Goal 11

Target number: 11.c

Indicator Number and Name: 11.c.1 Proportion of financial support to the least developed countries that is allocated to the construction and retrofitting of sustainable, resilient and resource efficient buildings utilizing local materials

Agency: UN-Habitat

Has work for the development of this work begun?

Yes, several consultations and expert group meetings were organised in the last 2 years. A list of partners and targeted developing countries contributed to the refinements of this indicator and methodology development.

Who are the entities, including national and international experts, directly involved and consulted in developing the methodology/and or data collection tools?

UN-Habitat is the lead agency and has invited many international experts from many agencies, national government and independent experts for the development of the methodology and implementation of a global data collection system. So far statistical systems and experts from Kenya, Zambia, Vietnam and Malawi, Ecuador have participated in the further development of this indicator. Already, 3 rounds of global consultation including three others at the regional levels on the methodology feasibility were completed.

What is the involvement of or how do you plan to involve National Statistical Systems in the development of the methodology?

Selected countries have contributed to the pilot phase of further development of this indicator, as well as production of relevant data. Other countries are invited to offer the platforms for pilot testing of the questions that cover the data collection of this indicator.

Please briefly describe the process of developing the methodology for the indicator

Expert group sessions as well as other consultative processes with selected national statistical systems were organised. Regional level rounds of expert groups were also organised and complemented the 3 other virtual experts consultations that were organised. Ongoing pilots for data collection in selected countries include Kenya, Rwanda, Congo, Niger, Mali, Benin, Sierra Leone, Liberia, among others. A work plan for the capacity building targeted to the countries with limited capacity was developed and is now being implemented in Africa and Asia regions. UN-Habitat continues to monitor compliance for agreed standards and procedures."

Please indicate new international standards that will need to be proposed and approved by an intergovernmental process (such as UNSC) for this methodology.

This indicator is related to monitoring the financial allocations for the construction industry of LDCs involved in the manufacture of local sustainable building materials that promote a positive impact in the local economy, out of the total allocations received by LDCs.

Hence the indicator tools have been embedded into routine data collection processes. In the pilots, standalone tools are used to analyse the financial allocations from budgets directly. With well-founded national accounts records, these figures have proved easier to extract and report.

When do you expect the methodological work on this indicator to be completed?

The methodological work was concluded in November 2017. We are now at the phase of collecting and reporting preliminary data from selected countries.

Are data and metadata already being collected from the National Statistical System for one or more components of this indicator?

Yes

When do you expect work to begin on developing a methodology and with which partners will your organization work?

The work on development of the methodology is already completed. Selected UN agencies and international organizations/universities have contributed to this process.

How do you plan to collect the data?

Data for this indicator comes from direct extraction from national accounts records. Additionally, data is coming from routine national surveys and other locally available and published national /local level accounts records.

If the indicator involves multiple components from different data sources, please describe how each individual component of the indicator will be collected here.

There are two or three sources that need to be combined to measure this indicator and as such efforts will be made to bring together the various partners involved in tracking financial contributions , construction and employment monitoring. The indicator is assessed from various dimensions including disaggregation by gender and ages where applicable. Detailed data on the various dimensions comes from various institutions. Support is being provided to countries as part of advisory missions where capacity challenges for data collection exist.

With what frequency is data expected to be collected?

Data is collected every year and updated in the global database. Global progress reporting will be done every 4 years, allowing for time to accumulate a significant set of data points over the years.

Is there a process of data validation by countries in place or planned for this indicator?

Yes

If yes, please briefly describe:
This indicator is collected at the national, sub-national and city level where applicable, and each country/NSO leads the responsibility for the validation of its own data, but using an internationally agreed standard and procedures described in the metadata. UN-Habitat is in charge of technical support, quality assurance of data, data analysis of trends and patterns and measurement of progress.

If you have any additional comments that you believe would be helpful to IAEG-SDG members in analysing the work plan and methodological development of the indicator, please provide them here:

Not every country has a comparable national database for the various targeted dimensions for this indicator with the same level of consistency. Hence more efforts are placed in standardizing many of these systems of reporting and data documentation standards. The reference to leaset developed countries means that the pass mark for Tier II should be about 20 countries reporting on this indicator or even less.

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