The Ibero-American experience on measuring South-South and Triangular Cooperation

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2007  Ibero-American countries, supported by SEGIB, started to collect data on South-South Triangular and Cooperation,

2008  First Report on South-South and Triangular Cooperation in Ibero-America produced by SEGIB

14 editions of the report + 10th Anniversary publication

Genesis of the process:
- To meet a request from our member states
- A significant amount of SSC at country level, but unknown dimension and characteristics of their efforts as a region.
¿Por qué CSS y Triangular? ¿Por qué Iberoamérica?

Three main pillars: DATA COLLECTION – PROCESSING & ANALYSIS – VISUALIZATION

DATA:
A consolidated regional information system (online registration platform)

Registration and gathering of DATA
Data storage, PROCESSING and analysis
REPORT and platform for information access

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VISUALIZATION:
Report (BOOK) and online platform www.informesursur.org access and visualize all the data about SSC and TrC in the region

Aggregated data on Ibero-American South-South and Triangular Cooperation with all partners (2006-2021)

Total number of initiatives
9702

Initiatives by modality
- Bilateral South-South 81.3%
- Regional South-South 4.8%
- Triangular 13.9%

Areas of action
- Social
- Productive sectors
- Institutional strengthening
- Infrastructure and economic services
- Environment
- Other areas

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A look at our online data platform (SIDICSS)
- Technical Cooperation
- Government-to-Government

According to these principles:

✓ Horizontality
✓ Knowledge sharing
✓ Reciprocity
✓ Respect for the sovereignty
✓ Efficiency in the use of resources
✓ Promoting relations between countries

Gathering information about SSC (SIDICSS)

- Cooperation modalities:
  ✓ Bilateral South-South Cooperation
  ✓ Triangular Cooperation
  ✓ Regional South-South Cooperation

- Countries/Organizations and roles
  ✓ Recipient, Provider, Both (BSSC, RSSC)
  ✓ First provider, Second provider, Recipient (TC)

- Type of initiatives:
  ✓ Programs
  ✓ Projects
  ✓ Actions

- Other data:
  ✓ General aspects: State of the initiative (approved, in execution, finished), Title, Dates of approval and execution, Objective, Sector, SDG, Costs, Budget and execution by year and partner
  ✓ Operational aspects related to TC and RSSC

Methodological Framework
EXAMPLE 1
Data on South-South and Trilateral Cooperation at country level
EXAMPLE 2
The Ibero-American South-South and Triangular Cooperation (2006-2021)
EXAMPLE 3
SSC and TrC response to COVID-19 and similar crisis

**Bilateral SSC initiatives, by the main sectors and its contribution to the response to COVID-19, 2020-2021**

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<th>Sector</th>
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<td>Agriculture and livestock</td>
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<td>Strengthening institutions and public policies</td>
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Source: SEGIB based on Agencies and Directorates-General for Cooperation

**Thematic categorization of Bilateral SSC initiatives in Ibero-America that addressed the fight against COVID-19, 2020-2021**

- **9%** Economic recovery
- **13%** Social care in the pandemic
- **15%** Public policies during crises

**37%** Knowledge sharing and STI on COVID

**26%** Emergency assistance (Health)

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But our experience and capacity of analysis have gone beyond the Report

Structured around a principle of **horizontality** between the 22 member countries

Collect data from countries in a **dual role**: providers and recipients
Effort in **data cross-check**, in order to complement and not duplicate information

Based in **exchange of experiences**
Building together our methodological framework

**Main actors: the countries**
The process is articulated in **two levels: technical and political**, combining technical work among country technical teams with political consensus among Heads of Cooperation.

**Capacity building** (annual trainings with the technical teams, workshops, helping countries that are facing organizational changes or staff turnover, etc.)
**Continuous process**

Report as a learning process not an objective itself
Report as a management and strategic tool for countries

**Visibility for SSC**

At national and international level

**Boosting of political debates**

At national and international level

**Empowerment of National Cooperation Agencies**

Political empowerment and technical and institutional strengthening

**The Ibero-American Report as an international reference**

Technical assistance from SEGIB for the 1st African Report currently supporting Association of Caribbean States AEC
Many Thanks
Muchas gracias
Muito obrigado

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