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Over the past six months, we have expanded our platform, published new knowledge products and delivered more technical training workshops. Read on to stay connected and informed about our work.

New Indicators Unveiled

Discover the latest updates on the [LNOB platform](#) with the introduction of three new indicators.

Birth registration (**SDG 16.9.1**) is a key component of building inclusive societies and providing legal identity for all. Literacy (**SDG 4.6.1**) and ICT skills (**SDG 4.4.1**) pave the way for lifelong learning and digital connectivity.

Adding them further expands our repository of education indicators. We invite you to explore the details and embrace the possibilities that these new indicators bring to strengthen the evidence base of inequality of opportunities.

Dive into Our Publications



Our [thematic papers](#) on [Social Protection](#), [Birth Registration](#), [ICT skills](#) and [Intimate Partner Violence against Women](#) offer LNOB evidence and insights in these fields. They highlight characteristics of the furthest behind individuals and significant disparities within and across countries in Asia and the Pacific. Thanks to public release of new MICS and DHS data, we also expanded our platform with latest LNOB evidence from **Afghanistan (2021)**, **Nepal (2022)**, **Thailand (2022)** and **Philippines (2022)**. We invite you to check out the associated [Country Briefs](#) as well as our latest Voluntary National Review (VNR) Briefs for [Fiji](#), [Nepal](#) and [Samoa](#). All publications are available for download on our platform.

More technical trainings completed



We are proud to announce the successful delivery of two more technical R training sessions in [Mongolia](#) and [Nepal](#) since our last newsletter. These sessions have not only equipped statisticians and experts with technical skills to produce customized results, but also inspired lively discussion and broad interests in using LNOB evidence and future collaboration. All R code can be requested on our platform. Besides the [technical training](#), we also offer [introductory training](#) more tailored to policymakers. Reach out to us if you are interested.

Mainstreaming LNOB Methodology



Four countries used LNOB results in their VNRs in 2023, marking a significant step toward LNOB mainstreaming. Our team actively participated in SDG forums in all subregions of Asia and the Pacific, and presented LNOB results with a focus on countries that are conducting VNRs in 2024. Do not hesitate to reach out to us if you are interested in bringing LNOB analysis to your research and policy analysis. We are here ready to support.

What's next: Bangkok 19-20 February

As the LNOB project is ending in June 2024, we will host the [Asia-Pacific LNOB meeting](#) on 19-20 February in Bangkok, back-to-back with the [Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development](#). Target countries and VNR countries are invited to share their overall results and learning and discuss ways forward to ensure commitment towards the LNOB pledge. The first day will feature the Regional VNR Workshop and the second day is more devoted to the LNOB project.

Moving beyond, we will continue to add new results from the latest MICS and DHS data to our LNOB platform. Stay tuned for new LNOB evidence from **Azerbaijan**, **Kyrgyzstan**, **Lao PDR**, **Mongolia**, **Nauru** and **Vanuatu**.

