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OHCHR, working together with UNODC and UNDP, is pleased to present standardized SDG 16 survey modules that can accelerate the measurement of discrimination, access to justice, violence, safety, corruption, and other governance issues confronting societies across the world.

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought extraordinary challenges to our world, eroding years of progress across the Sustainable Development Goals, including stalling progress on SDG 16. The SDG 16 Survey contributes to the collection of accurate, timely and relevant data needed to respond effectively and achieve a better recovery from the pandemic. Collection of disaggregated data, using a human rights-based approach, on discrimination and inequalities can go a long way to diminish the pandemic’s adverse effects on those most left behind. Without disaggregation, discrimination can be hidden in data, which is a form of discrimination in itself. Lack of disaggregation also hinders adequate policymaking targeting those most in need.

In line with its custodianship responsibilities and based on its mandate and areas of expertise, OHCHR, in cooperation with UNDP and UNODC, stands ready to provide technical advice to countries implementing specific modules or the entire survey, including support to the national contextualization of the questionnaire, to data processing, analysis of results and dissemination.

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