

Measuring South-South cooperation

Manual for South-South Data

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➤ Measuring South-South cooperation

Mechanisms for measuring South-South cooperation

Related achievements

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The Conceptual Framework to Measure South-South Cooperation was collaboratively developed by countries of the global South.



- ✓ Adopted by the **UN Statistical Commission** and the **General Assembly** in 2022.
- ✓ Elaborates both **financial and non-financial** modalities of South-South cooperation.

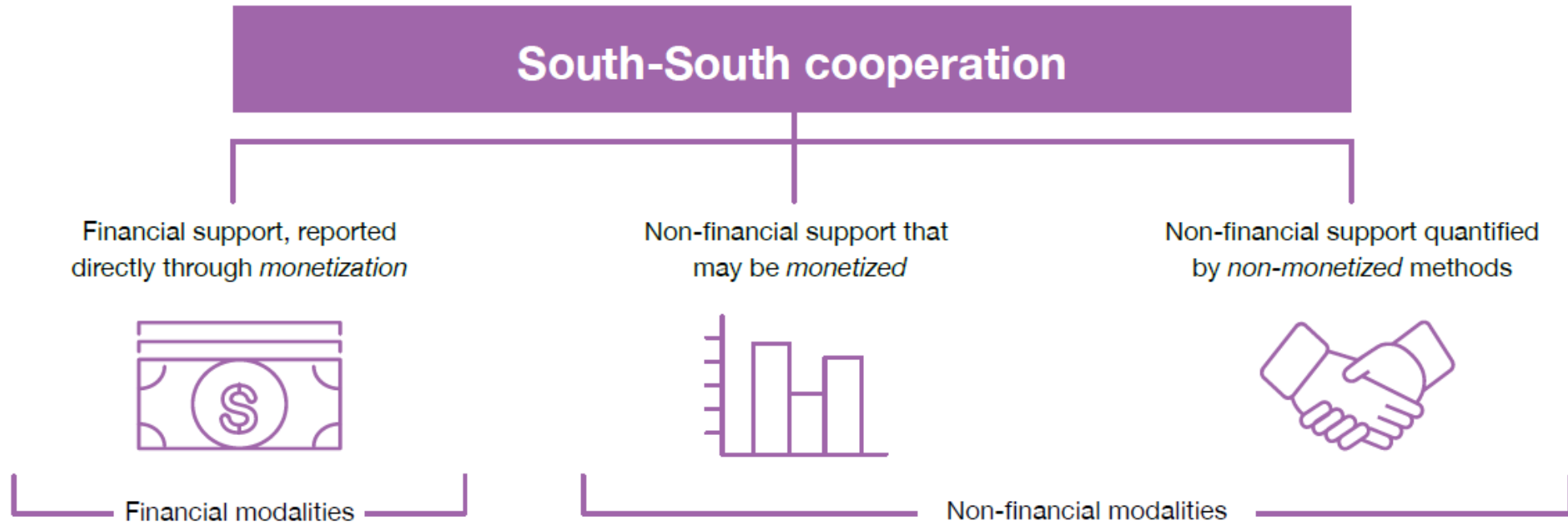
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The Manual provides practical guidance to countries for **pilot testing** collection of data for the **Framework** and reporting to **SDG indicator 17.3.1**.



- The Manual now enables:**
- ✓ The collection of **South-South data** to achieve more globally balanced, inclusive and representative information on development support.
 - ✓ **South-South data to be reported to SDG indicator 17.3.1** alongside long-existing North-South flow data for the first time.

➔ 1 Framework for South-South data

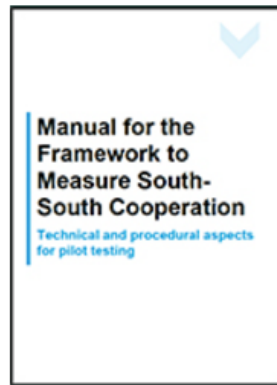


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Manual for the Framework to Measure South-South Cooperation aspects for pilot testing



