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UN Women supports the ongoing work and future priorities of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Gender Statistics (IAEG-GS) to strengthen gender data in support of SDG monitoring, under the Global Gender Statistics Programme. Specifically, UN Women's global gender data programme, Women Count, is very much aligned with and directly supports the work priorities of the IAEG-GS and the Global Programme on Gender Statistics more broadly.

UN Women welcomes the discussions on methodological developments in measuring and monitoring specific areas of gender concerns and gender-differentiated impacts of COVID-19, including during the meetings of the IAEG-GS. Since April 2020, UN Women conducted more than 70 rapid gender assessments on the impacts of COVID-19; 13 of which focusing on violence against women, in close consultation and collaboration with NSOs and national women's machineries. Innovative measures have been developed and put in place ensuring that ethical and safety measures were in place throughout the process. These have been documented by UN Women through a Guidance on Remote VAW Data Collection recently released on 28 February 2022 and available on the Women Count Data Hub: www.data.unwomen.org

UN Women recognizes the importance and is committed to respond to the call made by Member States in the 51st Session of the Commission for gender perspective to be adopted and integrated into all the agenda items of the Commission (decision 51/115). We thus welcome the opportunity to contribute as member of the newly-established IAEG-GS Advisory Group on Mainstreaming a Gender Perspective into the Work of the UN Statistical Commission. Further, in piloting this initiative, we look forward to working with the UN Statistics Division to co-lead the working group on environment statistics to report back to the Commission in 2024 the results of the pilot on concrete examples and lessons learned in this area of work.

Lastly, UN Women supports the upcoming 2022 Global Review of National Gender Statistics Programmes and looks forward to contributing to the updating of the survey questionnaire. Given the immense value of the survey results towards informing gender data programme interventions of international agencies, including UN Women, we thus request making accessible detailed country-level data beyond summary statistics usually published, once survey results are available. This would enable agencies such as UN Women who are present on the ground to tailor their support to respond to countries needs.

Thank you.
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