REFLECTION ON SDG DATA ISSUES AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS AMIDST COVID-19

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Africa progress still short of the SDG targets.

Alignement of SDGs in national plans incomplete (less than 100%)

Both indicator and methodology framework remain incomplete.

Only 41% (96/232) of the SDGS indicators have data.

Only 50% of African countries have comparable surveys over last two decades.

Insufficient data availability/coverage

COVID has aggravated regional and continental data inequalities on all SDGs.

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SDGs Data, Tracking, and Reporting

Key challenge:
How can we meet SDG goals/targets if we don’t generate reliable, accurate and timely data to track progress?

Strategy:
Engage national statistics and planning offices to align to the SDGs
+ Utilize developed continental tracking MR systems
Implications of COVID-19 on SDGs...

GOAL 17: Partnerships to achieve the Goal
+/- Increased global partnership commitments but still short of requisite levels
- Long-term risk of reduced ODA and other resources

GOAL 16: Peace and Justice Strong Institutions
- Disruption to free press and information in some countries
- Increased political tension and heightened risk of conflict

GOAL 15: Life on Land
+ Reduced pressure on the environment due to decline in consumption

GOAL 14: Life Below Water
+ Reduced fishing
- Increase in single-use plastic waste

GOAL 13: Climate Action
+ Decrease in GHG emissions
- Efforts to meet the climate commitments threatened by the economic recession

GOAL 12: Responsible Consumption and Production
+ Increased responsible consumption due to fly-sourced production
- Increase in single-use plastics

GOAL 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities
+ Short term reduction in pollution improves air quality
- Increase in urban poverty

GOAL 10: Reduced Inequality
- Disproportionate negative effects on the most poor and vulnerable will exacerbate inequality

GOAL 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
- Decline in construction and industrial output
+ Collaboration around scientific innovation

GOAL 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth
- Economic recession, and the risk of massive unemployment

GOAL 7: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
+ Reduced energy demand led to decrease in energy costs, which increases access
- Reduces incentives for renewables

GOAL 6: Clean Water and Sanitation
- Inadequate basic services hinder the ability of vulnerable people to follow basic prevention measures against the virus

GOAL 5: Gender Equality
- Increased violence against women
- Decline of women’s incomes

GOAL 4: Quality Education
- 288 million learners are out of school due to closures

GOAL 3: Good Health and Well-being
- Shortages exacerbating Africa’s already weak health systems

GOAL 2: Zero Hunger
- 73 million Africans are forecast to be food insecure

GOAL 1: No Poverty
- 23 million people or more could be pushed into extreme poverty

Source: SDSN and SDGCA (2020)
Implications of COVID-19 on SDGs Data Collection ...

Meet international reporting requirements?

Produce essential monthly & quarterly statistics?

Produce administrative data statistics?

Implications of COVID-19 on SDGs data in Africa

- Traditional means of data collection no longer possible
- National statistical offices unable to deliver timely and disaggregated data for a number of indicators.
- 9/10 African countries have seen funding cuts and are struggling to maintain in the new normal.
- Aggravated regional and continental data inequalities
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<td>Fully digitize for remote data collection</td>
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<td>Build institutions that can produce accurate, timely, accurate, comparable data</td>
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<td>Utilize data-based MR system developed by SDDC/A to generate real time data.</td>
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Africa can do it ...

We shall leave no One behind
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