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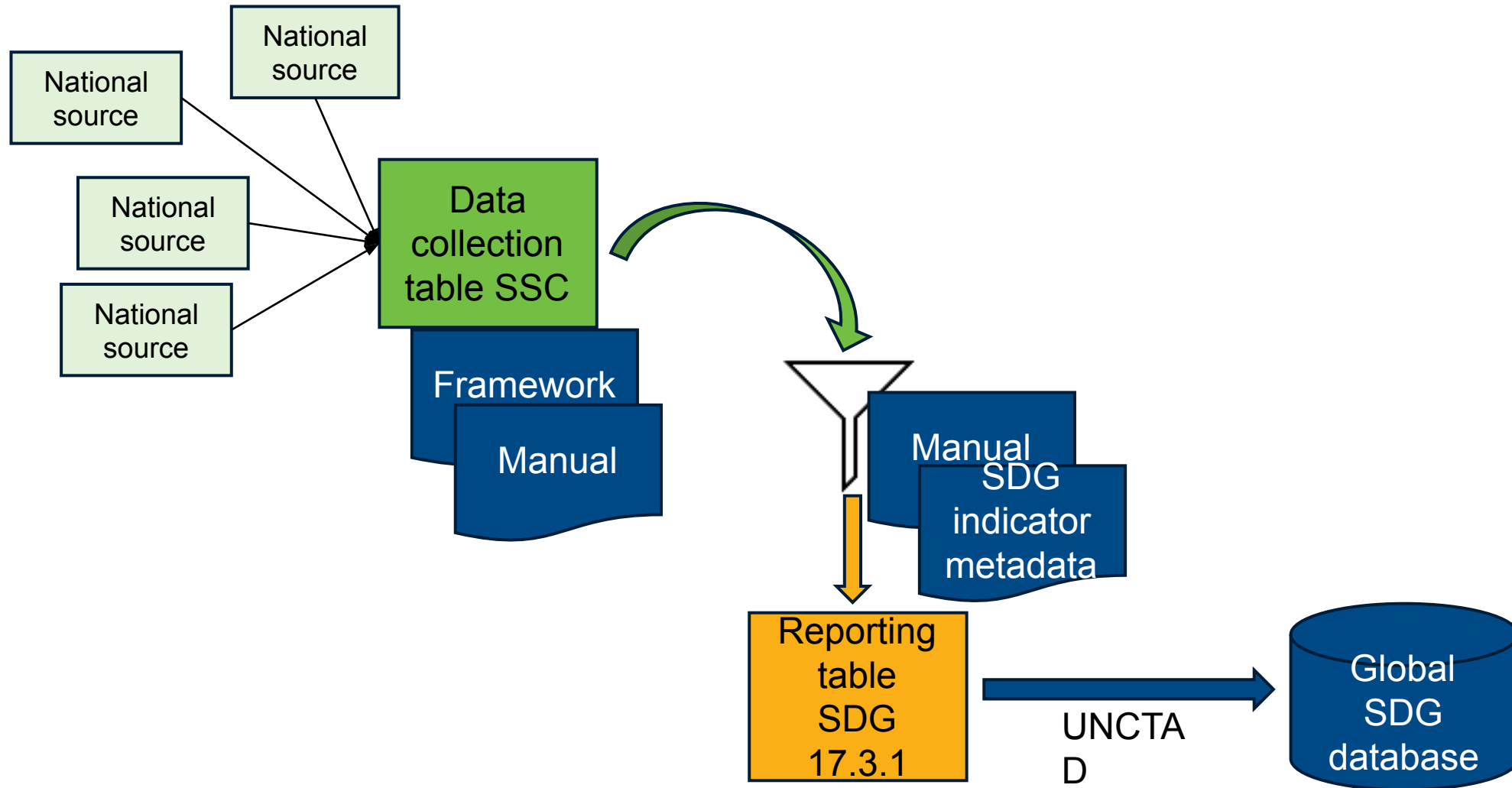
HIGHLIGHT

DOWNLOADS

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

<https://unctad.org/publication/manual-framework-measure-south-south-cooperation-technical-and-procedural-aspects-pilot>

➤ Collecting and reporting South-South data



Data collection table

Reporting Item	Description
Section I - Identification data	Fields for basic identification of the activity being reported.
0 - Database ID	Unique ID of the entry in the database.
1 - Reporting year	Calendar year for which data is reported.
2 - Provider partner	Unique code identifying the reporting country partner.
3 - Provider agency	Unique name or code identifying the agency within the provider partner that has budget responsibility and controls the activity for its own account.
4 - Provider ID number of the project reported	Unique code for identifying the project reported in the provider's internal databases.
4.1 - Provider ID number of the action reported	Unique code for identifying the action reported in the provider's internal databases (if applicable).
Section II - Basic data	Fields for basic identification of the activity being reported.
5 - Cooperation Framework	Multiple codes identifying specific frameworks of collaboration such as bilateral, trilateral, or multilateral co-operation.
6 - Recipient Partner/Organization	Unique code identifying the recipient partner country or institution.
6.1 - Number of additional partners	The count of additional partners (next to reporter/provider and recipient) in case of trilateral or multilateral cooperation.
6.2 - Additional Cooperation Partner	Unique code identifying the (other) Triangular or Multilateral cooperation partner country(ies) or institution(s).
7 - Title	Free text indicating the official title of the action reported.
8 - Description	Free text describing the activity, including its objectives, planned outputs and outcomes, time frame, and budget (limit of 500 characters).
9 - External link	Digital Object Identifier (DOI) or link to a web page (of the provider, recipient, or other partner) containing detailed information on the activity.
10 - Main SDG Goal	Codes identifying the goal in the UN list of SDG Goals (e.g. 2).
10.1 - Additional SDG Goals	Multiple codes identifying the target(s) in the UN list of SDG Goals (e.g. 2, 5, 13).
11 - Main SDG Target	Codes identifying the main target in the UN list of SDG targets (e.g. 2.1).
11.1 - Additional SDG Targets	Multiple codes identifying the target(s) in the UN list of SDG targets (e.g. 2.1, 5, 13.3).
12 - Sector	Code identifying the main sector that the resource transfer is intended to foster (ISIC Codes).
12.1 - Additional Sector(s)	Multiple codes identifying the sector(s) that the resource transfer is intended to foster (ISIC Codes).
13 - Modality	Unique code specifying the South-South modality of co-operation used to implement the activity.
14 - Observation	Additional Information and keywords to identify activities of specific policy interest such as #COVID-19 (limit of 500 characters).
Section III - Financial data	
15 - Currency	ISO code for the currency in which the transaction has been undertaken. Data reported in currencies other than USD to be converted to USD using IMF annual average exchange rates.
16 - Amount Disbursed (in thousands)	Amount disbursed (expenditure) by the provider partner during the reporting year.
Section IV - Non-financial Data	
17.1 - Non-financial Delivery_unit	Unit group as one of the following: hour, individual (by gender), unit, sq.metres or tonnes.
17.2 - Non-financial Delivery_quantity	Amount of inputs provided by the reporting partner and/or outputs (deliverables) attributable to the beneficiary partner during the reporting year.
17.2 #ByGender_female	Non-financial Delivery_quantity #ByGender: number of females

