

## **Monitoring SDGs in Senegal**

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## Abstract:

In Senegal, the assessment of the availability of data to monitor SDGs reveals a capacity to estimate just 68.5% of the SDG indicators. In order to meet the commitment of the government to the SDG agenda, especially on the disaggregation of indicators, it is essential to strengthen statistical production capacity. Unfortunately, collecting data at various levels is generally very expensive. It is therefore essential to explore the use of robust tools and methods that improve the timeliness, coverage and quality of data using existing data efficiently. In this context, the Data for Now initiative, initiated activities to support data innovation in five thematic areas prioritized by Senegal. These include food security, sustainable management of land, water and forests, climate change, urbanization and cadastral data, and Covid-19.

Since its launch in Senegal, the Data for Now initiative has organized several thematic workshops, bringing together all relevant stakeholders, to identify the priority data gaps and needs.

As next steps, the project aims to implement several activities. Training on small area estimation will be conducted for staff at ANSD and other ministries to increase capacity for disaggregation of SDG indicators. Under the food security thematic area, training on the processing of survey data will help the Ministry of Agriculture to better exploit its data and produce SDG indicators related to food security. In collaboration with UN Habitat, training in methods for estimating population of rural and urban areas, as well as the use of Demographic and Health Survey (DHS) data will help strengthen the production of SDG indicators related to climate change and urbanization.

The project also aims to support the establishment of a centralized platform to bring together Covid-19 data, including available data on health, economic, population and resources to measure the impact of Covid-19.

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