Quantifying South-South cooperation:
UNCTAD Global Project

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Goal 17 – Revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

- **Target 17.3**: Mobilize additional financial resources for developing countries from multiple sources
- **Indicator 17.3.1**: Foreign direct investments (FDI), official development assistance and South-South Cooperation as a proportion of total domestic budget

UNDA Project

Quantifying South-South cooperation to mobilize funds for the Sustainable Development Goals

To strengthen the capacity of developing countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America to measure and report South-South cooperation to manage and mobilize resources for the 2030 Agenda and enable a more inclusive, resilient and green recovery from the pandemic.
Project components

Team: UNCTAD
UNSD, ECA, ECLAC, ESCAP, ESCWA

Support 8 developing countries from Asia, Africa and Latin America to measure SSC

To inform and target policy action to manage and mobilize resources for efforts to achieve the SDGs
Project components

• The **first phase** (create) will consist of preparing the ground for action by raising awareness in regional events and testing the framework, tools and resources for data collection, compilation and reporting.

• The **second phase** (master) will apply these resources to pilot countries starting with peer learning in an inter-regional workshop, e-learning, study tours to pioneering or other countries as useful, and national workshops to build the capacity of national stakeholders to measure and report SSC.

• The **third phase** (expand) will share the tools, findings and resources with national and global stakeholders.
Project milestones

1. 1st International Expert meeting, Brazil
   - June 2023

2. Regional events
   - By December 2023

3. Interregional capacity building workshop
   - By December 2024

4. 2nd International Expert meeting
   - By March 2024

5. Study tours
   - By December 2024

6. E-learning course developed and held (made publicly available by December 2026)
   - By June 2025

7. National workshops
   - By June 2026

8. Conceptual Framework and tools publicly available and shared
   - By December 2026

9. A report summarizing methodology and early estimates
   - By June 2026
Activities – 2023

• **June 2023**: Conceptual framework to measure and report South-South cooperation tested with experimental data collection, and discussed in an **expert meeting**

• **By December 2023**: **4 regional events organised**, in connection with existing meetings of Regional Commissions, to disseminate the conceptual framework and the goals/objectives of measuring South-South cooperation and identify interested countries.

• **December 2023**: Data collection, compilation and reporting tools developed based on discussions in an **expert meeting**
Activities – 2024/2025

• **By March 2024**: An inter-regional capacity building workshop organized for 8 pilot countries on how to apply the conceptual framework, tools and resources to measure South-South Cooperation.

• **By December 2024**: An e-learning course developed and held to support measurement and reporting of South-South Cooperation and use of the estimates in pilot countries.

• **By June 2025**: Study tours arranged for interested pilot countries to enable peer learning from pioneering or other developing countries. This would include 1 study tour per region with about 4 participants from each pilot country.

• **By December 2025**: 4 National workshops held in 8 pilot countries to test and adapt the framework, tools and resources to the national context in order to compile and use the first estimates of South-South Cooperation.
Activities – 2025/2026

• **By June 2026:** The framework, tools and resources shared in national and international events of statisticians, development experts and/or policy makers to support wider efforts to quantify South-South Cooperation and use those data.

• **By June 2026:** A report summarizing the methodology and the findings, including early estimates of South-South Cooperation discussed by the official focal points designated by developing countries and by the global statistical community.

• **By December 2026:** An e-learning course made available to any interested countries to support measurement and reporting of South-South Cooperation and use of the estimates.
Pilot studies to test the Framework – June 2024/December 2025

Depending on country context, pilots will involve the following steps:

- Map agencies and data sources
  - Identify agencies with mandates and data to collaborate
  - Map information sources on South-South cooperation
- Pilot data compilation
  - Support efforts of inter-agency cooperation
  - Collect data and identify gaps to test the framework
  - Compile aggregates on South-South cooperation flows
- Future planning
  - Share outcomes and lessons learned
  - Provide feedback to refine the framework, methods and tools
  - Inform national action plans to address priority data gaps

In-country activities will be supported by a national/regional consultant.
Thank you!

For more information:

Project web page: https://unctad.org/project/quantifying-south-south-cooperation-mobilize-funds-sustainable-development-goals