➤ South-South cooperation

Is the action/project between countries classified as developing nations from the designated list?

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- General criteria:**
- Concessional
 - Aimed at sustainable development
 - Official, i.e., government-to-government

Eligibility

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Financial disbursement or inputs/outputs in the reporting year

Future or cumulative disbursements

- Disbursement of \$1M to Kenya for a solar energy project between developing countries
- 10 experts deployed for agricultural training in Zambia
- 500 farmers trained in sustainable farming techniques

- Project approved in 2023, but funds to be disbursed in 2024.
- \$5M disbursed for a project spanning 2019-2023
- \$10M received from international donors
- Cultural exchange programs or trade agreements

➤ Data collection table

0	1	2	3	4	4.1	5	6	6.1	6.2
Database ID	Reporting year	Provider partner	Provider agency	Provider ID number of the project reported	Provider ID number of the action reported	Cooperation Framework	Recipient Partner/Organization	Number of additional partners	Ad
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EXAMPLE

Colombia's M49 code is 170 (select from drop-down menu), hence the value is: *170*.

M49 code	M49 label
076	Brazil
152	Chile
170	Colombia
218	Ecuador
238	Falkland Islands (Malvinas)
254	French Guiana
328	Guyana
600	Paraguay
604	Peru

EXAMPLE

Multilateral co-operation between Colombia, Namibia, Kenya, Nigeria and Zimbabwe (select from the options): *MuIC*.

CooperationFramework_code	CooperationFramework_label
BilC	Bilateral cooperation
TriC	Triangular (or trilateral) cooperation
MuIC	Multilateral cooperation

➤ Data collection table

7	8	9	10	10.1	11	11.1	12	12.1	13	14
Title	Description	External link	Main SDG Goal	Additional SDG Goals	Main SDG Target	Additional SDG Targets	Sector	Additior	Modality	Observation

EXAMPLE

Select relevant SDG from the drop-down menu: *SDG1*

SDG_code	SDG_label
SDG1	End poverty in all its forms everywhere
SDG2	End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
SDG3	Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

EXAMPLE

Select relevant SDG(s) from the drop-down menu: *SDG2; SDG3.*

SDG_code	SDG_label
SDG1	End poverty in all its forms everywhere
SDG2	End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
SDG3	Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

➤ Group A: financial modalities

Group A: Financial modalities of South-South cooperation (to be reported directly through monetization):	
A.1: Loans	A.1.1: Concessional loans (grant element) in credit operations between developing countries as per IMF definition
	A.1.2: Interest-free loans
A.2: Grants	A.2.1: Developmental purposes
	A.2.2: Humanitarian purposes
A.3: Contributions to International Organizations, Development Banks and Funds	A.3.1: Regular contributions to international organizations
	A.3.2: Voluntary contributions (excluding self-benefit)
	A.3.3: Capital paid-in to IFI and Regional/Multilateral Funds
A.4: Direct cash transfers under social development public programmes in partner countries (approved by the partner country)	



Group B: Non-Financial modalities of South-South cooperation (suitable for monetization):

B.1: Infrastructure projects

B.2: Goods and materials

B.3: Scholarships

B.4: Humanitarian assistance (between developing countries)	B.4.1: Donations of food, medicine, medical supplies and or other materials
	B.4.2: Assistance to refugees
	B.4.3: Dispatch of humanitarian missions: health professionals; first-aid workers; teachers

B.5: Training (Specialised courses)

B.6: Participation in Peace Keeping Operations

B.7: Technical cooperation	B.7.1: Experts/specialists deployed/ opportunity costs
	B.7.2: Per Diems, daily allowances, and airfares
	B.7.3: Services; materials; equipment; supplies

B.8: Volunteers

B.9: Joint Research	B.9.1: Scientific-related infrastructure (labs, equipment, supplies)
	B.9.2: Research personnel - working hours / opportunity costs

B.10: Administrative/Operational/Management/Coordination associated with the provision of SSC



