Methodological developments in measuring trafficking in persons

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3 targets mention trafficking in persons:

Target 5.2

Eliminate all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, including trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation.
Target 8.7

Take immediate and effective measures to eradicate **forced labour**, end modern slavery and **human trafficking** and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including recruitment and use of child soldiers, and by 2025 end **child labour** in all its forms.

Target 16.2

End abuse, exploitation, **trafficking** and all forms of violence and torture against children.
Indicator 16.2.2

“Number of victims of human trafficking per 100,000 population, by sex, age group and form of exploitation”
“Number of victims of human trafficking...”
Hidden cases of TiP

Detected victims of TiP

The present

The future

Detected victims

Estimation of non-detected victims
Detected victims

Data from 2003 to 2014, 128-155 countries covered
Data collection

Sources of information:
• National institutions
• International organizations
• Non-governmental organizations

Data collection:
• Questionnaires
• Official information available in the public domain
Questionnaire

• Short and simple with core indicators
  Offenders:
  – Gender of suspected/prosecuted/convicted for TIP
  – Citizenship of convicted
  Victims:
  – Gender, age, citizenship and forms of exploitation of TIP victims detected or assisted
  – Countries from where victims were repatriated

• Transparency
  – Source of the data indicated
  – Space to clarify what are the data (i.e. the art. of CC)

• Local focal points/experts facilitating the data collection + providing insight on the data
Estimating the number of non-detected victims

Multiple Systems Estimate (MSE) – requires capacity to record victims

Victimization surveys on trafficking in persons – requires significant funding
Multiple Systems Estimate (MSE): an innovative way to help estimate the number of human trafficking victims

- Based on lists of detected of recorder victims by local stakeholders
- The combination of these lists is used to estimate non-detected victims
- MSE in the Netherlands: the estimate suggests that there are ten times more victims present on the Dutch territory in the course of a year than those recorded (https://www.unodc.org/documents/data-and-analysis/tip/TiPMSE.pdf)
Victimization surveys on TIP for forced labour

- Joint work with ILO
- Developing a conceptual framework on trafficking for forced labour
- Operationalization of the elements of trafficking from the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol definition
- Development of a sample questionnaire for victimization surveys and planning the pilot surveys
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