

# Task Force on the Measurement of Social Exclusion

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PROGRESS REPORT TO UNECE EXPERT MEETING ON MEASURING

POVERTY AND INEQUALITY

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# Task Force objectives

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- 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

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- 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

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- 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

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- 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

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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!