Goal 10

Target number: 10.7

Indicator Number and Name: Indicator 10.7.2: Number of countries that have implemented well-managed migration policies

Agency: UN-DESA and IOM

Has work for the development of this indicator begun?   Yes, with significant progress during 2017 and 2018.

1. Consultations and validation process:

Since the 5th IAEG-SDG meeting in Ottawa, UNDESA and IOM have organized a number of consultations in which the work on indicator 10.7.2 has been presented and discussed, as part of the development and validation of the methodology, as follows:

- 20-22 June 2017, New York: Expert Group Meeting on SDGs and Migration Data: https://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic-social/meetings/2017/new-york--egm-migration-data
- 5 July 2017, Geneva: Consultation with diplomatic missions on the Migration Governance Indicators
- 29 August 2017, Santiago de Chile: workshop on indicator 10.7.2 jointly organised by UN DESA, IOM and ECLAC: http://www.un.org/en/development/desa/population/events/other/22/index.shtml
- 8 November 2017, Bangkok: workshop on indicator 10.7.2 jointly organised by UN DESA, IOM and ESCAP
- 15-16 February 2018, New York: Sixteenth Coordination Meeting on International Migration.
- 26-27 March 2018, New York: IOM International Dialogue on Migration.
- Mid-March to April 2018: three online consultations with Member States from the ECA, ESCWA and ECE regions, as well as other stakeholders. Over 400 country representatives were invited to participate in these consultations.
- 26 June 2018, Paris: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Working Party on Migration.

2. Data collection and testing

In 2017, IOM launched a second phase of the Migration Governance Indicators (MGI). The MGI operates as a policy benchmarking framework and offers insights into policy levers that countries could use to further develop their migration governance. It contains nearly 90 questions with regards to countries' national migration policies, which fall under six domains:

1) Adherence to international standards and fulfilment of migrants' rights
2) Formulation of policy using evidence and a whole-of-government approach
3) Engagement with partners to address migration and related issues
4) Advances in the socioeconomic well-being of migrants and society
5) Effectively addressing the mobility dimensions of crises
6) Ensuring that migration takes place in a safe, orderly and dignified manner

The MGI was used as the starting point for developing six new questions to be incorporated into the migration module of the United Nations Twelfth Inquiry Among Governments on Population and

Development, to gather the requisite data to measure indicator 10.7.2.

Between April and June 2018, the six questions for SDG indicator 10.7.2 were piloted. Thirty countries were invited to take part in the pilot; six from each of the UN regional commissions. Ten countries responded to the questionnaire. In addition, over twenty countries provided feedback on the proposed methodology and questions. The questions will be translated into the six official UN languages to facilitate response from Member States, as part of the Twelfth United Nations Inquiry among Governments on Population and Development.

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

IOM: Frank Laczko, Maurizio Busatti, Susanne Melde, David Martineau, Kate Dearden.
UN DESA Population Division: Vinod Mishra, Clare Menozzi, Bela Hovy, Jorge Bravo.
OECD: Jean-Christophe Dumont.

The Global Migration Group, through its working group on Data and Statistics, has since 2013 considered suggestions for indicators of migration related SDG targets as the negotiations on the post-2015 framework evolved. Since the IAEG-SDG initiated its work, the co-chairs of the GMG working group, IOM and UN DESA, have collaborated to develop joint proposals to the IAEG-SDGs. Indicator 10.7.2 was incorporated in the indicator framework endorsed by the UN Statistical Commission in March 2016. IOM and UN DESA PD have continued to collaborate to specify the meta-data and methodology for this indicator (more information provided under "9. General Comments" below).

Furthermore, IOM and UN DESA have consulted numerous experts from various regions in the activities outlined under section 1, above.

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

Since the indicator refers to dimensions of migration policies for which no systematic, national-level, internationally comparable data exist, (see answer to point 9 below), the development of the indicator has mainly involved experts on migration policy, in coordination with representatives from government entities from appropriate line ministries, with responsibility for migration policies. Counterparts from NSOs are being informed of the development of the methodology, and will be involved, as appropriate, once the instrument is fielded.