Group C: Non-financial modalities of South-South cooperation (quantification through non-monetized methodologies):

C.1. Infrastructure projects

C.2. Goods and materials

C.3. Scholarships

C.4. Humanitarian assistance (between developing countries)

C.4.1. Type: donation of food, medicine, medical supplies and or other needed materials in case of humanitarian distress situations

C.4.2. Type: assistance to refugees

C.4.3. Type: dispatch of humanitarian missions: health professionals; first-aid workers; teachers

C.5. Training (Specialised courses)

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C.7.1. Type: Experts/specialists deployed

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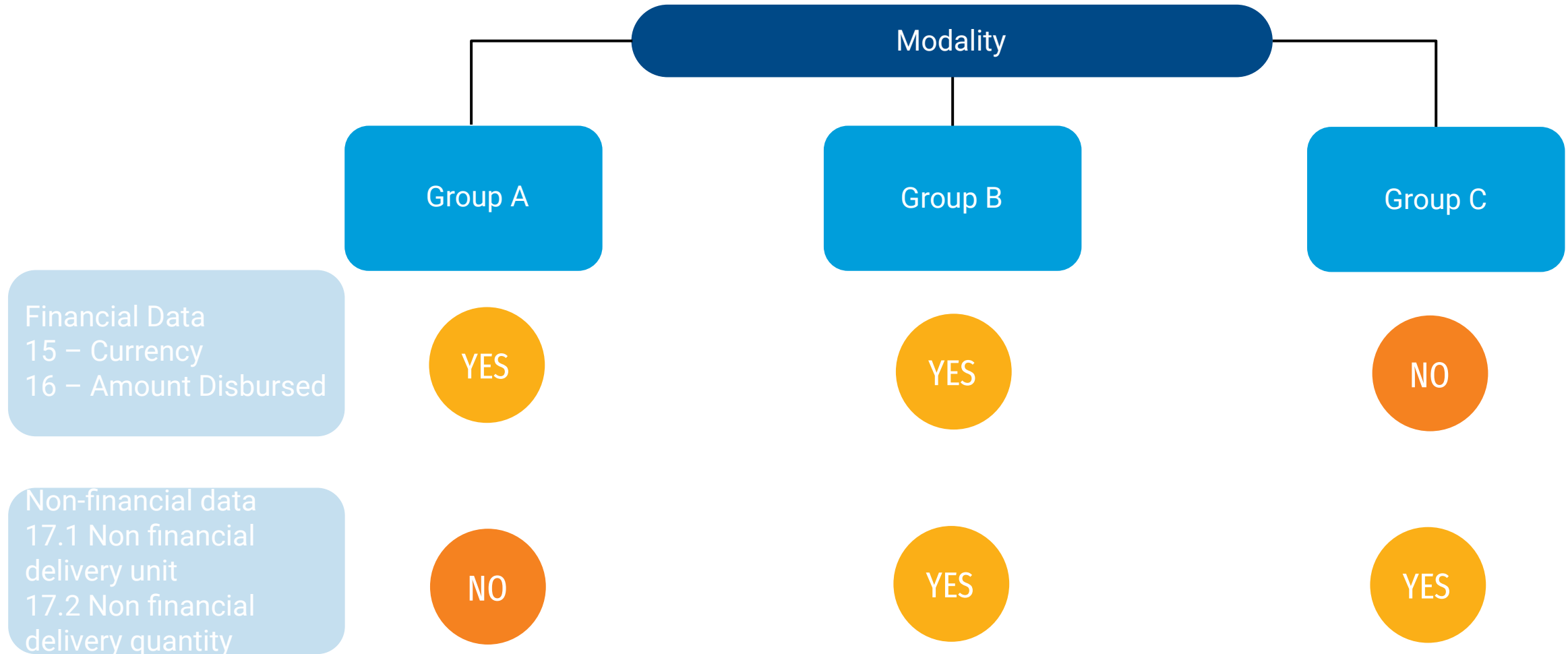
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C.10. Administrative/Operational/Management/Coordination associated with SSC

➤ South-South cooperation modalities



➤ Data collection table

15	16	17.1	17.2	17.2 #ByGender_female
Currency	Amount Disbursed	Non-financial Delivery_unit	Non-financial Delivery_quantity	Non-financial Delivery_quantity #ByGender: females

EXAMPLE

When national reporting allows, the currency for reporting should be USD. When this is not available, the reported values are to be reported in other relevant national currencies, e.g., for an activity in

Zambia, in their national currency, Zambian Kwacha, hence the reported value is: **ZMW**.

Currency_code	Currency_label
YER	Yemeni Rial
ZAR	Rand
ZMW	Zambian Kwacha
ZWG	Zimbabwe Gold

➤ Data collection table

15	16	17.1	17.2	17.2 #ByGender_female
Currency	Amount Disbursed	Non-financial Delivery_unit	Non-financial Delivery_quantity	Non-financial Delivery_quantity #ByGender: females

EXAMPLE

Directly benefiting 250 individuals with reported activity is to be reported with selecting the unit: **2.1**.

