

FAQs for Participating in the Second Monitoring Round of the GPEDC: **Indicator: 7**

This document presents frequently asked questions and answers on the second monitoring round of the GPEDC.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR INDICATOR 7

The [Monitoring Guide](#) provides indicator factsheets (Annex II) and questions and definitions to guide data collection at the country level for each indicator (Annex III).

Indicator 7: Mutual accountability among development co-operation actors is strengthened through inclusive reviews

The [Monitoring Guide](#) provides detailed information on this indicator in Annex III.

What does this indicator focus on?

This indicator seeks to measure progress made by developing countries in undertaking mutual assessment reviews.

What is a mutual assessment review?

Mutual assessment reviews are national level exercises that engage both developing country authorities and providers of development co-operation at senior level in a review of mutual performance. These reviews should be conducted through inclusive dialogue involving a broad range of government ministries (including line ministries and relevant departments, at central and local level), providers of development co-operation (bilateral, multilateral and global initiatives) as well as non-executive stakeholders, including parliamentarians, private sector and civil society organisations.

What is an aid or partnership policy?

A document which sets out agreed approaches to the delivery of development co-operation in the developing country, containing agreed principles, processes and/or targets designed to improve its effectiveness. This may take the form of a stand-alone policy or strategy document, or may be addressed within another document (for example, as part of a national development strategy or similar). The document has been the subject of an inclusive consultation between the developing country government, providers of development co-operation and other interested development stakeholders.

Is the indicator the same as indicator 12 from the former Survey on Monitoring the Paris Declaration?

This indicator takes the form of a modified version of indicator 12 of the Survey on Monitoring the Paris Declaration (OECD, 2011) to build on the lessons learned and evidence on national-level mutual accountability (including evidence generated by UNDESA for the United Nations Development Co-operation Forum). Further refinements to the criteria and methodology underpinning this indicator have been introduced to better capture the extent of involvement of stakeholders going beyond governments to include civil society stakeholders and parliamentarians, for example.

What does the indicator measure?

A country is considered to have a mutual assessment of progress in place for the purpose of measuring this indicator when at least four of the five proposed criteria are met, providing a graduated assessment of progress.

How is information collected for this indicator?

The set of questions to inform the assessment of this indicator are drawn from the national Mutual Accountability survey administered and rolled-out by UN DESA for the United Nations Development Co-operation Forum (DCF), in close collaboration with UNDP. The assessment of this indicator will further benefit from the Fourth Mutual Accountability survey's more in-depth assessment of the situation, progress, and challenges of establishing and strengthening national mutual accountability frameworks.

At country level, national co-ordinators are encouraged to liaise closely with the UN Country Team/UNDP to explore opportunities to synchronise and harmonise the assessment process by embedding the dialogue on national mutual accountability survey at a validation meeting/consultation for the global monitoring process and vice versa.

For countries participating in the Fourth National Mutual Accountability Survey of the United Nations Development Cooperation Fund, the information provided to the survey on country-level mutual accountability will also be used for the GPEDC indicator 7 providing additional complementary evidence.