CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK TO MEASURE SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

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MREMH – RESPONSIBILITIES

Articulate and organize international cooperation through the implementation of policies and strategies, in order to secure the achievement of the national development objectives.

Support and assist the formulation, negotiation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation processes of programs and projects on non-reimbursable international cooperation.

Negotiate, sign, register and conduct the monitoring of agreements, convention, programs and projects on behalf of the Ecuadorian state on non-reimbursable international cooperation implemented by the public sector.
NRIC CYLCE MANAGEMENT
STRATEGIC PARTNERS OF NRIC

- China
- South Korea
- Japan
- Germany
- Spain
- France
- Italy
- USA
- UN
- OAS
- IDB
- WORLD BANK
- CAF
- EUROPEAN UNION
- Argentina
- Brasil
- Bolivía
- Bolivia
- Colombia
- Chile
- Costa Rica
- Honduras
- El Salvador
- Mexico
- Uruguay
- Dominican Republic
- Peru
- CAN
- SEGIB

Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores y Movilidad Humana
Created in 2019 to finance SSC projects of successful experiences of public institutions.
INSTITUTIONAL SET-UP

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

There is a mandatory registration, for information purposes, of actions, programs and projects executed by the public sector.

This allows the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility to have updated data of international cooperation.

SSC Bilateral Programs are directly registered by the MREMH

Problem:
Not all the Public institutions register their SSC Projects which are negotiated directly with their international counterparts.
This information has to be registered in the:

**International Cooperation Management Information System (SIGECI)**

which gathers strategic information about NRIC managed by the different cooperation agents located in Ecuador.
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION INFORMATION SYSTEM - SIGECI

INFORMATION REQUESTED:
- Institutional data
- Project presentation data
- Beneficiary
- Cooperation modality and status
- Technical and Budget execution progress
- Evaluation type
- Geographic location
- Sectors
- Funding and Disbursements
- Observations
DATA IN THE FRAMEWORK – TECHNICAL FINDINGS AND DATA INSIGHTS

Short term

✓ Ecuador is able to register its offer of SSC with Latin American countries that are part of the Bilateral programs the Ministry negotiates.
✓ SSC (in-kind technical cooperation): column 17. At the moment, Ecuador can report the amount (USD) corresponding to the hours worked during on-site activities of the projects.

Institutional collaboration to fill data gaps

✓ In order to fill the data in TOSSD and UNCATD frameworks, MREMH asked the Vice ministry of Human Mobility to present information about humanitarian assistance.
✓ They participated in a first virtual training with OECD in June 2023.
INSTITUTIONAL CHALLENGES

- Public Institutions do not always register their SSC projects. The majority of the exchanges take place in this framework.
- Ecuador does not have a methodology to measure / monetize technical hours, services, materials, supplies, administrative costs associated with SSC provision.
- Public institutions on Ecuador need to be informed about on the registration process of humanitarian assistance, scholarships, infrastructure projects, contributions to international organizations, development banks and funds, among others.

CHALLENGES WITH DATA

- For in-kind technical cooperation, Ecuador reports the percentage of the salary paid to the public official used during on-site activities. **Challenge:** create a methodology to measure: the total hours used in virtual training and on-site activities; non-monetary SSC inputs and/or outputs; and administrative costs associated with the provision of SSC.

- Ecuador’s intervention sectors are aligned with the National Plan. **Challenge:** difficult to match Ecuador sectors with the International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC) column 13.
CHALLENGES WITH THE FRAMEWORK

- At the moment there are 3 frameworks to register SSC (SIDICSS – SEGIB, TOSSD – OCDE and UNCTAD). **Challenge:** the information has to be adapted to each system.

- Most of Ecuador’s offer of SSC that is registered in the UNCTAD framework are “in progress” projects. **Question:** For “in progress” projects, is it possible to update the information during the next reporting period?

- Ecuador SSC projects are usually on a cost-sharing basis with the partner country. **Question:** How do we report these projects? Where can the shared costs be specified?
**NEXT STEPS AND SUPPORT NEEDS**

**Suggestion:** Interagency cooperation regarding methodologies to quantify and measure SSC.

**Medium Term**

Ecuador will be able to register in the UNCTAD Framework:

✓ humanitarian assistance (donations of food, medicine, medical supplies and/or other materials).
✓ assistance to refugees (temporary assistance, integration costs).
✓ humanitarian missions.

Also, Ecuador will try to improve SSC (in-kind technical cooperation) registration by reporting the amount (USD) corresponding to the total hours used in virtual training and on-site activities of the projects; services, materials, equipment, and supplies used; and administrative costs associated with the provision of SSC.
Thank you!