NonFinUnit_code	NonFinUnit_label
1.1	Number of hours worked/reported
2.1	Number of Individuals directly benefited (# by Gender)
2.2	Number of volunteers dispatched (# by Gender)
2.3	Number of disaster relief personnel dispatched (# by Ger)

EXAMPLE

Directly benefiting 250 individuals with reported activity is to be reported as: **250**.

*Additionally, if applicable (**#byGender**) and available, also to report number of female individuals directly benefited; in this example, from the 250 reported above, 100 were females, hence: **100**.*

Reference tables

- **Country list (M49)**
- **Activity (ISIC)**
- **SDGs**
- **SSC Modality**
- **Currency (ISO)**
- **Non-financial delivery**

➤ Non-monetary quantification

Elements for measurement	Type of measurement
Inputs	<p>Inputs refer to both monetary and non-monetary resources required to implement an SSC activity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Monetary Measurement (group C): Quantity or volume of inputs, such as technical expertise, equipment, or hours contributed, without attributing a monetary value. For reference, see Table 5. • Monetary Measurement (group B): The financial value of the resources provided (e.g., the cost of services, equipment, or other material inputs). These amounts should be reported directly in the <i>Framework's</i> reporting table, either in local currency or United States dollars.
Outputs	<p>Outputs are the immediate results produced as a direct consequence of the SSC activity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Monetary Measurement (group C): The quantity or volume of deliverables, such as the number of beneficiaries reached, individuals trained, scholarships utilized, or infrastructure completed and handed over to the partner country. Examples include also: hygiene kits for humanitarian assistance equipment, or emergency relive operations for humanitarian assistance as number of operations, or tonnes of food supplies for volume of humanitarian assistance; schools or wastewater plants for infrastructure, number of laboratories as a number of infrastructure installed for joint research; or tonnes of organic fertilizer for volume of technical cooperation under items delivered. Further reference in Table 5.

Note: As the reporting is retroactive by design, SSC reporting on group C will predominantly be focusing on outputs.

Unit of measurement	Sub-units (Inputs and Outputs in the year reported)	Where to use (ref. Table 3 of SSC Modalities)
1. Hour	1.1 Number of hours worked/reported	Training (<i>instructors</i>)
	2.1 Number of Individuals directly benefited (#ByGender)	Training (<i>trainees</i>) Assistance to refugees (<i>individuals registered for assistance</i>)
2. Individual (#ByGender)	2.2 Number of volunteers dispatched (#ByGender)	Volunteers
	2.3 Number of disaster relief personnel dispatched (#ByGender)	Humanitarian assistance
	2.4 Number of foreign students (#ByGender)	Scholarships (<i>number of foreign students enrolled</i>)
	2.5 Number of researchers/scientists (#ByGender)	Joint Research (cooperation in science and technology)
	2.6 Number of experts/specialists dispatched (#ByGender)	Technical cooperation
	3. Unit	3.1 Number of jobs created (#ByGender)
3.2 Number of patents registered		Joint Research (Cooperation in science and technology)
3.3 Number of documents published (studies, research etc.)		Joint Research (Cooperation in science and technology)
3.4 Number of technical cooperation actions implemented		Technical cooperation
3.5 Equipment and supplies delivered/donated		Goods and materials Humanitarian assistance
3.6 Number of infrastructure, public facilities, laboratories, etc., installed/built		Infrastructure Joint research
3.7 Number of Operations		Humanitarian assistance Peacekeeping operations
4. Volume/Quantity:	4.1 Items delivered/donated measured by Sq. meters (<i>applies when not related or included from projects under the modality "1 - Infrastructure projects"</i>).	Technical cooperation Humanitarian assistance
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➤ Reporting to SDG indicator 17.3.1



