Inter-Secretariat Working Group on Household Surveys - Background

- Mandate agreed by United Nations Statistical Commission
- Purpose
- Development of guidance for household surveys
- Co-ordination of activities of agencies with household survey programmes
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- Structure
  - Management Group (MG)
  - Technical Working Group (TWG)
- Task Forces
- Advisory Panel
- ILO was chair of MG and TWG from 2016 to 2018 (now UNICEF)

Progress to date

- Task forces have advanced on a number of topics where some standards/guidelines were required and work was already commenced
  - Metadata documentation
  - Labour
  - Food consumption
  - Crime
  - Spending on Education
Progress to date (2)

• Review of some cross-cutting areas
  • SDG coverage of household surveys
  • Capacity building and guidance development activities
• SDG review highlights 77 indicators which can be sourced from household surveys (one third of all indicators)
  • Cut across many domains (health, labour, poverty, education, crime etc)
• Some general challenges such as disaggregation
• Also need to provide guidance on appropriate system design to provide wide range of information efficiently

Latest state of play and next steps

• Report to UNSC in 2018 – emphasis on issues of cross-cutting relevance
• New task forces being proposed to meet this demand
• Efforts being made to assign additional dedicated resources and secure funding
• Vision is additional guidance of cross-cutting relevance in coming years