Beyond GDP Sprint:

Mapping 'Beyond GDP' Indexes, Indicator Frameworks, Wealth, and Health Approaches

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Fifth Beyond GDP Sprint Meeting

1. ***United Nations Secretary General's Beyond GDP Agenda:*** How to secure a world where everyone can thrive in peace, dignity and equality on a healthy planet?

2. **Multidimensional Dashboard Approaches** to wellbeing and monitoring progress

3. **Capabilities Approach** on inequality, uncertainties, opportunities, and human development

4. **Wealth and Equivalent Income Approaches** to assess wellbeing through aggregate frameworks

5. **Health and Environmental Approaches** to assess health economics, health and climate change

United Nations Secretary General's Beyond GDP Agenda

"Now is the time to correct a glaring blind spot in how we measure economic prosperity and progress." – Our Common Agenda

Multidimensional Dashboard Approaches

Capabilities Approach

Human Development Index (HDI)

The HDI was created to emphasize that people and their capabilities should be the ultimate criteria for assessing the development of a country, not economic growth alone. The HDI can also be used to question national policy choices, asking how two countries with the same level of GNI per capita can end up with different human development outcomes. These contrasts can stimulate debate about government policy priorities.
The Human Development Index (HDI) is a summary measure of average achievement in key dimensions of human development: a long and healthy life, being knowledgeable and have a decent standard of living. The HDI is the geometric mean of normalized indices for each of the three dimensions.

Human Development Index (HDI)	Long and healthy life	Knowledge		A decent standard of living
DIMENSIONS	Long and healthy life	Knowledge		A decent standard of living
INDICATORS	Life expectancy at birth	Expected years of schooling	Mean years of schooling	GNI per capita (PPP $)
DIMENSION INDEX	Life expectancy index	Education index		GNI index

Human Development Index (HDI)

Wealth and Equivalent Incomes Approaches

The Changing Wealth of Nations

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Overview

The Changing Wealth of Nations 2021 provides an updated database and rich analysis of the world's wealth accounts spanning 146 countries, annually from 1995 to 2018. It contains the widest set of assets covered so far, including human capital broken down by gender, as well as many different forms of natural capital, spanning minerals, fossil fuels, forests, mangroves, marine fisheries and more.

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The Changing Wealth of Nations 2021: Manag... Future

This edition of The Changing Wealth of Nations ... report on global wealth accounting. It breaks ne... coverage and measures of capital assets, includ... also, for the first time:

UNU, UNEP Launch Inclusive Wealth Index for Measuring Sustainability

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Health and Environmental Approach

Health accounts are a way for countries to monitor health spending across multiple streams, regardless of the entity or institution that financed and managed that spending. They allow health administrators to learn from past expenditure and improve planning and allocation of resources throughout the system, thereby increasing efficiency and accountability. The system generates consistent and comprehensive data on health spending in a country, which in turn can contribute to evidence-based policy making. Within this system, countries can track changes in policy priorities and understand if the introduction of reforms and new programs resulted in changes in health resources allocation and expenditure.

Health impact assessment
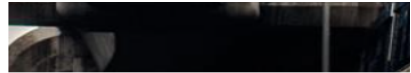
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Health Impact Assessment (HIA) is a practical approach used to judge the potential health effects of a policy, programme or project on a population, particularly on vulnerable or disadvantaged groups. Recommendations are produced for decision-makers and stakeholders, with the aim of maximising the proposal's positive health effects and minimising its negative health effects. The approach can be applied in diverse economic sectors and uses quantitative, qualitative and participatory techniques.

HIA provides a way to engage with members of the public affected by a particular proposal. It also helps decision-makers make choices about alternatives and improvements to prevent disease or injury and to actively promote health. It is based on the four interlinked values of democracy (promoting stakeholder participation), equity (considering the impact on the whole population), sustainable development and the ethical use of evidence.

WHO supports tools and initiatives in health impact assessment to dynamically improve health and well-being across sectors.

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Chair, Richard Heys, UK Office for National Statistics

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