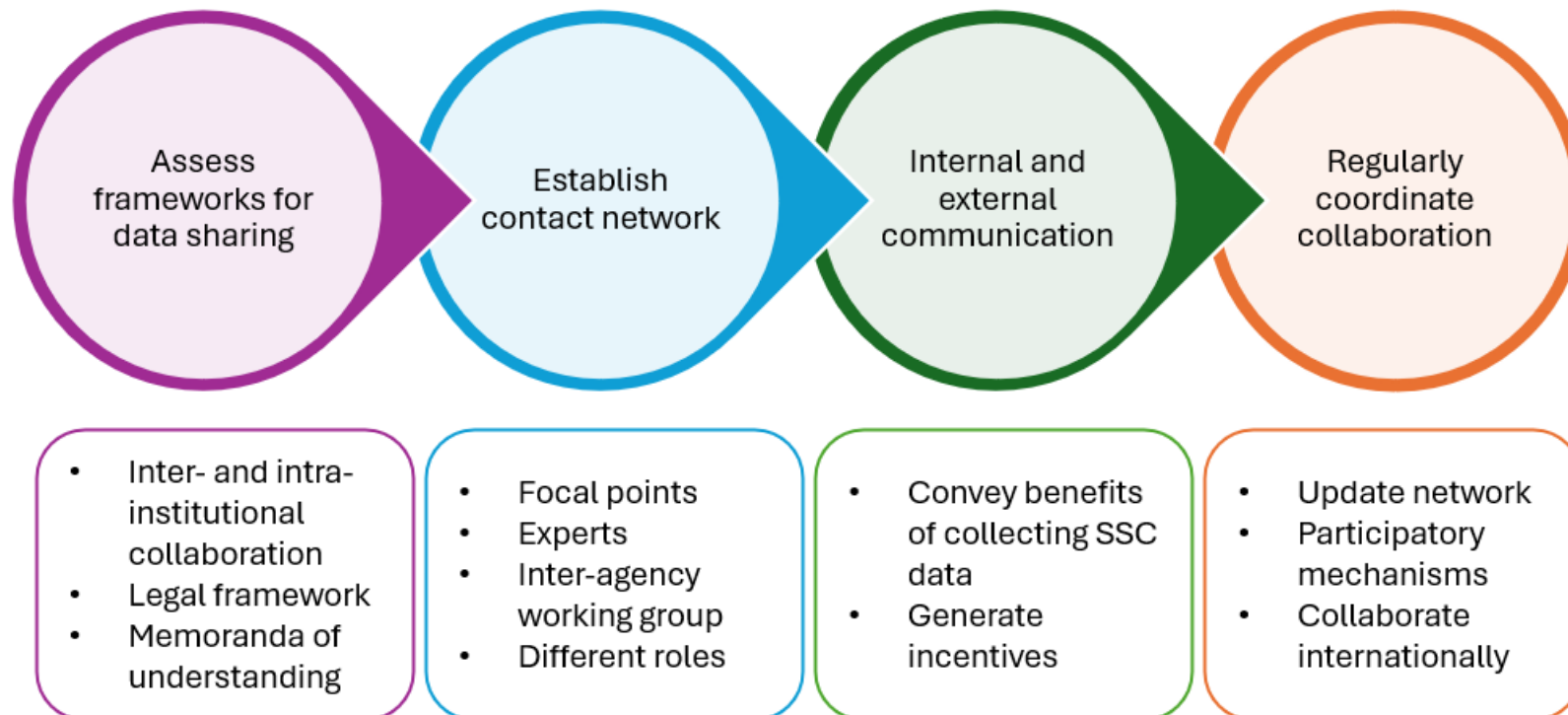
Reporting Item	Field to be used for SDG indicator 17.3.1	Note
1 - Reporting year	Yes	
2 - Provider partner	Yes	
6 - Recipient Partner/Organization	Yes	
10 - Main SDG Goal	Optional	
12 - Sector	Optional	
13 - Modality	Yes	Used to assign to SDG indicator 17.3.1 series
15 - Currency	Yes	Convert to USD
16 - Amount Disbursed (in thousands)	Yes	Aggregate value

