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Bangladesh congratulates the UNSD and IAEG-SDG initiatives aimed at monitoring the SDGs during the COVID-19 pandemic. We value and participate consistently in methodological developments and issues related to SDG indicators and metadata.

Custodial agencies may extend their support to work closely with NSOs to adapt standards and methodologies at the country level and to improve and strengthen the statistical capacity of countries.

Bangladesh appreciates and supports the initiatives taken by Expert Group including the review of the availability of data for tier I and II indicators in the global indicator database to assess country and population coverage for each region for which those indicators were relevant. Bangladesh applauds the decision of the reclassifications of tier for 6 global indicators by the IAEG-SDGs. We also support the proposal for refinement of the two global SDG indicators (indicator 11.5.2 and indicator 16.1.4) in accordance with General Assembly resolution 71/313 and the plan and criteria agreed by the Expert Group with respect to possible annual minor refinements (E/CN.3/2017/2, para. 21).

Bangladesh also acknowledges the initiatives taken for reviewing the existing metadata by the expert group subgroup on metadata.

Bangladesh emphasis to involve the National Statistical Offices regularly to ensure authenticated official statistics from the national level for global reporting in a coordinated manner.

Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) is happy to share a good practice in SDGs that BBS has published a very pertinent manual of Sustainable Development Goals titled "Action Plan and Methodological Guidelines towards Data Generation and Disaggregation for Monitoring and Evaluation of SDGs". This is serving as impetus to the planners, policy makers, researchers, stakeholders and all data producing agencies of Bangladesh. The document comprises the minimum disaggregation dimensions and categories identified in Bangladesh context. It also incorporates a complete national data reporting calendar along with the specific sources in National Statistical System.

Bangladesh expresses its gratitude to UNSD for their supporting's in Endeavour to compile and disseminate metadata on SDG indicators by UNSD-DFID project. We also would like to mention some remarkable activities done with the support from UNSD-FCDO Project. Several Workshops on SDG Data Interoperability; Workshop on User engagement and Training on Data Literacy; Capacity Building

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Training on SDMX and SDG Data Management through SDG Tracker system; Development of SDG Data Calendar Aligning with COVID-19 issues; Capacity building training on Small Area Estimation of Poverty through Non-conventional Data which has been continued with Data for Now Initiatives by UNSD. However, still need some unfinished components and areas where capacity building of NSS is required. It is highly appreciable if the supports from UNSD in continued in future.

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