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

The main goal is to formulate a clear and simple methodology based on existing data sources and instruments, which could produce meaningful and actionable information on key gaps and good practices in relation to "well-managed migration policies" of countries. The process so far has entailed:
a) A comparative analysis with previous indicators for the MDGs and SDG indicators;
b) The identification of two key bases for the development and specification of the indicator: the IOM Council resolution C/106/40 on Migration Governance Framework, which specifies 3 principles and 3 objectives (the same as listed above) of what can be considered a first international definition of "well-managed migration policies" (cf. SDG target 10.7), and the UN Inquiry among Governments on Population and Development (the "Inquiry"), mandated by the General Assembly and undertaken since 1963 (https://esa.un.org/poppolicy/Inquiry.aspx), which contains questions/data on migration policies;
c) The identification of a preliminary set of questions for future editions of the UN Inquiry that could serve as proxy for each of the six policy domains established by the Migration Governance Framework;

d) All questions have been tested through consultations among experts, including from government entities.

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

No new international standards will need to be proposed and approved by intergovernmental body. As noted in the previous paragraph, the methodology is based on an IOM Council resolution regarding the Migration Governance Framework, as well as the UN Inquiry on Population and Development, mandated by the General Assembly.

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

September 2018

Are data and metadata already being collected from the National Statistical System for one or more components of this indicator?

Yes

If yes, please describe:

The Inquiry has been implemented every 5 years since 1963. The migration module already has some questions/data pertinent to at least 3 of the 6 domains of the conceptual framework for 10.7.2. Additional relevant questions are being adapted or added. More detailed information on migration policies can be drawn from other sources (MGI, others).

How do you plan to collect the data?

Starting in Summer 2018, the UN Twelfth Inquiry Among Governments on Population and Development will be sent to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations in New York, 193 Member States, 2 observer States, and 2 non-member States. IOM, will assist in garnering country responses by following up through its respective country or regional counterparts. These efforts will also be supported by OECD and the UN Regional Commissions.

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

All components are included in the UN Inquiry Among Governments on Population and Development.

With what frequency is data expected to be collected?

The data will be collected biennially, to gather sufficient information to monitor progress in the achievement of the target. This will also allow gathering benchmarks twice within the HLPF 4-year cycle.

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

The answers to the questions in the Inquiry will be validated by responding government entities. The responses will be compiled and analysed by UN DESA and IOM.

If you have any additional comments that you believe would be helpful to IAEG-SDG members in analysing the work plan and methodological development of the indicator, please provide them here:

This indicator aims to describe the state of global migration policies and to track the evolution of such policies over time. The purpose of this indicator is not to rank countries. Rather, the information collected will be disaggregated by region and country and identify both progress accomplished and gaps to be filled at the national level, thus serving as evidence base for actionable recommendations for the implementation of SDG target 10.7.

The indicator will be essential for tracking all migration-related SDG targets and to complement and even help inform other targets, such as 4.b, 5.2, 8.8, 16.2 and 17.18. Furthermore, as migration is an issue that cuts across many SDGs and targets, this indicator for SDG target 10.7 could also be used to empirically document the future thematic reviews at the HLPF

Summary of data source, method of computation and international consensus: The main source of data will be the UN Inquiry among Governments on Population and Development, which has surveyed global population policies for several decades, including migration policies. The Inquiry will be updated to collect information on six migration-related policy domains, as mentioned above. Each policy domain will include one key sub-indicator that represents a proxy for the policy domain in question.

Timeline for activities related to SDG indicator 10.7.2

- Finalization of the migration module the United Nations Twelfth Inquiry Among Government on Population and Development, incorporating the six finalized questions for 10.7.2: by 31 July 2018

- Translations of the Inquiry module in all official UN languages and preparation of other materials. Distribution of the Inquiry including the note verbale, by 31 August 2018

- Implementation of the Inquiry migration module, including data collection, by 30 September 2018

- Drafting of required documentation and request submitted to the IAEG-SDG for possible reclassification by 1 October 2018

- Creation of database, data cleaning and analysis of data for 10.7.2: 1 October 2018 to 30 November 2018

- Launch of the database containing indicator and dissemination of data: December 2018.

(as of August 2018)