

Goal 5

Target number: 5.c

Indicator Number and Name: 5.c.1 Proportion of countries with systems to track and make public allocations for gender equality and women's empowerment

Agency: UN Women, OECD-UNDP Joint Support Team (JST).

Has work for the development of this indicator begun? [Yes/No]

Yes.

Who are the entities, including national and international experts, directly involved and consulted in developing the methodology/and or data collection tools?

UN Women, in collaboration with the OECD-UNDP JST is leading the process of developing the methodology.

This SDG indicator builds on Indicator 8 of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC) which measures the *"Percentage of countries with systems that track and make public allocations for gender equality and women's empowerment"*. In the first monitoring round of the GPEDC in 2013, 35 countries reported on Indicator 8. This number increased to 81 countries in the second monitoring round in 2015. The upward trend in country reporting indicates increased commitment to monitor resource allocations for gender equality and women's empowerment. This is evidenced by the increase in the percentage of countries that report having systems in place to track and make public allocations for gender equality and women's empowerment from 29% in 2013 to 48% in 2015 (scores for the countries reporting in both rounds). Data for this Indicator is collected through a questionnaire. The questionnaire is completed by a designated focal point within the Ministry of Finance.

What is the involvement of or how do you plan to involve National Statistical Systems in the development of the methodology?

In their role as producers of official national statistics and custodians of official budget and execution information, select Ministries of Finance will be invited to provide comments and feedback on various outputs, including on the methodology, data collection strategy, and design of the survey instrument. Revisions to the measurement strategy, including the data collection tool, will also draw on the recommendations of the Monitoring Advisory Group of the GPEDC as appropriate.¹

Please briefly describe the process of developing the methodology for the indicator

Methodological development of this indicator will be supported by several activities including:

- UN Women, and the OECD-UNDP JST, in collaboration with country counterparts, have analysed the methodology of Indicator 8 identifying its strengths and challenges.
- The Monitoring Advisory Group of the GPEDC have reviewed the relevance, usefulness and efficiency of indicator methodology of the Global Partnership monitoring indicators (including the Indicator 8), which draws on the lessons learned from the second round data collection and monitoring and extensive regional consultations.

¹ The Monitoring Advisory Group (MAG)—composed by 12 members—is nominated by the Steering Committee of the GPEDC. Members of the MAG include representatives from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade from Australia; Centre for Policy Dialogue; Development Initiative; private sector; Honduran Observatory for Inclusive Development; Ministry of Finance of Afghanistan; Council for the Evaluation of Social Development Policy of Mexico; Ministry of Finance of Zambia; UN International Fund for Agricultural Development; African Centre for Institutional Development; Aid Watch Canada; and King's International Development Institute.

- A discussion paper has been commissioned to critically analyse tracking methodologies, identify technical challenges in defining gender equality allocations and to propose an improved methodology for the Indicator. It is anticipated that this analysis will feed into an improved data collection instrument (survey) which will result in the collection of more accurate data.
- An Expert Group Meeting will be held 27-28 March 2017 to reflect on the experience of Indicator 8 of the GPEDC in order to develop an improved methodology for SDG Indicator 5.c.1 and produce an appropriate survey instrument for data collection. The meeting will include a diverse group of experts from academia, multilateral agencies, UN system, NGOs, and experts from Ministries of Finance from select countries with first-hand experience in reporting on Indicator 8. Areas to be discussed and agreed in the meeting include devising measurement strategies, testing of survey instrument, data validation processes, data processing strategies, reporting mechanisms, and limitations of the indicator.
- Regional consultations including in Latin America and the Caribbean, and Asia and the Pacific with national partners, taking account of relevant Ministries, UN agencies, and independent experts.

Please indicate new international standards that will need to be proposed and approved by an intergovernmental process (such as UNSC) for this methodology.

Not applicable. The methodology used builds on Indicator 8 of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC). For further information, see indicators to track progress on implementation of Busan commitments: <http://effectivecooperation.org/about/about-the-partnership/>.

When do you expect the methodological work on this indicator to be completed?

September of 2017

Are data and metadata already being collected from the National Statistical System for one or more components of this indicator? [Yes/No]

Yes

If yes, please describe:

This SDG indicator builds on Indicator 8 of the of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation which measures the *“Percentage of countries with systems that track and make public allocations for gender equality and women’s empowerment”* that as of 2016 has been reported by 81 countries.

How do you plan to collect the data?

A survey instrument sent to countries. As in the monitoring of GPEDC Indicator 8, governments will nominate national coordinators who will be responsible for organising the monitoring exercise in country, liaising with UN Women and the OECD-UNDP JST. A monitoring guide and survey will be sent to national coordinators with detailed information on data collection, validation and reporting. In addition to the guide, national coordinators will have access to: a web-based help desk; online FAQs; on-demand webinars and skype calls. Capacity building regional workshops will be available to support stakeholders through the monitoring exercise.

If the indicator involves multiple components from different data sources, please describe how each individual component of the indicator will be collected here.

Not applicable.

With what frequency is data expected to be collected?

Given that indicator 5.c.1 builds on Indicator 8 of the GPEDC, it is expected to follow a similar periodicity i.e. collection every two years. The frequency of data collection will be discussed during the EGM organized by UN Women in 2017.

Is there a process of data validation by countries in place or planned for this indicator?

[Yes/No]

Yes

If yes, please briefly describe:

The validation process will be led by country governments and will involve multi-stakeholder dialogue with representatives from civil society, parliamentarians and private sector. Such dialogue will be undertaken as an opportunity to review key data that will be submitted to UN Women and the OECD-UNDP JST. The validation steps will be discussed and agreed during the EGM on the 27-28 March.

(as of 3 March 2017)