

Webinar Series on Monitoring Financial Protection in Health: Update on the Revision to SDG3.8.2

Online webinar series | Thursday, 15 October 2026

11:00-12:30 (Fiji Time) [[Click here to find the time in your location](#)]

Concept Note

I. Background and Rationale

Achieving universal health coverage (UHC), including financial risk protection, access to quality essential health-care services and access to safe, effective, quality and affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all is officially an agreed target (3.8) for health in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Critical to attaining UHC is a formal monitoring mechanism to assess progress. This is done through two separate indicators for target 3.8, one focused on its service coverage dimension (SDG indicator 3.8.1) and another focused on the lack of financial protection (SDG 3.8.2). Both indicators were revised in 2025 as part of the overall [SDG monitoring framework revision](#). This webinar series will focus on the changes to SDG 3.8.2.

The definition adopted in 2025 is the following: the proportion of the population with positive out-of-pocket household expenditure on health exceeding 40% of household discretionary budget (see in Annex II and point C of the Report of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators, available in [English](#) and [French](#)).

This webinar series is a follow-up to an initial multi-day/hybrid training which was conducted with nine Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICs) in October 2023. However, given its relevance to PICs more broadly, the first webinar will be made available to a larger audience beyond the participants of the initial training to explain why the SDG 3.8.2 definition changed and its implications for measurement and monitoring.

The webinars build on the complementary strengths of the United Nations Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Pacific Community (SPC). As the regional statistical training arm of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), SIAP supports national statistical offices and government institutions in developing the technical capacities required to produce, analyse and use high-quality data for SDG monitoring and evidence-informed policymaking. WHO, as co-custodian of SDG indicator 3.8.2 on financial protection with the World Bank, provides global normative guidance, methodologies and technical support to countries for monitoring progress on financial protection. The Pacific Data Hub, SPC's regional platform for data stewardship and dissemination, works closely with Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICs) to strengthen data ecosystems, enhance data accessibility and promote the use of statistics for decision-making and sustainable development. Together, these institutions provide a strong foundation for supporting countries in the Pacific and broader Asia-Pacific region to improve the measurement, interpretation and use of financial protection indicators.

II. Target Countries

This training will target 18 Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICs) which fall into one of three groups: 1) the regional standard Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) has been implemented at least once since its introduction in 2019 (10 countries/territories); 2) HIES was implemented prior to 2019 (4 countries/territories); or 3) HIES data were collected using different method (4 countries/territories). In 5 of these, the surveys have never been used to report on SDG 3.8.2.

III. Objectives

The objectives of the webinar series are:

- 1) To explain why the SDG 3.8.2 indicator was revised, its implications for measurement and monitoring and on country's trends.
- 2) To illustrate how the results can be interpreted and linked to policy.
- 3) To assess interest among PICs in measuring SDG indicator 3.8.2 using the latest HIES.
- 4) To introduce the updated online calculation tool and explain what changes need to be made to the data prepared for the beta version.
- 5) To support countries in calculating and reporting the SDG 3.8.2 indicator based on the latest HIES data.

Objectives 1 to 3 are the focus of the first webinar which will be offered to all target countries.

Objectives 4 and 5 are the focus of the second webinar which will be initially offered only to those countries that participated in the 2023 training.

IV. Learning Outcomes

By the end of the first webinar, the participants will be able to:

- (a) Explain the rationale and implications of the SDG3.8.2 revision;
- (b) Identify the available information in their latest HIES and assess its potential suitability for measuring SDG Indicator 3.8.2; and
- (c) Identify potential policy actions to improve financial protection based on the indicator results.

By the end of the second webinar, participants will be able to produce an initial estimate of SDG 3.8.2 indicator using the WHO online calculation tool provided they have access to data that meet specific requirements.

