



Securing resources for SDG measurement and reporting – Statistics Canada's experience

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Statistics Canada's role



- **Central focal point** for reporting Canada's progress on Agenda 2030
- Collect, analyze, and disseminate **data** for the **reporting** of global and domestic SDG indicator frameworks



Post 2015 Agenda

- **StatCan started examining measurement of what would become SDGs back in 2014.**
- **The UN was looking at the early versions of targets and StatCan examined them to see if we could measure the topics covered.**
- **At this point only StatCan was working on SDGs**



2030 Agenda

- In 2015 Statistics Canada requested to be on the IAEG during the UNECE discussions of regional membership for the IAEG and HLG-PCCB.
- Between 2015 and 2017 StatCan was the only Federal government department working on SDGs – we consulted widely on the development of the Global indicator framework.
- There was no plan for domestic implementation of SDGs until fall 2017



2018 Budget

“To support reporting and ensure continued progress and coordination of our efforts on the Sustainable Development Goals both domestically and internationally, the Government proposes to provide \$49.4 million over 13 years, starting in 2018–19, to establish a Sustainable Development Goals Unit, and fund monitoring and reporting activities by Statistics Canada. This will enable better coordination among all levels of government, civil society organizations and the private sector on Canada’s efforts on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It will also support the monitoring and reporting of Canada’s domestic and international efforts to ensure that all of the Sustainable Development Goals are achieved by 2030 and that no one is left behind.”



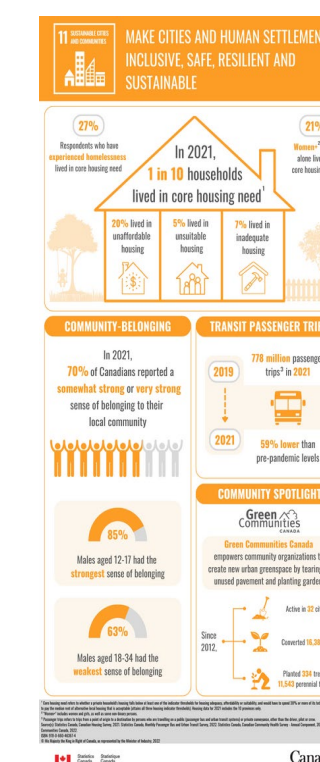
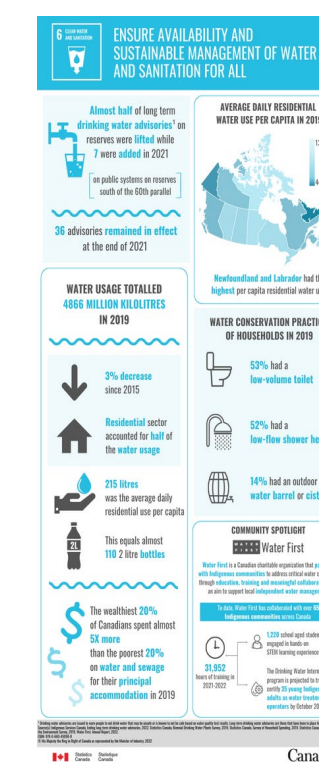
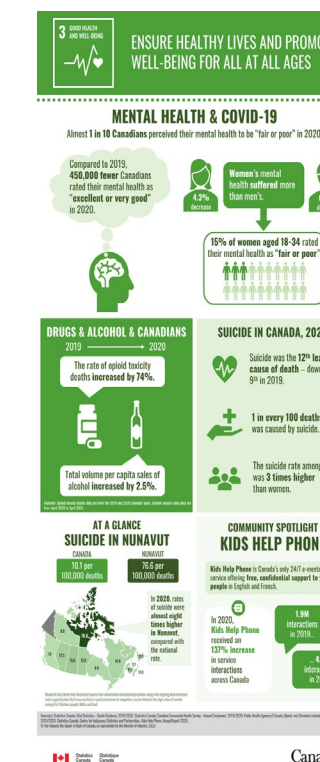
The devil is in the details...

- **StatCan did not received \$49.4 million over the 13 years.**
- **Received just over half a million per year to:**
 - **develop and report on National SDG indicators**
 - **build reporting platforms and other reporting tools**
 - **continue to work in the international sphere on SDGs**
 - **examine other existing data to determine feasibility for SDG reporting**



So what have we done since 2018?

- Released 2 data hubs (and about to release a third)
- Developed the Canadian Indicator Framework for SDGs
- SDG factsheets (one for every goal in 2020)
- Released infographics (One for every goal 2022-23)
- Developed a quality assurance tool to assess civil society and other data for SDG reporting
- Developed and implemented a progress measure for SDGs
- Continue to work internationally on SDGs
- Analysis underway on overlapping frameworks to the SDGs and how to make sense of them



And more.....



