Inter-Agency Group on Education Inequality Indicators: Mission statement

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In response to the call for a greater focus on equity in the Sustainable Development Goals, an Inter-Agency Group on Education Inequality Indicators was established, led by the UNESCO Institute for Statistics, UNICEF and the World Bank.

The goal of the IAG is to promote and coordinate the use of household survey data for education monitoring purposes at the global, regional and national level, ensuring standardized analysis and reporting in order to complement evidence available through administrative data.

To achieve this goal, the IAG will support the following activities: prepare guidelines for producers and users of survey data; advise on education questions in surveys; harmonize the processing of survey data; document data requirements and calculation methods for indicators; harmonize the definitions of individual and household characteristics; document, evaluate and pool survey data sources; calculate current and historical values on mean and dispersion; consult with countries; publish indicator estimates; and incorporate information from administrative data.

The benefit will be increased efficiency and consistency in the processing of survey data by different agencies and strong legitimacy for equity-related survey-based indicators to serve the post-2015 education agenda, with a particular emphasis on the increasing use of such data by countries.