

Sendai Framework Monitoring System - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

No.	Topic	Questions	Answers
1	Data requirements and analysis	Q. Some of the indicators require some calculations (e.g. Number of Deaths per 100,000). Do I have to do these calculations or does the SFM do it for me?	A. Yes, the system will do the calculations for you if you provide meta data (e.g. total population in the same year). We would prefer that countries enter just raw data and not do the calculations themselves as this supports greater transparency of results.
2	Data requirements and analysis	Q. How are the baselines calculated? What if I don't use DesInventar?	A. 2005-15 baseline data will only be used for Sendai Framework Targets A and B. If you don't use DesInventar or other DesInventar products such as the Pacific Damage and Loss Database (PDaLo), countries can enter the yearly data across the years 2005-15 directly using the SFM.
3	Data requirements and analysis	Q. How are the Custom (Nationally selected) Indicators established on the SFM?	A. These appear in drop-down menus on the system and can be selected that way. Alternatively, if countries wish to use a national indicator that is different than one available then they may write their own and enter it onto the system.
4	Data requirements and analysis	Q. Can data be updated once the reporting period is over?	A. Yes, it is possible to update the data after the reporting period is over, however the updated information may be not included in the immediately following analysis. This is because as mentioned above, the analysis would be included in the ensuing Global Platform, which is time sensitive.
5	Data requirements and analysis	Q. Will IGOs be requested to analyse the reports presented by their member states?	A. It depends on the will of member states. If this is the case, they have to be designated by member states as Observers in order to allow early access to data reported. Otherwise IGO's will have access, as any other external user, to the publicly available indicators data posted by countries.
6	Data requirements and analysis	Q. what is the definition for Regional following intended geographical boundaries in the Sendai Framework 2015-2030? (Global; Regional; National and Local)	A. There are three types of Regions in the SFM: UNISDR Regions (corresponding to each of the areas of influence of the Regional and Sub-Regional Offices), geographic regions (corresponding to the 5 continents) and IGO Regions, corresponding to Inter-Governmental Organizations groups of countries.
7	Data requirements and analysis	Q. What is the deadline for 2005-15 baseline data collection?	A. Countries are encouraged to work on collecting the baseline data of 2005-14 for Targets A and B by 30th Apr 2019. The data for targets C and D are optional
8	Data requirements and analysis	Q. If countries do not disaggregate data now, should they still make efforts to do so, or will changing and disaggregating data later affect my country reporting?	A. If you don't disaggregate data now (i.e. gender, age etc.) then, yes, you should still make efforts to do so in the future. It should not adversely affect your reporting, only strengthen it by making it more comprehensive and informative, which would support your policy decision and making.
9	Data requirements and analysis	Q. What targets and indicators will IGOs be able to monitor?	A. They will be able to monitor the custom targets and indicators that they create for themselves. They will also be able to access the data of their own Member States but not be able to change the same, unless Member States designate them as Contributors to report on behalf of the country.
10	Data requirements and analysis	Q. Request for more information on optional data and indicators for the national reporting (i.e. custom indicators) on progress of implementation of the Sendai Framework	A. Please refer to the information in https://www.unisdr.org/files/55594_session8introductiontocustomindicators.pdf
11	Data requirements and analysis	Q. Question on gender-sensitivity of the HFA in comparison to the Sendai Framework. In the National HFA progress reports there are at least 8 indicators related to gender (and a whole section on the gender perspective). Example of the latest report from Serbia http://www.preventionweb.net/files/42384_SRB_NationalHFAprogress_2013-15.pdf . However, with Sendai the general indicators seem entirely gender blind http://www.preventionweb.net/drr-framework/sendai-framework-monitor/indicators . To which extend there has been meaningful progress between the HFA and Sendai in terms of gender advances? How can we explain this?	A. All Human-loss indicators in Global Targets A and B (mortality and affected) are requested to be entered in a disaggregated manner (by gender, age, and other criteria). Member States have the prerogative to create Custom Indicators that can comprehensively capture the gender dimension, according to country priorities and data availability.
12	Online system	Q. Are we able to retrieve data that we have entered about our own country or is it only UNISDR that can do that? That is, will countries be able to export data from the Sendai Monitor and transfer it to their own data system?	A. Yes, all members of the Sendai Framework monitoring team for the country (Coordinators, Contributors, Validators and Observers) can see the country information and download it at their convenience. UNISDR will have only read access to information and will not disclose or use for analysis purposes any information that has not been validated by Member States. Please note that the data commonly used for SDG Indicators is available online. (https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/indicators/database/)
13	Online system	Under Target E, is there a possibility of uploading the national/local DRR strategies	A. No this function is not available on the global reporting for Target E, it is available on the Custom Indicators Setup page.
14	Online system	Q. Is my national damage and loss data kept on the online DesInventar system linked with the SFM, or do I have to enter the data directly into the SFM?	A. Yes, the DesInventar system is linked to the SFM and the data will be uploaded to the online SFM by UNISDR. You can request the import of the DesInventar data from SFM page. Please note that the upload to the SFM <u>does not</u> occur immediately, as it happened only on certain dates.
15	Online system	Q. When is DesInventar being upgraded to better align with the new SFM?	A. The first upgrade was released in January 2018. This will allow countries to enter pre-2015 data if needed. The final upgrade will be released by early 2019.

