

Goal 1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere

Target 1.5: By 2030, build the resilience of the poor and those in vulnerable situations and reduce their exposure and vulnerability to climate-related extreme events and other economic, social and environmental shocks and disasters

[Indicator 1.5.2: Direct economic loss attributed to disasters in relation to global gross domestic product \(GDP\)](#)

Institutional information

Organization(s):

United Nations Office for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR)

Concepts and definitions

Definition:

Direct economic loss: the monetary value of total or partial destruction of physical assets existing in the affected area. Direct economic loss is nearly equivalent to physical damage.

[a] An open-ended intergovernmental expert working group on indicators and terminology relating to disaster risk reduction established by the General Assembly (resolution 69/284) is developing a set of indicators to measure global progress in the implementation of the Sendai Framework. These indicators will eventually reflect the agreements on the Sendai Framework indicators.

Rationale:

The disaster loss data is significantly influenced by large-scale catastrophic events, which represent important outliers. UNISDR recommends Countries to report the data by event, so complementary analysis can be done by both including and excluding such catastrophic events that can represent important outliers.

Comments and limitations:

Not every country has a comparable national disaster loss database that is consistent with these guidelines (although current coverage exceeds 89 countries). Therefore, by 2020, it is expected that all countries will build/adjust national disaster loss databases according to the recommendations and guidelines by the OEIWG.

Methodology

Computation Method:

Note: Computation methodology for several indicators is very comprehensive, very long (about 180 pages) and probably out of the scope of this Metadata. UNISDR prefers to refer to the outcome of the Open Ended Intergovernmental Working Group, which provides a full detailed methodology for each indicator and sub-indicator.

The latest version of these methodologies can be obtained at:

<http://www.preventionweb.net/documents/oiewg/Technical%20Collection%20of%20Concept%20Notes%20on%20Indicators.pdf>

A short summary:

The original national disaster loss databases usually register physical damage value (housing unit loss, infrastructure loss etc.), which needs conversion to monetary value according to the UNISDR methodology*. The converted global value is divided by global GDP (inflation adjusted, constant USD) calculated from the World Bank Development Indicators.

Disaggregation:

By country, by event, by hazard type (e.g. disaggregation by climatological, hydrological, meteorological, geophysical, biological and extra-terrestrial for natural hazards is possible following IRDR classification)

By asset loss category (health/education/road etc.)

By transportation mode (for 11.5.2)

By service sector (for 11.5.2)

Treatment of missing values:

- [At country level](#)

In National Disaster Loss database data missing values and 0 or null are considered equivalent. This is a consequence of the typical form of disaster situation reports, which account only for those impacts that occurred. Normally impacts that not occur are simply not reported (i.e. there are no explicit reports that something didn't happen, for example if no agricultural damage occurs in a

disaster, the associated report simply does not have a section on agriculture, instead of a section stating no impact occurred).

- [At regional and global levels](#)

NA

Regional aggregates:

See under Computation Method.

It will be calculated as the summation of Direct Economic Loss per country divided by the total global GDP.

Sources of discrepancies:

Threshold (e.g. including/excluding small/large scale disasters): International Data Sources record only events that surpass some threshold of impact. For example, EMDAT records only events with mortality greater than 10, affected greater than 100 or an international declaration. Private Insurance or Reinsurance global disaster databases record only events that have insured losses, which affects negatively countries with low insurance market penetration.

Methodology / definition: International data sources use secondary data sources to assemble their datasets. These data sources usually have non uniform or even inconsistent methodologies, producing heterogeneous datasets.

Observation (national level data is more comprehensive): International data collectors, due to limitations on access to information, do not record a large number of events that are not publicised internationally, or are never 'seen' by the secondary data sources used.

Data Sources

Description:

National disaster loss database, reported to UNISDR

Collection process:

The official counterpart(s) at the country level will build/adjust national disaster loss databases according to the recommendations and guidelines by the OEIWG.

Data Availability

Description:

Around 100 countries

The number of countries with national disaster loss databases using the DesInventar tools and methodology currently stands at 89 countries. Given the requirements for disaster loss data enshrined in reporting on the SDGs and the targets of the Sendai Framework, it is expected that by 2020, all member states will have built or adjusted their national disaster loss databases according to the recommendations and guidelines by the OEIWG.

Time series:

From 1990 to 2013: National Disaster Loss Database

Calendar

Data collection:

2017-2018

Data release:

Initial datasets in 2017, a first fairly complete dataset by 2019

Data providers

Name:

In most countries national disaster loss databases are established and managed by special purpose agencies including national disaster management agencies, civil protection agencies, and meteorological agencies, and disaster data collected by line ministries. Some exceptions include Academic institutions conducting long term research programs, NGO's engaged in DRR and DRM, and insurance databases or data sources when market penetration is very high.

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Data compilers

UNISDR

References

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References:

The Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Indicators and Terminology relating to Disaster Risk Reduction (OEIWG) was given the responsibility by the UNGA for the development of a set of indicators to measure global progress in the implementation of the Sendai Framework, against the seven global targets. The work of the OEIWG shall be completed by December 2016 and its report submitted to the General Assembly for consideration. The IAEG-SDGs and the UN Statistical Commission formally recognizes the role of the OEIWG, and has deferred the responsibility for the further refinement and development of the methodology for disaster-related SDGs indicators to this working group.

<http://www.preventionweb.net/drr-framework/open-ended-working-group/>

The latest version of documents are located at:

<http://www.preventionweb.net/drr-framework/open-ended-working-group/sessional-intersessional-documents>

Related indicators

1.5; 11.5; 11.b; 13.1; 2.4; 3.6; 3.9; 3.d; 4.a; 6.6; 9.1; 9.a; 11.1; 11.3; 11.c; 13.2; 13.3; 13.a; 13.b; 14.2; 15.1; 15.2; 15.3; 15.9.