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Stats NZ

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Stats NZ commends the Inter-agency and Expert Group on SDG Indicators for the progress made over the last 12 months, particularly in the context of the disruptions and challenges resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The group's work on developing practical guidelines and resources on data disaggregation is especially timely. Data disaggregation is critical to measuring the progress of vulnerable populations towards the 2030 Agenda. The need for this data has become even more pressing given the disproportionate impacts of the global pandemic on the most vulnerable and marginalised groups in society. This is reflected in the New Zealand context where there is a significant and growing demand for more granular data to measure the wellbeing of small populations and geographical communities.

The work of the IEAG in reviewing the global indicators framework in light of the global pandemic to identify areas of high impact is also commendable.

Stats NZ endorses the establishment of a sub-group to conduct a more thorough and comprehensive review of the quality of metadata relating to the SDG indicators.

It welcomes the development of a geospatial roadmap to help facilitate realisation of the untapped potential of geospatial information in relation to the SDGs.

Stats NZ does not have any concerns with the proposed indicator refinements.

It supports the proposed work programme for 2021/22.

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