



## Target 17.15

Respect national leadership to implement policies for the Sustainable Development Goals

### What does SDG target 17.15 stand for and why is it important?

The degree of alignment between development partners' support and partner country governments' national strategies and results frameworks, is critical for country ownership and results focus on development co-operation. It gives an indication of respect for countries' policy space.

This target is measured by SDG indicator 17.15.1: Extent of use of country-owned results frameworks and planning tools by providers of development co-operation.



Achievement of this target and the other SDG 17 targets can have **multiplier effects on all other SDGs**.

### How does the GPEDC monitoring exercise link with SDG target 17.15?

The monitoring exercise is the GPEDC flagship instrument, supporting governments and their partners to track the implementation of **the effectiveness principles**: country ownership, focus on results, inclusive partnerships, and transparency and mutual accountability. The GPEDC monitoring is the official source of data for this SDG indicator.

As custodians for this indicator and the Joint Secretariat for the GPEDC, OECD and UNDP submit country-specific and aggregate data to the United Nations Statistical Division for the global SDG reporting process.



Since 2011, 99 countries participated in **3 monitoring rounds** (2014, 2016, 2018)

2023 - 2026: **4th monitoring round**

### How is SDG indicator 17.15.1 measured?

Development partners report on their largest interventions in respective partner countries.

Based on this data, SDG indicator 17.15.1 is calculated – for bilateral providers – as an average of the following values:



**% of project objectives** drawn from partner countries' development plans and strategies



**% of project targets and results indicators** drawn from the country-owned results frameworks

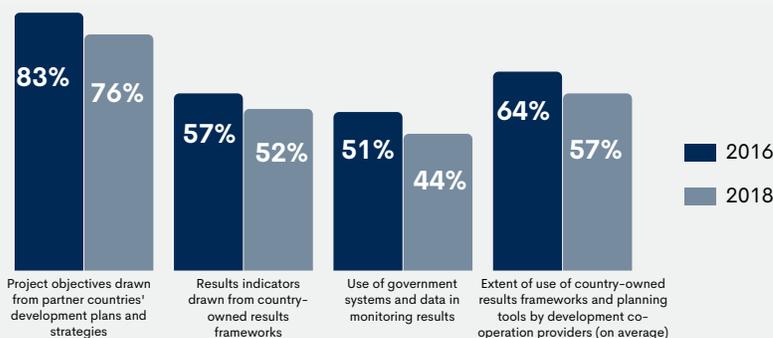


**% of results indicators** monitored using data and statistics from government systems

### What do the results show us about the use of partner countries' results frameworks and planning tools by development partners?

In the **3rd Monitoring Round** (2018):

Overall decrease in the use of country-owned results frameworks and planning tools by bilateral providers of development co-operation from **64% in 2016** to **57% in 2018**.



The decline shows a decreased alignment of project objectives to country-led priorities and decreased reliance on country-defined results, data, and statistics.