

## **Following-up on Post 2015 Data Test: Unpacking “The Data Revolution” at Country Level**

### **Context**

In view of the data needs emerging from the discourse on post-2015 agendas the [Post-2015 Data Test](#) exercise carried out by the *Southern Voice* has come up with a number of insightful observations as regards the state of information and data in selected countries. There is a need to both take up the results of this exercise at the global level to inform and influence relevant discussions, and to undertake new initiatives at country level to help developing South to address the anticipated data challenges. The idea is to take the Post-2015 Data Test project to its logical conclusion by helping the developing South to take appropriate measures to address the identified deficits, gaps and challenges. In this backdrop, the envisaged follow-up steps would entail raising awareness at national and global levels as regards data situation, identifying challenges that developing countries of the South will face in view of this, getting the associated concerns reflected in the negotiating processes and articulating the homework that national stakeholders will need to undertake in order to be adequately prepared to meet the post-2015 data-related demands.

### **Objectives**

- Showcasing the results of “Post-2015 Data Test: Unpacking the “Data Revolution” at the Country Level”, in different global and regional platforms, with a view to projecting the anticipated data-related challenges to be faced by Southern countries and possible solutions in this regard.
- Articulating national level implications and integration of the findings from the Post-2015 Data Test synthesis report so as to prepare national level action plans elaborating the necessary institutional, human, financial and policy changes.
- Monitoring the post-2015 negotiation process and providing pertinent inputs so that data-related concerns of developing countries are factored into relevant processes and discussions.
- Establishing alliances with similar platforms working with data issues to build a coalition of the willing so that data-related contribution from the South is strengthened.

### **Modalities**

Four follow-up country studies will be conducted to address the gaps identified in the course of the Post 2015 Data Test exercise will also be part of the current work programme. These country studies will be implemented by the network partners of the *Southern Voice*. Through this exercise, *Southern Voice* will interact with the national governments of the respective countries to contribute towards the data-related preparation of these country towards implementation of post-2015 agenda. The exercise will also highlight the concrete support mechanisms that will need to be designed at the global level to help developing countries in this regard. The exercise will also try to generate an overview of the envisaged national action plans.