



What: Measuring pro-poor public social spending; UNICEF, Save the Children, the World Bank

When: Wednesday, March 4th, 8:15 - 9:30am

Where: UNICEF House (Danny Kaye), 3 UN Plaza, New York, NY 10017

No indicator is currently available to measure effectively SDG target 1.b, “Create sound policy frameworks at the national, regional and international levels, based on pro-poor and gender-sensitive development strategies”. The current SDG indicator 1.b.1 has no custodian agency and there are no plans to finalise a methodology or collect data. Thus, a proposal is being put forward to measure Pro-poor public social spending, which would be defined as the proportion of government spending in health, education, and direct transfers which benefit directly the monetary poor. Further developments of the methodology and improvements in data availability may allow to expand this indicator to other groups, such as women and children. The objective of this side event is to present and discuss this indicator. Preliminary data from a pilot analysis of 30 countries will be presented to showcase the methodology.

Light breakfast will be served. Please bring a valid ID.

Side event to the 51st Statistical Commission Meeting, March 3-6, 2020, UN Headquarters, New York