Country Report - Bangladesh

Capacity Building Activities under the European Commission funded project on Enhancing capacity for measuring progress towards the Environmental Dimension of the SDGs, 2020-2023

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1. Introduction

The project Enhancing Capacity for Measuring Progress towards the Environmental Dimension of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), funded by the European Commission, was instituted to strengthen national capacity for monitoring and reporting on the environmental dimension of the SDGs, including SDG indicators 8.4.1/12.2.1 on material footprint, 8.4.2/12.2.2 on domestic material consumption, 12.3.1b on food waste, 12.4.2 on hazardous waste generated and treated, 12.5.1 on national recycling rate and 17.14.1 on policy coherence.

National activities were implemented in different formats in beneficiary countries in Africa and Asia. The aims of the national activities were to deepen government officials' understanding of the adopted methodologies for SDG indicators, to equip them with the necessary statistical capacity to report on these indicators and as these indicators require data from multiple national stakeholders, engage all stakeholders together for future collaborations.

As part of the project, an out-of-country training on food waste indicator (SDG indicator 12.3.1b) was implemented in Paris, France from 28 to 29 November 2023. Due to the request from Bangladesh to build their national capacities in food waste data collection, the representative from Bangladesh, funded by the Environment Fund, was invited to participate in the planned training with representatives from other countries.

2. SDG food waste indicator: out-of-country training *(28-29 November 2023)*

Key Observations

- The representative of Bangladesh was contacted in advance to prepare information that is relevant to food waste in their country, so available information can be identified in advance.
- The representative showed high interest in the training; multiple questions were asked to clarify information and discussions took place regarding the actual status in Bangladesh, and how they can leverage their country's data situation to be able to collect and report on SDG indicator 12.3.1b.

Conclusions

The training concluded with a brainstorming on a national action plan to incite countries' representatives to plan their data collection on food waste.

Way forward

The representative from the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics will collaborate with other institutions to collect and compile data about food waste and draft an initial starting point to plan the collection of food waste data;

3. Additional Resources

Technical materials

All relevant technical materials are available on the project website under 'Output I'.

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Agenda – Food waste indicator (28-29 November 2023)

TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2023		
09:30 – 10:00	**OPENING AND INTRODUCTIONS**	**UNEP**
10:00 – 10:30	SDG indicator 12.3.1b	UNEP
10:30 – 11:00	Definitions: food, sectors, measurement methods	WRAP
11:00 – 11:30	*COFFEE BREAK*	
11:30 – 12:00	Household: measuring in a Level 2 approach	WRAP
12:00 – 12:30	Approaches to sampling and designing representative samples	WRAP

12:30 – 13:00	Household measurement planning exercise	WRAP
13:00 – 14:00	*LUNCH BREAK*	
14:00 – 14:30	Household level 3: Edible/inedible, destinations, other useful information for strategies	WRAP
14:30 – 15:00	Diaries, causes and drivers of waste	WRAP
15:00 – 15:30	Edible/inedible food exercise	WRAP
15:30 – 16:00	COFFEE BREAK	
16:00 – 16:30	Looking ahead to tomorrow: food service and retail subsectors	WRAP
16:30 – 17:00	Defining priority subsectors	WRAP

WEDNESDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2023		
09:30 – 10:00	**Food service introduction and sector definition**	**WRAP**
10:00 – 10:30	**Measurement methods**	**WRAP**
10:30 – 11:00	Sampling and scaling	**WRAP**
11:00 – 11:30	*COFFEE BREAK*	
11:30 – 12:00	**Retail measurement methods**	**WRAP**
12:00 – 12:30	*Sampling and scaling*	*WRAP*
12:30 – 13:00	Retail Level 3: edible/inedible and food surplus	WRAP
13:00 – 14:00	*LUNCH BREAK*	

14:00 – 16:45	**Working on a measurement strategy in your country:**
	        Filling in measurement strategy template
	        Finding and using data for purposes of designing samples
	        Thinking about mapping stakeholders, identifying responsibility and putting the systems in place to make the most of data
		WRAP

16:45 – 17:00	**Next steps and conclusions**	**UNEP**