ILOSTAT
Main sources of labour statistics

- Distribution of 62 million records by ILOSTAT dataset and source type

- Short-term indicators (LFS) 50%
- Annual indicators 36%
- ILO estimates 14%
- Official estimates: 1%
- Establ. + SNA: 2%
- Admin sources: 4%
- PC + other HS: 9%
- LFS: 83%
## Indicators by source type

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Selected SDG labour indicators under goal 8

- 8.2.1 Labour productivity growth
- 8.3.1 Informal employment share
- 8.5.1 Average earnings by sex
- 8.5.2 Unemployment rate
- 8.6.1 Share of youth NEET
- 8.7.1 Child labour
- 8.8.1 Occupational injuries (incidence)
## Data availability for SDG 8 labour indicators in your countries

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