

CONCEPT NOTE

Meeting on 22 October 2020

The Technical Cooperation Group (TCG) Secretariat and the chair of the TCG working group on expenditure on educational data are pleased to convene you to the first meeting of the working group. This meeting will be an occasion to introduce the members of the groups to each other and engage in a collaboration and exchanges pertaining to the methodological aspects and use of household survey data. The meeting will precede the TCG 7th Meeting on 27-29 October, during which the working group will be presenting to the members their progress, challenges, and work plan for 2020-2021.

Various indicators related to expenditure on education data require further methodological developments including issues related to the harmonization and use of both public and private expenditure data, including guidelines and a dissemination strategy to communicate key issues. A tentative set of indicators and priorities have been referred in the TCG WG ToRs:

Indicator priorities as per ToRs

- 4.5.3¹ on explicit formula-based policies to reallocate resources to disadvantage populations
- 4.5.4² on education expenditure per student

In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic has presented itself as a challenge but also as an opportunity for statistical units to optimize the use of education data. An immediate obstacle relates to how schools, teachers, students and their parents/caregivers, and others have had to navigate the abrupt changes brought by the crisis. National statistical planning units have had to respond and ensure the continuity of existing data collection programmes, as well as new data needs to better respond to the pandemic, often adopting innovative approaches or resorting to alternative data sources.

Agenda

The objective of meetings is to:

- Review the working group's Terms of references (TORs) and work plan and deliverables for 2020-2021
- Update the group's members on the progress and methodological issues for:
 - o Thematic indicators 4.5.3 and 4.5.4
- Any other topic members of the working group would like to share with the group

Expected output

- Reviewed and approved Terms of references (TORs) and work plan and deliverables for 2020-2021
- Recommendations for the approval by members of the TCG at the 7th meeting of the TCG.

1 4.5.3: Extent to which explicit formula-based policies reallocate education resources to disadvantaged populations

2 4.5.4: Education expenditure per student by level of education and source of funding

22 October Meeting Agenda (tentative)

Item	Subject	Speaker
1	Welcome and Presentation of agenda and working groups' Terms of Reference, work plan and deliverables for 2020- 2021	Chair: Dr Ethel Agnes Pascua-Valenzuela Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization Secretariat (SEAMEO Secretariat)
2	Quick overview and updates on Technical Working Group and key issues and challenges of data collection for priority indicators	Silvia Montoya, UIS Director
3	Updates on group members on progress and methodological issues	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Monetary Fund (IMF) 	TBD
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work Bank (data on expenditure and GDP) 	TBD
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global Education Monitoring Report (GEMR) 	TBD
4	Review and agreed upon the Terms of reference, work plan and deliverables	Open discussion
5	Summarize and Synthesis and closing	Chair: Dr Ethel Agnes Pascua-Valenzuela