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VNR

- In 2018 Canada released its first VNR
 - Statistics Canada had only a small role – VNR had little data
- In 2023 Canada will release its second VNR
 - StatCan has a major role – ensure data are throughout the report
 - Complete a comprehensive statistical annex including tables, charts, maps and progress measure
 - Secured extra funding to do this work



Comprehensive Reviews



**2025
Global**

Indicator Framework

- Coordinate and compile all national comments
- Compile comments from US



2024

Domestic (Canadian) Indicator Framework

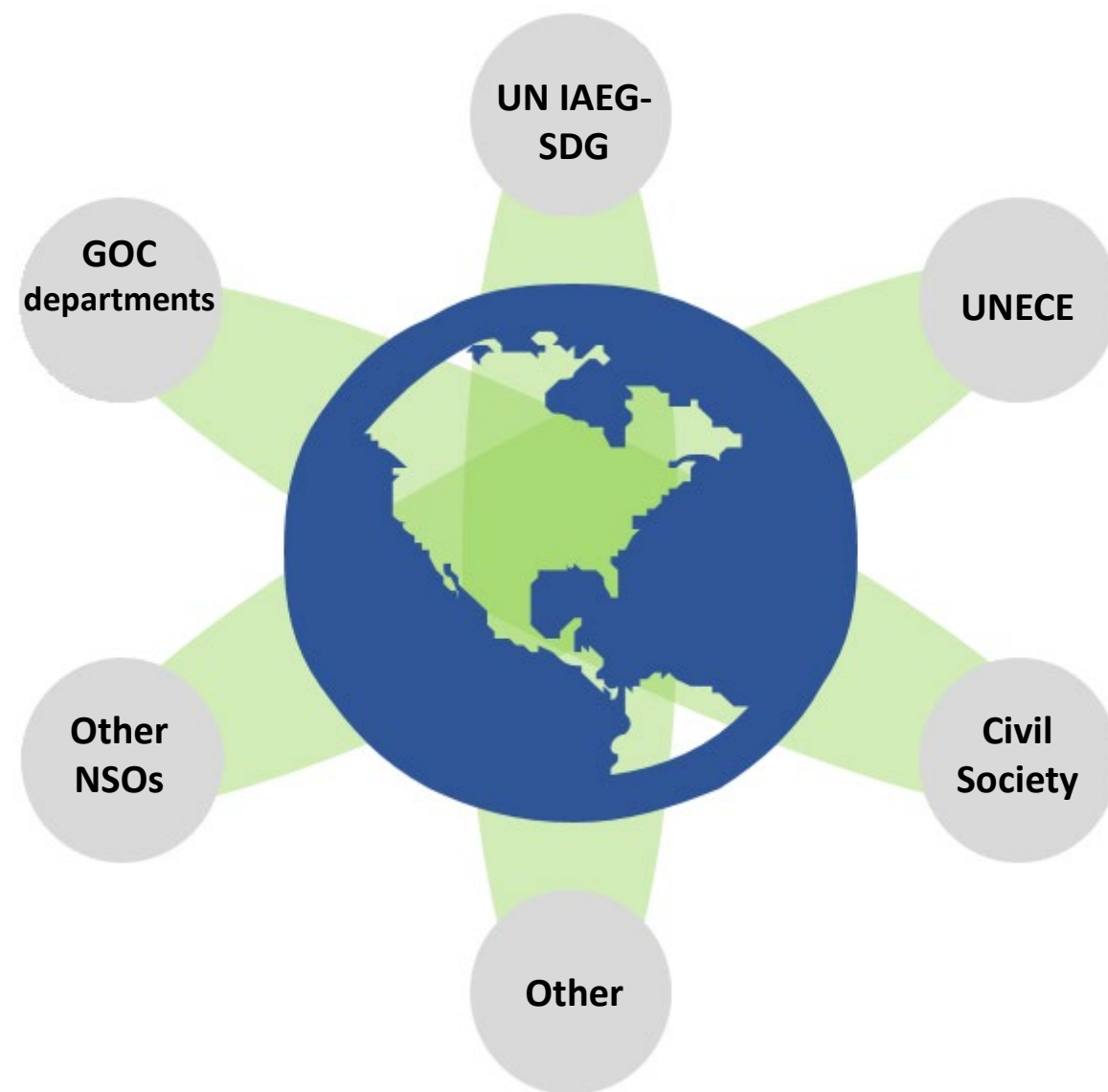
- Manage the review from start to finish



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Collaboration



International

- Co-chair of IAEG-SDG
- Collaborative working relationships with other NSOs
- UNECE Steering Group on Statistics for SDGs

Inter-governmental

- Work with all other federal departments
- Ensure alignment with national priorities

Civil Society

- Create partnerships, highlight their data
- Evaluate unofficial data

Other

- Academia (Oxford University, Waterloo University)
- Human Rights entities



RESOURCING

- **Very small but dedicated team**
 - **3 people full-time (1 is a new recruit, 1 a junior and one a unit head)**
 - **2 Senior level to provide strategic guidance and vision but not full-time on SDGs**
- **Key – know what you want to do and find the people with the skill sets to do it**
- **Illustrate what you can do and you will gain the trust to be able to take innovative approaches!**