V. Target Participants

The webinar series is open to government staff from NSOs and Ministry of Health, with familiarity of SDG indicators including 3.8.2 (health spending and financing), basic statistical knowledge/skills, and/or previous experience in analysing household (income and expenditure) survey data. Those who participated in the 2023 training are highly encouraged to join for continuity. Each PIC will be invited to propose eligible participants meeting the following requirements:

- Technical staff members or statisticians from the National Statistical Office whose primary responsibility is currently or has been analyzing the Household Income and Expenditure Survey data; or
- Statistics officers, directly involved (or leading) the design and implementation of household expenditure/budget surveys, based on which national poverty rates have been calculated; or
- Operational officers in the Ministry of Health working on health financing and who have experience with statistical analysis; and
- Are proficient in English;
- Have the statistical knowledge typically covered in an introductory statistics course; and
- Have some familiarity with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

VI. Methodology and Content

The webinar series will be conducted using Zoom. Each webinar will have a duration of approximately 90 minutes and will be delivered in English.

The first webinar is primarily an information session that will consist of presentations.

Participants will be asked to complete an online quiz to assess the level of familiarity with SDG 3.8.2. The online session will be interactive through polls and quiz. Participants will also have an opportunity to ask questions and interact with speakers and other participants during a Q&A session. The provisional agenda is provided in Annex 1.

The second webinar will provide further technical support for producing the revised SDG 3.8.2 indicator through the WHO online calculation tool. Participants will be required to review and update as needed some of the materials shared in 2023. This is intended for a subset of the webinar participants who have the required statistical analysis skills, software and access to survey microdata for calculating the indicator. Should there be high staff turnover since 2023, the second webinar may be offered in two parts to add a refresher session.

Registration link: please click [here](#) to register for the webinar by **9 October 2026**; the webinar link will be shared with registered participants before the webinar.

VII. Evaluation

After the conclusion of the training, participants will be required to complete an electronic feedback form.

IX. Recommended reading

World Health Organization. (2025). [Navigating changes to universal health coverage monitoring \(Sustainable Development Goals target 3.8\): Information on the revision of SDG UHC indicator 3.8.2.](#)

World Health Organization and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development / The World Bank. (2025) [Tracking universal health coverage: 2025 global monitoring report.](#)

World Health Organization and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development / The World Bank. (2025) [Tracking universal health coverage: 2023 global monitoring report](#).

Mancini, Giulia; Vecchi, Giovanni. [On the Construction of a Consumption Aggregate for Inequality and Poverty Analysis \(English\)](#). Washington, D.C. : World Bank Group.

ANNEX 1 – OUTLINE OF THE PROGRAMME

1st webinar – Oct 15, 2026 (1h30)

Time	Session
11:00-11:15 (15 minutes)	Opening (SIAP) Welcome remarks, objectives and practical arrangements during the webinar
11:15-12:00 (45 minutes)	Interactive technical presentations on data availability and the revision of SDG 3.8.2 (WHO/SPC) - Brief introduction to financial protection in health and SDG 3.8.2 indicator data requirements with quiz / polls (WHO, 10 min) - Overview of regional HIES, data availability in PICs with quiz/polls, Q&A and participants feedback on any challenge faced to use the available data to report on SDG 3.8.2 (SPC/WHO, 15 min) - Deep dive on the rationale to revise SDG 3.8.2, implications for monitoring and progress assessment, and linking results to policy, with Q&A (WHO, 20 min)
12:00-12:30 (30 minutes)	Way forward (WHO) - Country consultation process with key dates (10 min) - Discussion on type of support needed in PICs to institutionalize SDG 3.8.2 (10 min) - Presentation of second webinar materials to be prepared and closing (10 min)

2nd webinar, November (TBD – 1st or 2nd week) (1h30 max) (potentially on two separate dates if an extended refresher session for new participants is needed)

Time	Session
TBD (10 minutes)	Opening (SIAP) Welcome remarks, objectives and practical arrangements during the webinar
 (50 minutes)	Training on producing the revised SDG 3.8.2 indicator (WHO) - Refresher on 2023 data preparation to use the online tool with Q&A - Review of data changes needed to use the updated online tool with Q&A - Presentation of the updated online tool and related outcome - Presentation of practical steps to properly prepare the dataset (in R, TBC)

<i>(30 minutes)</i>	Q&A and Closing (WHO)
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