



An Interagency and Experts Collaboration to Improve the Production and Dissemination of SDG Indicators from Official National Sources

Series of SDG Webinars Fostering South-South Cooperation:

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SDG 8.7.1

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Summary

The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN ESCWA), in collaboration with Institut National de la Statistique in Tunisia organized a south-south cooperation webinar on selected SDG indicators that are less produced in the Arab region.

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- 1. The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN ESCWA), in collaboration with INS organized a south-south cooperation webinar on selected SDG indicators that are less produced in the Arab region, on 18 January 2024— on Zoom platform, as part of the third wave of series of SDG webinars. The webinar is in response to the resolution (A/RES/70/1) on the adoption of the 2030 Agenda of Sustainable Development in September 2015 to strengthen the capacity of national data systems through collaboration between national statistical systems and the relevant international and regional organizations to enhance data reporting channels and ensure the harmonization and consistency of data and statistics for the indicators used to follow up and review the Sustainable Development Goals and targets. It also responds to Member States' request to the 14th Statistical Committee for ESCWA to organize capacity-building webinars emphasizing the methodology, method of computation, and data collection tools of selected SDG indicators.
- 2. The webinar was attended by 33 representatives from 12 countries namely: Algeria, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, State of Palestine, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.
- 3. The main objectives of the webinars are to share national good practices in the successful collection and dissemination of SDG indicators produced by a handful of Arab countries and available in the Global SDG Database as country data.
- 4. The Workshop agenda covered the following items:
 - SDG indicator 8.7.1 Proportion and number of children aged 5–17 years engaged in child labour, by sex and age
- 5. During this webinar, INS presented the definition of the indicator, methodology, method of computation as well as the disaggregated results.
- 6. Workshop Evaluation: Among 33 participants, 18 participants provided their feedback. The majority, 72%, found the methodology to be easy, while 28% considered it moderate. When asked about the achievement of workshop objectives, 27% rated it excellent, 61% rated it good, and 12% rated it fair. Regarding future data collection for the indicator, 89% expressed their commitment to collecting it, while 21% indicated they would not be pursuing future collection.

7. The workshop presentations and resources will be available on the ESCWA website, accessible at the following link: <u>https://www.unescwa.org/events/series-sdg-webinars-arab-region</u>.