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Offer of Support at the National Level





OFFER OF SUPPORT AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

The purpose of this document is to outline the products, services, technical expertise and other support tools that ESCAP can provide to partners at the national level. ESCAP's national offer is rooted in and linked with the implementation of global and regional intergovernmental frameworks, agreements, and other instruments.

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Products and Services

These are ESCAP's core offer at the national level, combining tools, methodologies and guidelines with hands on ESCAP support for national implementation.



Technical Expertise

These are areas of expertise of ESCAP staff aligned with its main work that can be provided to countries upon request.



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These have been developed by ESCAP for uptake by national partners without need for direct ESCAP technical expertise.

COMPLEMENTARY MODES OF INTERVENTION

In each thematic area, ESCAP's country support is provided through three modes.



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Planning and Conducting VNRs Support

ESCAP offers on-site and online training for developing a VNR plan, including providing methodologies for report preparation, the development of VNR Roadmaps and guidance for developing an annotated VNR outline, and development of stakeholder engagement plans.

Identifying SDG Interlinkages

ESCAP's methodology helps apply systems thinking approach to integrate the SDGs into national planning. The tool will help producing an analysis of interlinkages between SDGs and national vision for sustainable development.

Conducting Voluntary Local Reviews (VLR)

By providing tools, templates and checklists that local governments and stakeholders, such as City and subnational government bodies and Resident Coordinators, can use to conduct a VLR.



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Support for LDC graduation

Technical support to better understand the impacts of graduation from LDCs category and develop a national strategy for a smooth transition in line with the relevant Programmes of Action for countries in special situation.

VNR Twinning Programme

The programme brings together first time VNR countries with ones that have already presented VNRs. It supports the twinning partners (National VNR Task force, Resident Coordinators) through study tours, joint online training and information sharing and VNR peer and provides opportunities for organizing and/or participating in side-events and joint presentation of the VNR at the APFSD and the HLPF.



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Asia Pacific SDG Gateway

Online platform for available SDG data and indicators, drawn from Global database, and SDG progress assessment at the regional and subregional level.



Asia Pacific SDG Helpdesk

Online platform for SDG related tools, e-learning courses and peer to peer learning and regional South-South cooperation.



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Identifying the Furthest Behind

New methodologies for identifying those left behind and measure the degree of inequality in a range of opportunities using Demographic and Health Surveys and Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey. ESCAP can support line Ministries in developing data-driven policy analysis and supporting the RCs and UNCTs in developing Common Country Analysis (CCA) (i.e., Kyrgyzstan, Maldives, Thailand, Turkmenistan) and Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) (i.e., PNG).

Strengthening and Developing Forward-looking Ageing Policies

Technical support for Government bodies and RCs and UNCTs in policy review and development on population ageing and data analysis including in CCAs and VNRs. This is done through a coherent policy and data assessment tool ([MIPAA survey](#)); organization of consultation and capacity building exercises such as in Bhutan, Cambodia, Fiji, Kyrgyzstan, Maldives, Mongolia.

Strengthening Disability-Inclusive Employment Policies

Technical support for Government bodies in the employment and disability affairs in mainstreaming disability inclusion into employment sector and strengthening disability assessment systems for increased access to disability-specific services. This is done through policy reviews, piloting prototypes, and capacity building, such as in Bhutan, Fiji, Mongolia and Philippines.



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Strengthen Social Protection System

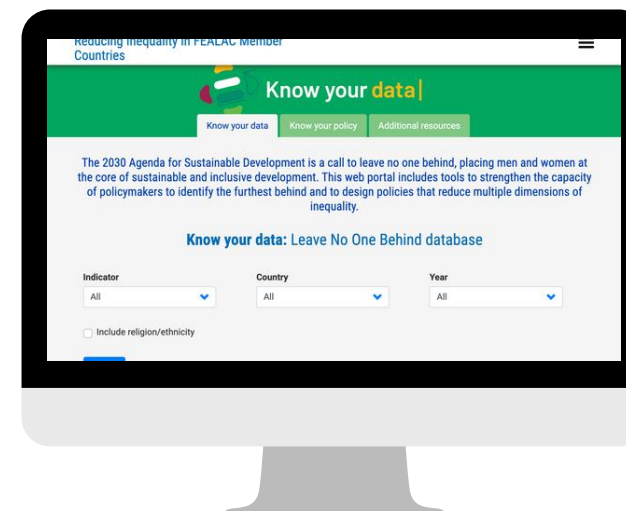
By simulating the impacts and costs of extending social protection on poverty, household consumption and inequality.



