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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:

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics

SDG 1.2.2 and 2.1.2

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Summary

The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN ESCWA), in collaboration with Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics organized first webinar of Series of SDG Webinars fostering South–South Cooperation on selected SDG indicators.

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1. The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN ESCWA), in collaboration with Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, organized first webinar of the Series of SDG Webinars fostering South-South Cooperation with the objective of sharing national good practices in the successful collection and dissemination on selected SDG indicators 1.2.2 and 2.1.2 produced by a handful of Arab countries and available in the Global SDG Database as country data, on 24 August 2023— 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 36 representatives from 11 countries namely: Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, State of Palestine, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.
3. The main objectives of the webinars are to develop NSOs' capacities and increase the dissemination of SDG indicators and make them available at national, regional, and in the Global SDG database at the international level. Participants are also encouraged to raise questions, share their challenges and discuss opportunities for supporting each other to achieve this objective.
4. The Workshop agenda covered the following indicators:
 - Data sources for SDG 1.2.2 Proportion of men, women and children of all ages living in poverty in all its dimensions according to national definitions and 2.1.2 Prevalence of moderate or severe food insecurity in the population, based on the Food Insecurity Experience Scale (FIES)
 - Data collection and methodology of computing SDG 1.2.2
 - Data collection and methodology of computing SDG 2.1.2

5. During this webinar, PCBS presented the definition of each indicator, methodology, method of computation as well as the sequence of survey questions used to collect data on these indicators.

6. Workshop Evaluation:

Among 36 participants, 8 participants provided their feedback. Overall, 25% of the participants rated the methodologies as Easy, and 75% Moderate. Participants were asked if the workshop objectives were met, 25% of the participants gave an excellent rating and 75% gave a good rating. In terms of future data collection of these indicators, 88% of respondents confirmed their future plans to collect both indicators and 12% confirmed future collection of SDG indicator 1.2.2.

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