16	Online system	Q. What type of access will the IGOs have?	A. They will be having a similar kind of profile as any Member State with some differences as explained in the answers below. UNISDR will use the list of contact focal points in effect for the latest Hyogo Framework monitoring exercise in 2015. These or other IGO's interested in participating should contact the Bonn Office with a designated Coordinator to act as focal point.
17	Online system	Q. It seems that we will be able to see detailed data from other countries with the help of the Loss Data Accounting System. Is that correct?	A. The data sharing schema in the loss database system is the same as in the main SFM. Only information that is Validated and Approved by countries will be made public. All other information will be accessible only to registered users that have authorization to see a given country.
18	Reporting process	Q. When will the SFM online monitor be released so I can start reporting?	A. The Global Indicators were available for online reporting from 1st Mar 2018, and the Custom Indicators from 30 June 2018.
19	Reporting process	Q. What are the connections between SFM and the Paris Agreement, will they share data to reduce reporting burden on countries?	A. These formal linkages have not been established yet between the two mechanisms, but efforts are being made to do so.
20	Reporting process	Q. I understand that I can allow other stakeholders such as NGOs and Local Government to enter data for certain indicators relevant to them? Can I quality control the data they enter?	A. Yes, as the national SFM reporting focal point you can control who has access to what indicator and can control the quality of the data they provide.
21	Reporting process	Q. Would IGOs be able to create their own set of targets and indicators? For example, if an IGO has its own regional DRR framework for which a monitoring system is already functioning (e.g. CDEMA in the Caribbean), would they be able to integrate this data into the SFM?	A. They could create their own custom targets and indicators like any Member State. They would be able to integrate the same in the SFM. However, they would not be contributing to the Global Targets, unless Member States designate them as Contributors to report on behalf of the country.
22	Reporting process	Q. Can more than one statistical expert from our country register data in the Sendai Framework Monitor?	A. Yes, a country may have as many contributors as needed, including in different institutions.
23	Reporting process	Q. Who decides on observers?	A. Only the Coordinator has the authority to nominate Contributors, Validators and Observers
24	Reporting process	Q. Is there any possibility for the Observer to contest the data entered.	A. Any Observer can make comments on the data entered before the same is validated
25	Reporting process	Q. When is the 2015-17 reporting data due?	A. Member States to report on the data for 2017 for targets (A-E) by 31st Mar 2018 and on data for 2015-17 for all targets (A-G) by 1st Oct 2018.
26	Reporting process	Q. Will I have to report the same data to both SDGs and SFM?	A. For the indicators that are commonly used by both Sendai Framework and the SDGs, you will not have to report twice to both SFM and SDGs. It has been agreed that the SDG reporting system will ask UNISDR to provide such data countries have provided in the SFM, which would reduce reporting burden by countries. These indicators are those related to SDG-targets 1.5, 11.5, 11.b, and 13.1
27	Reporting process	Q. Would it be possible to seek an extension for the 2018 data entry into the Sendai Framework Monitor until 31 May 2019 instead of 31 March 2019? Unfortunately, due to our disaster season taking place over November through to February, it will be very difficult for emergency service providers to make available finalised data on the indicators.	A. It would be very difficult to extend the deadline for the 2018 data entry for Targets A-E beyond 31 March 2019 because the analysis of the said data would feed into the preparation of the SDG indicator reporting to HLPF to be held in July 2019
28	Reporting process	Q. Can the Coordinator play other roles as well?	A. Yes, the Coordinator can additionally play any of the other roles
29	Reporting process	Q. Who enters the Metadata? What information source is to be used?	A. The Coordinator is expected to enter the Metadata. The information source should be Official government sources.
30	Tools and resources	Q. What is the date of the launch of the tool (after the proof phase) and if any sort of training/manual would be provided?	A. The Online Sendai Framework Monitoring System was launched on 1 March 2018, first for the Global Targets and related indicators and on 1 May for the Custom indicators. As mentioned above, Technical Guidance notes have been made available (https://www.preventionweb.net/publications/view/54970). Training on Sendai Framework Monitoring is included in UNISDR's work programme and will be provided subject to resources.
31	Tools and resources	Q. When will the final technical guidance notes be available?	A. Collection of Technical Guidance Notes on Data and Methodology for Monitoring and Reporting on Progress in Achieving the Global Targets of the Sendai Framework has been developed and made available online (English and other official UN language versions available at https://www.preventionweb.net/publications/view/54970)
32	Tools and resources	Q. Can we have an updated list of countries that have a disaster loss database?	A. This is available at www.desinventar.net