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[Online Database of Leaving No One Behind Analysis](#)



[Dashboard of Ageing Policies and Related Data](#)



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Developing national profile of disaster and climate risk

New methodologies for estimating disaster risks in terms of the Annual Average Loss (AAL) of natural and biological hazards. ESCAP can support line Ministries in developing data-driven risk informed policy analysis and supporting the RCs and UNCTs in developing Common Country Analysis (CCA) and Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs).

Evidence based solutions for risk informed policies and investments

New methodologies for estimating cost and priorities of climate adaptation to support risk informed policy decisions and investments and strengthen resilience.

Drought monitoring

Technical support to Government bodies responsible for agriculture, water management and meteorology services to use integrated geospatial information and data for effective monitoring of agricultural drought, such as in lower Mekong basin countries, Myanmar and Mongolia.



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Develop analysis on disaster and climate resilience

This includes analysis of (i) hazard hotspots: examining data on hazard exposure and assessing impacts and vulnerabilities to develop crisis management and risk mitigation plans, (ii) economic impacts: estimate direct economic losses to hazards and disasters, and (iii) adaptation cost and priorities of climate adaptation at country level: in order to strengthen resilience, warning systems and preparedness mechanisms.

Strengthening and developing risk informed development policies and investments

Technical support for Government bodies and RCs and UNCTs in reviewing national policies for disasters and climate resilience

Build policy capacity for adaptation to drought

Technical support to build country-specific policy capacity for national meteorological and hydrological services and National disaster management authorities.



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Asia Pacific Risk & Resilience Portal

·Online portal to track various hazard hotspots and climate adaptation efforts across over 50 countries in Asia and the Pacific.



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Macro-economic model for sustainable development

A newly developed, structural macro-econometric model that features the interactions among economic, social and environmental variables in 46 Asia-Pacific economies. As countries build forward better from the pandemic, the model can be used to estimate the socio-economic and environmental effects, including on public debt sustainability, of different national policy scenarios. It is thus useful for national development planning agencies and UNCTs that seek to understand the broader implications of national policy scenarios.

National Expert SDG Tool for Energy Planning (NEXSTEP)

Methodologies to assist energy Ministries to develop SDG 7 national roadmaps and to develop national energy transition pathways. SDG 7 National Roadmap have been completed in Georgia, Indonesia and Tonga.



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Energy Portal

·Online portal that provides data visualizations for an extensive set of energy statistics, full-text policies, and interactive infrastructure maps.



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Calculating SDG Investment Needs

A [technical guidebook](#) for estimating SDG [investment requirements](#) in Asia-Pacific economies. The guidebook, through a country-specific analysis guided by methodologies, will help inform government agencies and UNCTs the scale of SDG financing needs, which is one of the prerequisites for implementing the [integrated national financing frameworks](#).

Analyse MSMEs' Access to Finance

A [framework](#) for country studies to better understand the challenges of MSMEs to access finance and the mechanisms and strategies that can help them. Examples are [studies](#) in Bangladesh, Cambodia, Nepal, and Samoa

Promote and Facilitate FDI for Sustainable Development

Technical support to adopt sustainable FDI indicators to evaluate an FDI project's contribution to the SDGs; and adopt a policy toolkit for investment promotion bodies to develop inward FDI policies and to design and implement outward FDI in achievement of sustainable development.



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Develop Innovative Finance and Climate/SDG Linked Bonds

Technical support for pertinent government officials and regulators on the development and issuance of green financing instruments such as green bonds and blended financing, and on related issues such as harmonization of taxonomies and standards.

Debt for climate swaps

[Research](#) and technical support are available in undertaking feasibility studies on debt for climate swaps in regional and country contexts. Based on findings, ESCAP can act as a neutral convener to bring all parties to the table and support the negotiation of the swap.

