Task Force on the Measurement of Social Exclusion

PROGRESS REPORT TO UNECE EXPERT MEETING ON MEASURING POVERTY AND INEQUALITY
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Task Force objectives

• The main objective of the Task Force is to consolidate current and emerging good practices in measuring social exclusion, assessing potential for delivering comparable results.

• Specifically, the Task Force has explored:
  ➢ Concepts and frameworks for measuring social exclusion;
  ➢ Indicators used for measuring social exclusion;
  ➢ Measurement of emerging aspects and forms of social exclusion, e.g. digitalisation; and
  ➢ Methods used to communicate findings on social exclusion.
  ➢ How social exclusion measurement links to the SDGs
What we’ve done so far

• Conducted a survey among all Task Force members asking about current approaches to measuring social exclusion

• Compiled a set of examples demonstrating good practices in data collection, analysis, dissemination and linkage to the SDGs.

• Developed an initial taxonomy of the use of different concepts and measures related to social exclusion, including social cohesion, social inclusion, poverty and material deprivation.

• Considered how countries differ in the use of these concepts and in practical ability of data and expertise

• Re-convened to take stock of early findings and plan next steps
Early findings

• Possible lack of **conceptual clarity** - often use similar indicators to measure different concepts

• Survey shows we have a **lot of data on economic aspects** of poverty and deprivation including labour market participation and we **lack data in areas like access to services, social relationships, quality of life**

• EU SILC and the **At risk of Poverty and Social Exclusion (AROPE) indicator** underpin much of our measurement of social exclusion and related concepts. **UNDP have also provided impetus** and approaches to measurement

• Current use of **social exclusion measurement for SDGs** focuses narrowly on SDG1 and SDG10 (elimination of poverty and inequality)- though the idea of overcoming social exclusion and ‘leaving no one behind’ is a golden thread running throughout
Next steps

• Written report by September 2020 to include:
  ➢ A comprehensive taxonomy linking concepts of social exclusion to core domains and indicators used to measure it and how this relates to the SDGs (both currently and possibilities for the future)
  ➢ Practical guidance highlighting the value of social exclusion measurement, with best practice examples and key considerations in using different approaches depending on the purpose of measurement
Call to action

Please get in touch to tell us what you’ve done to measure social exclusion (eg, links to reports, websites, etc)

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Thanks!