Further considerations

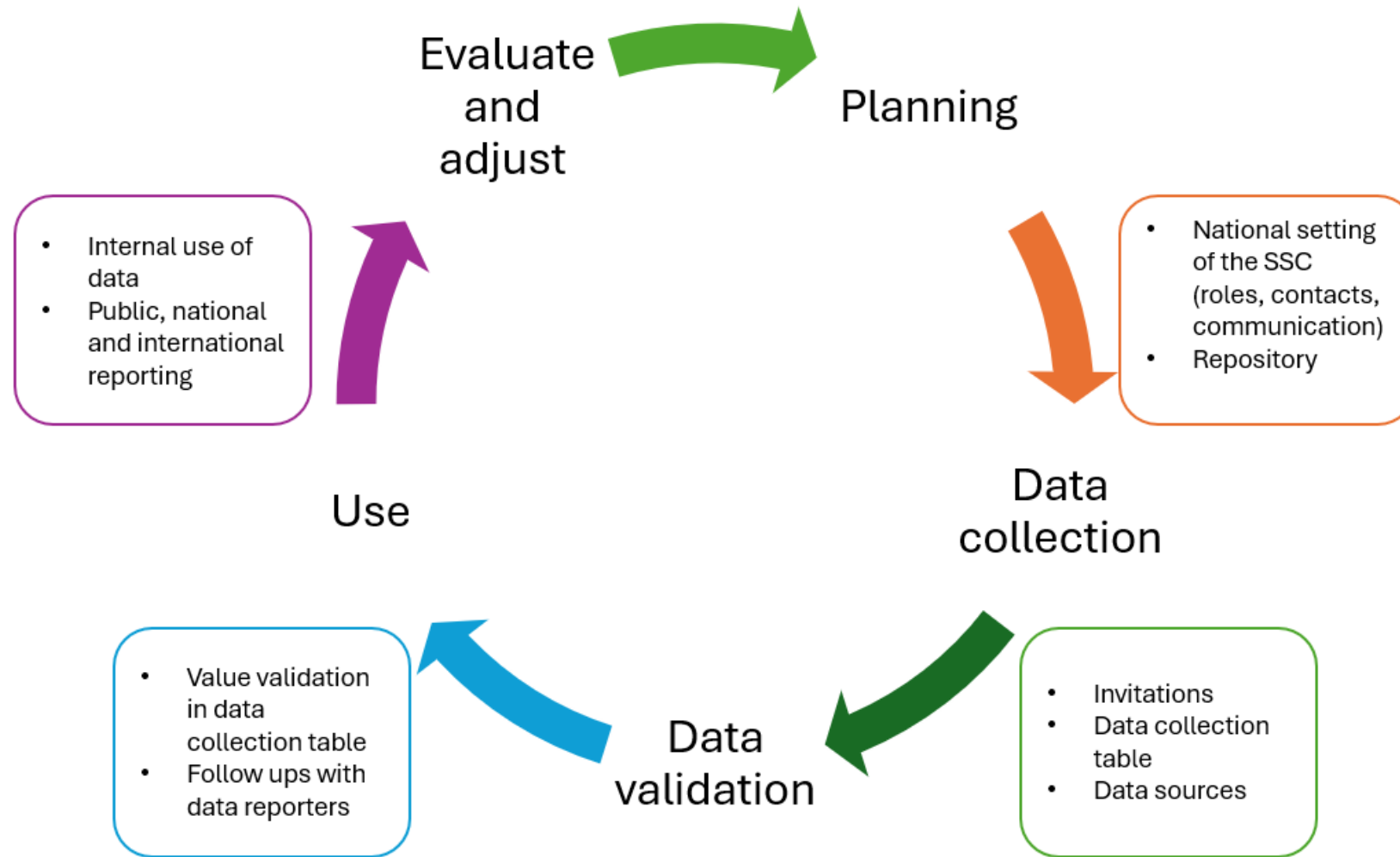


➤ Institutional ecosystem

- Mapping of agencies and roles & responsibilities



➤ Data collection and quality assurance

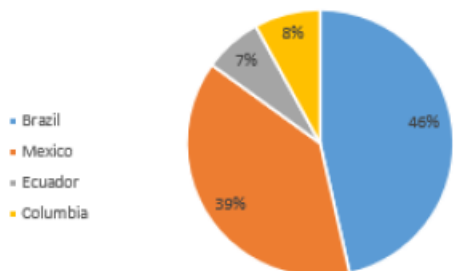


Analysing South-South data

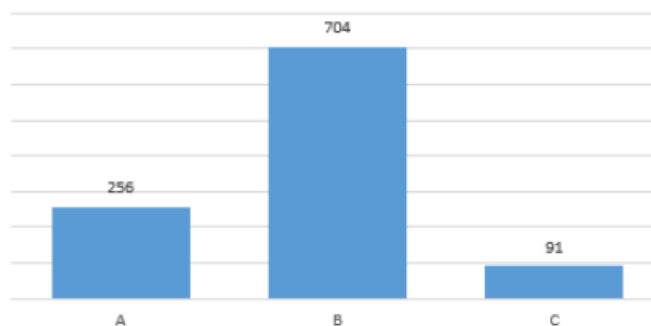
South South Cooperation Data

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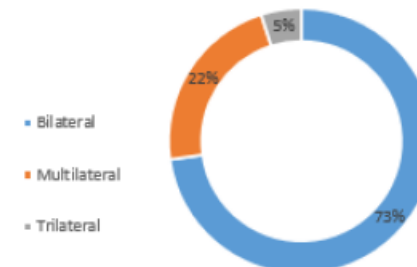
Provider Countries



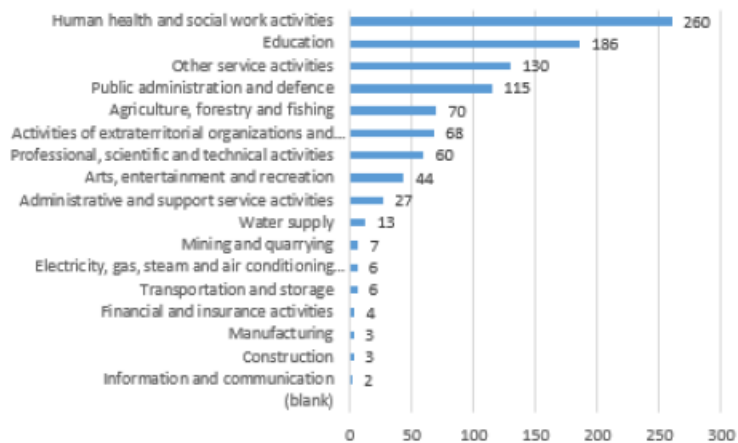
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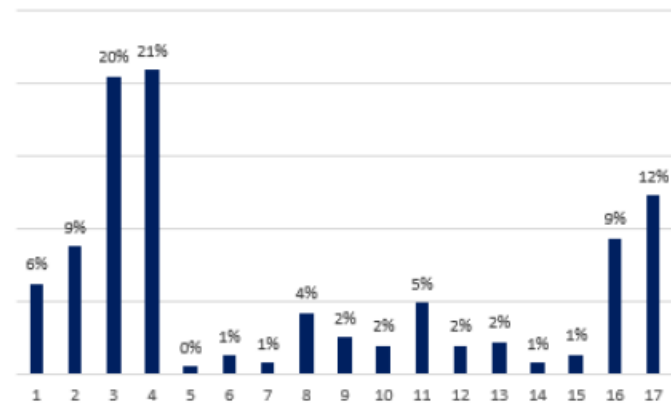
Cooperation Framework (%)



