

## **Concept note**

### **Developing SDG 16 'add-on' survey modules**

**December 2019**

#### **1. Objective of the activity**

This initiative focuses on ten of the current global indicators under SDG 16 that are derived from population surveys (see Annex 1). This type of data source presents numerous advantages - including high data quality and possibility to produce indicators disaggregated by a number of variables. Monitoring these indicators will require a substantial increase of national surveys on crime victimization, access to justice and corruption, which can be costly and challenging for NSOs to implement on a regular basis.

To ease the task of National Statistical Offices having to monitor these survey-based indicators as part of their reporting on SDG 16, it is proposed to develop dedicated SDG 16 survey modules to be included in on-going programs of household and other relevant statistical surveys.

#### **2. An SDG 16 'add-on' module**

The overall objective of this activity is to develop a quality tool that will enable the collection of nationally representative and internationally comparable statistics for monitoring of progress on SDG 16. Specifically, the aim is to develop, test and on the basis of the test results, finalize survey modules that can be included by NSOs in on-going household surveys for regular reporting on SDG 16 indicators<sup>1</sup>.

This work will be jointly conducted by relevant UN agencies (UNDP, UNODC and OHCHR ) with custodianship for SDG 16 survey-based indicators, which have set up a Technical Group to lead the work. The Technical Group (TG) is formed of representatives from SDG16 custodian agencies; the TG may also invite selected experts to provide technical inputs.

#### **3. Project activities**

Activities to implement are as follows:

- develop the draft module and accompanying relevant survey guidelines based on inputs from the Technical Group, including survey questions readily available from custodian agencies, with due consideration to question ordering, general introduction to the module, lead-in text introducing individual questions, and other relevant methodological considerations
- conduct a cognitive testing in a set of volunteer countries for selected questions of the modules to assess their clarity and feasibility

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<sup>1</sup> Besides the ten indicators of Goal 16, the initiative will also cover SDG indicator 11.7.2 on physical/sexual harassment as it is very closely related to Goal 16.

- pilot the module in a set of volunteer countries. Ideally the module should be tested in countries with different degrees of statistical capacity and in countries where dedicated surveys are conducted on SDG 16 topics so as to compare module results
- analysis of pilot data and revision/finalisation of the modules based on pilot results

#### 4. Proposed timeline for the activity

Activity	Timing
Development of draft SDG module and Feedback by Technical Group	September -December 2019
Identification of countries for cognitive testing and piloting survey	October -December 2019
Cognitive testing	January-February 2020
Piloting of survey	March – April 2020
Collection and analysis of data from pilot surveys	May 2020
Revision of module & validation with technical group	June 2020

## Annex 1: SDG 16 survey-based indicators

Target	Indicator	Custodian
16.1 Significantly reduce all forms of violence and related death rates everywhere	11.7.2: Proportion of persons victim of physical or sexual harassment in the previous 12 months	
	16.1.3 Proportion of population subjected to (a) physical violence, (b) psychological violence and (c) sexual violence in the previous 12 months	UNODC
	16.1.4 Proportion of population that feel safe walking alone around the area they live	UNODC
16.2 End abuse, exploitation, trafficking	16.2.2: Number of victims of human trafficking per 100,000 population, by sex, age and form of exploitation	
16.3 Promote the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure equal access to justice for all	16.3.1 Proportion of victims of violence in the previous 12 months who reported their victimization to competent authorities or other officially recognized conflict resolution mechanisms	UNODC
	16.3.3 Proportion of the population who have experienced a dispute in the past two years and who accessed a formal or informal dispute resolution mechanism, by type of mechanism.	UNODC/OECD/UNDP
16.5 Substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all their forms	16.5.1 Proportion of persons who had at least one contact with a public official and who paid a bribe to a public official, or were asked for a bribe by those public officials, during the previous 12 months	UNODC
16.6 Develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels	16.6.2 Proportion of population satisfied with their last experience of public services	UNDP
16.7 Ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels	16.7.2 Proportion of population who believe decision-making is inclusive and responsive, by sex, age, disability and population group	UNDP
16.b Promote and enforce non-discriminatory laws and policies for sustainable development	16.b.1 Proportion of population reporting having personally felt discriminated against or harassed in the previous 12 months on the basis of a ground of discrimination prohibited under international human rights law	OHCHR