Promote women's entrepreneurship

Technical support to develop, revise and ensure effective implementation of policies measures that impact [women entrepreneurs](#), including in the area of access to finance and digital capacity development.

Innovation policies for the SDGs

Technical assistance in developing evidence-based and multi-stakeholder inclusive innovation policies for the SDGs - through policy research and co-creation processes - with a focus on private sector innovation policies to promote [inclusive businesses](#), [social enterprises](#) and [impact investment](#); and enabling policies such as [national innovation policies](#), or more specific innovation strategies such as those promoting [grassroots innovations](#) and establishing a [national research agenda](#).

Develop inclusive digital economies

Technical support to develop inclusive digital economy policies including [national digital strategies](#); [e-commerce](#) and [digital finance](#).



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National readiness assessment for cross-border paperless trade

Technical support to trade governing bodies to conduct [national level readiness assessment](#) and develop a concrete action plan for cross-border paperless trade. The assessment has been completed in 8 countries and underway in 6.

Assessment of urban mobility

ESCAP's [Sustainable Urban Transport Index](#) helps city governments and urban transport authorities to assess performance of urban transport systems and assessing progress of SDG 11.2 and implementation of New Urban Agenda.



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Strengthen digital infrastructure connectivity

Technical support to Ministries responsible for digitalisation in developing cost-benefit analysis of integrated infrastructure corridors (such as between Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan) and establishment of sub-regional IXPs (such as Fiji, Samoa and New Zealand, Cambodia, Lao PDR and Viet Nam).

Address challenges in cross-border transport facilitation

Technical support to transport authorities to adopt specific tools and indicators in developing technical solutions to challenges in cross-border and transit transport such as controls at border crossing and multilateral permit.

Develop national strategies for sustainable freight transport

Through technical support to transport Ministries and authorities to develop national strategies for sustainable freight transport operation.



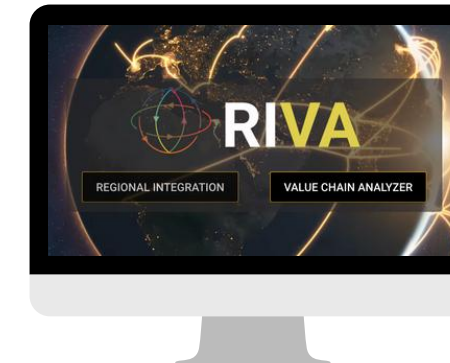
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Trade Intelligence and Negotiation Advisor

Provide automated trade data analysis in preparation for negotiations, and identify sectors and markets most likely to be impacted by trade agreements and the most affected sectors of an economy upon graduation from the LDC status



Regional Integration and Value Chain Analyzer

Provide automated analysis of input and output data (ii) visualising a country's integration in global value chain in 38 sectors



Database on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation

Provide and visualise progress of trade facilitation reforms across regions and economies.



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SDG progress assessment

ESCAP methodologies and National SDG Tracker help to measure current and expected SDG progress achievement by 2030. It can be used by government bodies responsible for the SDGs and planning, national statistics offices, and RCOs as basic inputs to the VNRs and CCAs. It is supported by the Asia Pacific SDG Gateway.

EPiC (Every Policy is Connected)

A [tool](#) developed by ESCAP to facilitate policy and data dialogue and identify policy priorities and data needs. The tool helps countries identify priority target groups that are likely to be left behind and inform data disaggregation strategies.

Disaster-related Statistics

The [Disaster-related Statistics Framework](#) (DRSF) includes concepts and methodological and implementation guidance for a basic range of disaster-related statistics. The DRSF supports disaster management agencies (NDMAs) and national statistics offices (NSOs) improve statistics for national disaster risk reduction plans, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Environment Statistics Diagnostic Tool

A [step-by-step approach](#) for countries to conduct strategic planning for implementation of environment statistics. Intended to be completed as a collaborative, workshop-based activity, the Tool incorporates the perspective of producers, users, and supporters of environmental statistics.



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[Resource Platform on Environment Statistics](#)

Online platform for environment statistics practitioners containing training materials, manuals and country experiences on environment statistics, environmental-economic accounting, including thematic applications such as climate change and oceans.



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