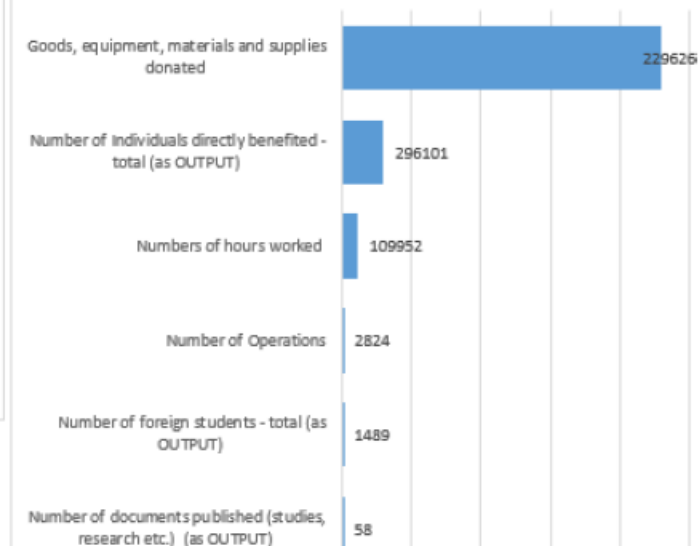
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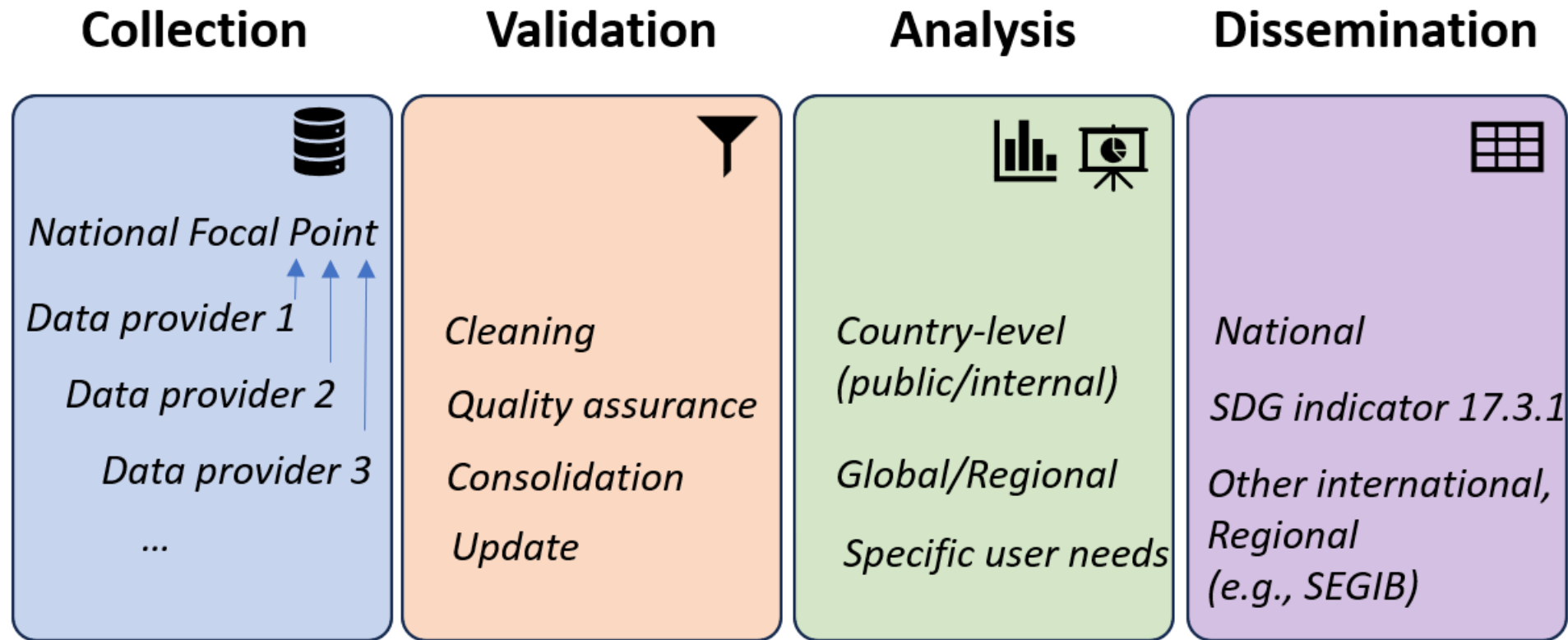
Main SDG (%)



Non-financial Delivery



➤ Integrated information system






<https://stats.unctad.org/measuringSSC>

