Inter-Agency and Expert Group on SDG Indicators (IAEG-SDGs)
2025 Comprehensive Review Proposal Submission Form

Background

In accordance with [GA Resolution 71/313](), the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs) will conduct a Comprehensive Review of the global indicator framework in 2024 with the aim to submit its proposed revisions, replacements, additions and deletions to the 56th session of the United Nations Statistical Commission in March 2025 for its consideration.

Types of proposal

Proposals will fall into one of these four groups:

A. **Replacements**: a proposal to replace an existing indicator for an SDG target with a different indicator; will be considered if the existing indicator does not map well to the target or does not track the target well.

B. **Revisions/adjustments**: a proposal to revise or adjust an existing indicator for an SDG target; will be considered if the current indicator does not map well to the target or does not track the target well.

C. **Additions**: a proposal to add an additional indicator for an SDG target; may be considered only in exceptional cases when a crucial aspect of a target is not being monitored by the current indicator(s) or to address a critical or emerging new issue that is not monitored by the existing indicators.

D. **Deletions**: a proposal to delete an existing indicator for an SDG target; may be considered when a tier II indicator has not been able to submit any data to the global SDG monitoring or is proven to be challenging for countries to implement. *A proposal to delete an indicator will not be considered if it is the only indicator monitoring the corresponding target.*

Guideline/checklist

To help prepare the proposal, below are some guiding principles and helpful and/or required information. The IAEG-SDGs will <u>not</u> be able to properly review and consider submissions without the required information.

- The review aims to **maintain the same number of indicators** currently in the framework to not alter significantly the original framework, which is already being implemented in most countries and to not increase the reporting burden on national statistical systems.
- A proposed indicator must have an agreed methodology (tier III indicator proposals will not be considered) **and data available for at least 40% of countries and of the population across the different regions where the indicator is relevant** and be suitable for global monitoring.
- The addition of a sub-indicator within an existing indicator is discouraged as it adds to the reporting burden.
- Each submission proposal must include:
  o Background and rationale for the indicator proposal
  o Information on how and when the methodology has become an international standard and who is the governing body that approves it *(except for proposals to only delete an indicator)*
  o Link to available data and/or link to where data can be located *(except for proposals to delete an indicator)*
  o Completed metadata template *(except for proposals to only delete an indicator).* The metadata of proposed revisions/adjustments must be submitted with the **track changes**.
- Except for proposals to delete an indicator, it is highly recommended to consult the appropriate custodian agency(ies) prior to submitting the proposal to use their indicator.

For more information on the 2025 Comprehensive Review process, please refer to the following [webpage]().

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE. PLEASE SUBMIT THE COMPLETED FORMS AT:
bit.ly/2025_review BY 30 APRIL 2024

If you encounter issues with the online form, please contact the IAEG-SDGs Secretariat ([statistics@un.org]()).

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To be completed by and submitted to the Secretariat for the IAEG-SDGs review during the 2025 Comprehensive Review. All fields are required unless otherwise indicated; incomplete forms will not be considered. *Please use one submission form per proposal. If you have more than one proposal, please submit one form for each proposal.*

Submitter information

Please enter information about the focal point of this submission.

Full Name:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Agency/organization name:	World Health Organization
Email address:	Click or tap here to enter text.

Please list other contacts and other agencies/organizations (if any) associated with this submission below.

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Type of proposal

1. This is a proposal for a(n): *(please select only one)*:

☒ REPLACEMENT: to replace an existing indicator for an SDG target with a different indicator.

☐ REVISION/ADJUSTMENT: to revise or adjust an existing indicator for an SDG target.

☐ ADDITION: to add an additional indicator for an SDG target.

☐ DELETION: to delete an existing indicator for an SDG target.

2. Please enter the SDG Target this proposal is for *(please enter the SDG target number. For example, 11.c)*:

SDG Target 3.b Support the research and development of vaccines and medicines for the communicable and non-communicable diseases that primarily affect developing countries, provide access to affordable essential medicines and vaccines

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3a. For "**REPLACEMENT**" or "**DELETION**" proposals, please enter the indicator name **and** number you are proposing to replace or delete:

Proportion of health facilities that have a core set of relevant essential medicines available and affordable on a sustainable basis, Indicator 3.b.3

3b. For "**ADDITION**" proposals, please enter the name of the indicator you are proposing to add:

n/a

3c. For "**REVISION/ADJUSTMENT**" proposals, please enter the existing indicator name **and** number you are proposing to revise/adjust:

n/a

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Overview of proposal

4. Background and rationale for the proposal *(please provide a summary of the rationale for the proposal)*

The current indicator *Proportion of health facilities that have a core set of relevant essential medicines available and affordable on a sustainable basis* is based on:
- Country data collections from a samples of facilities (public and private pharmacies, healthcare facilities, community health centers, etc.) using one of these tools:
  o Health Action International Project supported by the WHO [HAI/WHO]
  o The Service Availability and Readiness Assessment survey [SARA]
  o The WHO Medicines Price and Availability Monitoring mobile application [EMP MedMon]
- A basket of 33 medicines that covers PHC services
- A combination of availability and price of the medicines
- Several parameters coming from other data sources (NPLs, LPGW wages, DALYs, treatment courses for each medicine (number of units per treatment & duration of treatment)).

This indicator is not population based, it is not updated regularly since it relies on data collections from countries according to the defined methodology for which there is little capacity, and WHO doesn't have the possibility to conduct those facility-based data collections directly. There is limited reporting by countries.

5. Please indicate how and when the methodology has become an international standard and who is the governing body that approves it *(except for proposals to only delete an indicator)*.

The proposed replacement indicator is a composite index that relies on existing data sources (hence with no additional burden of data collection on countries) and the indicators to be included in proposed index are currently part of the established reporting system for WHO. The proposed index is being considered for adoption in May 2024 by the WHO Member States to be part of the Impact Framework to monitor the WHO's General Program of Work 2025-2028.

6. Link(s) to available data and/or to where data can be located to demonstrate the 40% coverage threshold *(except for proposals to only delete an indicator)*

The indicators to be included in proposed index are reported in the https://www.who.int/data/gho.

7. In case the current data coverage is below 50%, is there a plan for how the data coverage will be expanded? Please elaborate on it *(except for proposals to only delete an indicator)*.

Click or tap here to enter text.

8. Conclusion/other comments *(please enter any other information about the proposal)*:

This proposal has been made to ensure the proposed index can be used to monitor access to medicines (an other health products) as indicated in SDG target 3.b., in addition to the other existing indicators that are focused on access to vaccines.

9. Metadata file *(except for proposals to only delete an indicator).*

☒ I/We have attached the appropriate metadata file to this proposal.

10. Acknowledgement.

☒ I/We have read and understand the information regarding the guiding principles, criteria and requirements for the 2025 Comprehensive Review proposals listed above.