## **Bi-weekly Newsletter**

# **MEASURE-BiH**

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### **Program Evaluation Learning Resources**

http://data.un.org/

UNdata is a statistical resource of the UN System. UNdata is the brainchild of UNSD, the statistical arm of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the coordinator of statistical activities throughout the UN System. The numerous databases, tables and glossaries containing over 60 million data points cover a wide range of themes including Agriculture, Crime, Education, Employment, Energy, Environment, Health, HIV/AIDS, Human Development, Industry, Information and Communication Technology, National Accounts, Population, Refugees, Tourism, Trade, as well as the Millennium Development Goals indicators.

#### http://w3.unece.org/PXWeb/en/

UNECE is a statistical database of the Economic Commission for Europe which provides comparable data for Europe, North America and Central Asia. The database gives a free access to data structured to facilitate easy retrieval of statistics by users. Mani topics covered by the database and disaggregated per country include population and gender (i.e. population, migration, education, health and mortality, etc.), economy (i.e. price indices, labor force and wages, etc.), Millennium Development Goals, transport (i.e. road safety, road traffic, etc.), and forestry.

#### **Recommended News Articles and Blog Posts**

More People Live Inside This Circle Than Outside of It – And Other Demographic Data You Should Know

World Population to Hit 9.8 Billion by 2050, Despite Nearly Universal Lower Fertility Rates - UN

Developing SMART and WISE Indicators by Evangeline Danseco

The Method is The Message: Lessons Learned From Analyzing Substance Abuse, Mental Health, and Emergency Department Visits Via Claims Data by Shannon Campbell



**Upcoming Events** 

September 19

6<sup>th</sup> Biennial International Conference of Sri Lanka Evaluation Association, Colombo, Sri Lanka

### **September 27**

CREA's 4th International Conference
"Evidence Matters: Culturally
Responsive Evaluation and
Assessment in Challenging Times for
Translation into Action and Impact",
Chicago, Illinois, USA

**Useful Sites** 

https://www.unfpa.org/

http://www.weforum.org/

**Examples of Evaluation Projects** 

Learning and Knowledge
Development Facility (LKDF),
Independent Final Evaluation by
United Nations, June 2017

Impact and Outcome Evaluation of the Netherlands Trust Fund Programme – Phase II by United Nations, March 2017

#### **Relevant Publications**

# The Global Innovation Index 2017, 10th Edition by Cornell University, INSEAD, and WIPO

The Global Innovation Index (GII) aims to capture the multi-dimensional factors of innovation by providing a rich database of detailed metrics for 127 economies, which represent 92.5% of the world's population and 97.6% of global GDP.

According to the Index, world innovation leaders include: I. Switzerland (that scored 67.69 points out of the maximum 100), 2. Sweden (63.82), 3. Netherlands (63.36), 4. USA (61.40), 5. UK (60.89), 6. Denmark (58.70), 7. Singapore (58.69), 8. Finland (58.49), 9. Germany (58.39), and 10. Ireland (58.13). Bosnia and Herzegovina scored 30.23 points and ranks as 86<sup>th</sup> country out of 127 covered by the Index. Furthermore, the country has lowest ranking compared to other Balkan economies, including: Slovenia (32<sup>nd</sup> place and 45.80 points), Croatia (41<sup>st</sup> place and 39.80 points), Montenegro (48<sup>th</sup> place and 38.07 points), TFYR Macedonia (61<sup>st</sup> place and 35.43 points), and Serbia (62<sup>nd</sup> place and 35.34 points). The world least developed country in terms of the innovation and according to the Global Innovation Index is Yemen that scored only 15.64 points.

The 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the Index report emphasizes the need for intensifying the research and development (R&D), and states that R&D growth is still lower today than it was in 2011-13, and much lower than in 2005-08.

Some of the main report findings include:

- Smart, digital agricultural innovation and a better uptake of innovation in developing countries can help overcome serious food challenges.
- More innovation convergence is needed globally, with developing countries perfecting their innovation systems.
- Opportunities have emerged to leverage the rise of new East Asia Innovation Tigers, fostering deeper regional innovation networks and benefiting from the rise of India.
- Preserving the innovation momentum in Sub-Saharan Africa and tapping the innovation potential in Latin America are priorities.
- The largest sub-national clusters of inventive activity, as measured by patenting, include Tokyo-Yokohama, Shenzhen-Hong Kong (China), and San Jose-San Francisco, CA.



### Recommended Reading

# The State of World Population 2016 by UNFPA

The State of World Population Report for 2016 focused on how our future depends on a girl at decisive age of 10. An estimated 125 million 10-year-olds are alive today. Of these, over 60 million are girls, and 65 million are boys. Almost 9 in 10 of 10year-olds (89%) live in less developed regions of the world, and more than half of them are in countries with high levels of gender inequality. Girls are less likely to be enrolled in school, especially at the secondary level. Furthermore, more adolescents give birth and child labor rates, and unmet need for family planning are higher in countries with larger portions of 10year-olds in the population. However, the Report emphasizes that whether a country's economy grows, stagnates or collapses in the future depends in no small way on how well it supports its 10-year-old girls today.