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Inter-secretariat Working Group on Household Surveys

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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



Inter-Secretariat Working Group on Household Surveys - Background

- 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



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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





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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 crosscutting relevance in coming years



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