Statistics for the SDGs – global indicators

Name of the indicator	**16.1.2 The number of soldiers killed during observation missions**
Sustainable Development Goal	'Goal 16. Peace, justice and strong institutions'
Target	16.1 Significantly reduce all forms of violence and related death rates everywhere
Definition	The number of soldiers killed during observation missions.
Unit	persons
Available dimensions	total
Methodological explanations	Data on soldiers killed and deceased on peacekeeping missions abroad are collected from records maintained by the Operational and Medical Division of the Operations Command of the Armed Forces. Poland has been involved in peace operations since 1953. Since then, over 115 thous. Polish soldiers participated in 92 different missions, during which tasks (from logistic to combat in Iraq and Afghanistan) changed. The Polish Army has so far participated in the following missions: • peacekeeping operations, • observational, • humanitarian, • arbitration, • police. As part of the United Nations peacekeeping operations and missions, Poland has so far been involved in missions in Africa, America, the Asia-Pacific region, Europe and the Middle East. As part of NATO's peacekeeping operations and missions, Poland has participated in missions in Albania, Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iraq and Afghanistan. Currently, Polish soldiers serve in Afghanistan, Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Central African Republic, Kuwait State and the Republic of Iraq.
Data source	Ministry of National Defence Republic of Poland
Data availability	Annual data; since 2010.
Notes	The presented indicator (16.1.2 The number of soldiers killed during observation missions) is a proxy indicator to the one adopted in the official list of indicators of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The replacement of the original indicator (16.1.2 Conflict-related deaths per 100,000 population, by sex, age and cause) is due to the inability to obtain data for it. The proxy indicator has been selected so as to most fully reflect the essence of the observed phenomenon.

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