Monitoring the SDG indicators under ILO custodianship

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Overview of labour market-related indicators

1. NO POVERTY
   1.1.1 Working poverty rate
   1.3.1 Social protection coverage

5. GENDER EQUALITY
   5.5.2 Women in management

8. DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH
   8.2.1 Labour productivity
   8.3.1 Informal employment
   8.5.1 Earnings (gender pay gap)
   8.5.2 Unemployment rate
   8.6.1 NEET rate
   8.7.1 Child labour
   8.8.1 Occupational injuries
   8.8.2 Labour rights
   8.8.1 Youth employment strategy

9. INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE
   9.2.2 Manufacturing employment (UNIDO)

10. REDUCED INEQUALITIES
    10.4.1 Labour income share
    10.7.1 Recruitment costs
The process
Global SDG reporting process: main actors and their roles

- **National Statistical Systems**
- **Specialized international agencies**
- **UNSD**
- **Regional agencies**
The role of custodian agencies such as the ILO

As custodian, the ILO is responsible for:

- Compiling national statistics from data producers
- Verifying country data and metadata, identifying gaps and ensuring international comparability
- Developing international standards and methods for Tier 3 indicators
- Estimating global and regional aggregates
- Analysing data and identifying key trends
- Reporting data and metadata to the UN annually and contributing to SDG progress reports
- Strengthening national capacity for producing high-quality data on SDG labour indicators

The ILO Department of Statistics is the focal point for all inputs provided to the UN Statistics Division, with key contributions from other departments and field offices.
The role of the Statistics Department

Data compilation and production
- Compile inputs from ILOSTAT
- Assess internationally comparability
- Assess trends
- Identify missing data
- Run global/regional estimates for SDG regions

Coordination (with other depts)
- Social protection
- Child labour
- Youth employment strategy

Metadata
- Draft new metadata as needed
- Review and edit existing documents

Analysis (SG report, Gender snapshot, ILOSTAT blog)
- Analyze data and identify key trends
- Draft storylines
- Create charts
- Review and ensure consistent messaging
Data compilation and production

LFS (microdata) is the main source of data

- 5.5.2 Women in management (4 series)
- 8.3.1 Informal employment (2 series)
- 8.5.1 Hourly earnings (1 series)
- 8.5.2 Unemployment rate (4 series)
- 8.6.1 NEET rate (2 series)
- 9.2.2 Manufacturing employment (2 series)

Questionnaires are the main source of data

- 1.3.1 Social protection coverage (9 series): Social Security Inquiry, Social Protection Department
- 8.8.1 Fatal and non-fatal occupational injuries (2 series): ILOSTAT questionnaire, Department of Statistics
- 8.b.1 National employment strategy for youth (1 series): Employment Department
Reporting to UNSD

Publication of SG glossy report, extended SDG report and Gender Snapshot
Published in April, July and September

Analysis submitted to UNSD
Due March 1 with possible extension; review draft in April

Data for UN regional commissions
CSV files sent via email in early March

Metadata reporting to UNSD
Due March 1
Sent via email

Data reporting to UNSD
Due March 1
Using Statistical Data and Metadata eXchange (SDMX) format for data

NSS reporting to ILO
Ongoing via various channels
Recent changes and improvements
The implications of the 19th ICLS on ILOSTAT databases and SDG series

**Split databases on ILOSTAT**
- Work Statistics – 19th ICLS (WORK) database
- All other databases based on 13th ICLS standards
  Including ILO Modelled Estimates and Projections

**Relevant SDG series**
- Indicator 5.5.2: Proportion of women in managerial positions
- Indicator 8.3.1: Proportion of informal employment in total employment, by sector and sex
- Indicator 8.5.2: Unemployment rate, by sex, age and persons with disabilities
- Indicator 8.6.1: Proportion of youth not in education, employment or training (NEET)
- Indicator 9.2.2: Manufacturing employment as a proportion of total employment (ILO data, UNIDO custodianship)
Different standards can imply different conclusions

- 13th ICLS: country x has a higher informal employment rate than country y
- 19th ICLS: country y has a higher informal employment rate than country x

Why?

country x has a much higher rate of subsistence foodstuff production (>40% compared to <10% for country y)
Improvements in data availability: Increased country coverage, Goal 8
Improvements in data availability: Increased country coverage, other goals

- Number of countries covered in 2018
- Additions by 2023
Improvements in data availability: new ILO modelled estimates

Existing and updated

- 1.1.1 Working poverty
- 1.3.1 Social protection coverage (9 series)
- 5.5.2 Women in management (not available for senior/middle management)
- 8.5.2 Unemployment (not available by disability status)
- 8.6.1 NEET
- 8.7.1 Child labour
- 9.2.2 Manufacturing employment

New series

- 10.4.1 Labour income share (as of 2020)
- 8.3.1 Informal employment (time series as of 2023)
- 8.8.2 Labour rights (as of 2020)
Concluding remarks
Capacity building initiatives

Focus on improving data quality and availability
- Application of international statistical standards
- Methodologies
- Data processing
- Data disaggregation
- Analysis
- Complementary indicators

Trainings at ILO ITC
- Labour Market Statistics and Analysis Academy’s (LMSA)

ILOSTAT resources
- Resources available online with ongoing updates
Final considerations

LFS is crucial

Comprehensive reporting of labour-market indicators requires conducting a labour force survey regularly.

Beyond LFS

Not all labour-related indicators come from the LFS.

Reporting

Report SDG data to the ILO using the usual mechanisms – LFS microdata + questionnaires (also sent to national SDG focal points).

Resources

Check ILOSTAT for resources – manuals, resolutions, questionnaire guides, StaRS login.
Thank you