Data visualizations
Explanatory note by the Committee for Development Policy Secretariat

About the visualizations

The graphs visualize the indicators of the time series estimates of the least developed country (LDC) criteria and the supplementary graduation indicator (SGI) dataset in an interactive interface using Qlik Sense platform.

Country coverage and country grouping

Data are collected for all United Nations Member States in developing regions, as included in the "Historical and updated classification of developed and developing regions" (as of May 2022) of the "Standard Country or Area Codes for Statistical Use" (M49 Standard) of the United Nations Statistics Division.

To easily distinguish between countries classified as LDCs and the remaining developing countries each country has been assigned a corresponding status using one of the following abbreviations:

LDC - Least developed country (all countries officially included in the LDC category)

ODC - Other developing country (all countries in developing regions not included in the LDC category).

Moreover, LDCs are ordered according to their status in the graduation process and ODCs are ordered based on their socio-economic status. These country groups are for analytical purposes only.

Data coverage

Data are available from 2002 onwards. While there is complete data coverage for the LDC criteria indicators, data gaps may exist for some indicators and/or years of the SGI dataset and are not filled. The year for all indicators refers to the year for which the indicator value was reported by the custodian agency or the latest years used in the indicator value calculation, where applicable. Index scores for the three LDC criteria, i.e. human assets index (HAI), economic and environmental index (EVI) and gross national income (GNI) per capita, for a country are aligned with the year of an actual or hypothetical triennial review. Because of time lags in the publication of data, LDC criteria scores for year t are generally based on indicator values until year t-2. For example, HAI, EVI and GNI scores for the year 2025 are based on indicators that are generally reported by their sources as referring to the year 2023 and earlier. Detailed information on data sources and data availability for the time series estimates of the LDC criteria can be found in the 'Time series estimates dataset (2002-2025)' and for the SGI dataset in the 'Supplementary graduation indicators (SGI) dataset (2000-2025)' file.

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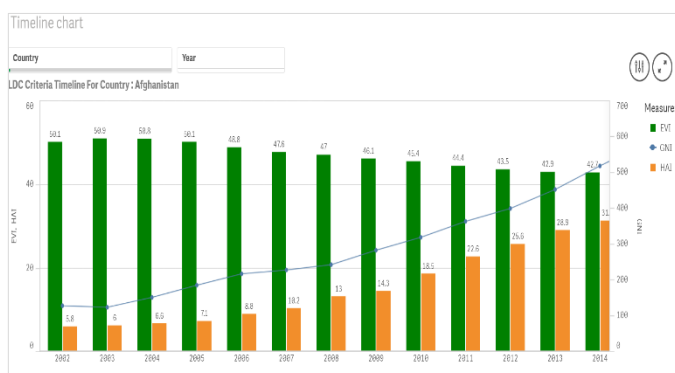
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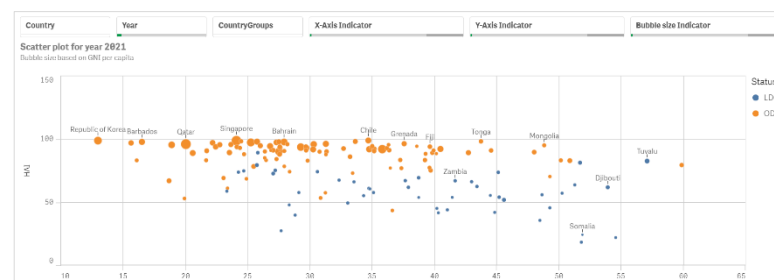
Timeline for LDC criteria

What is shown:
- Progress of LDC criteria (GNI per capita, HAI, EVI) of selected country over time

What can be selected:
- Year (multiple choice)
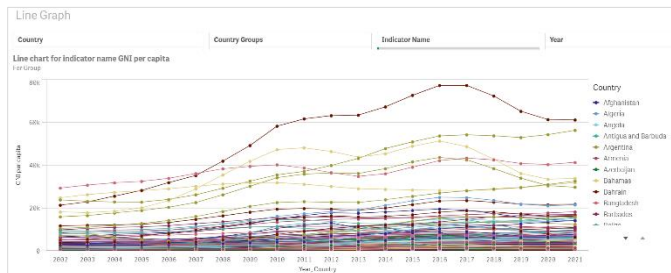- Country (single choice)

Scatter plot

What is shown:
- Relationship of three selected indicators (LDC criteria, LDC indicators or SGIs) for selected year

What can be selected:
- Year (single choice)
- Country (multiple choice)
- Country group (multiple choice)
- Indicators for X-axis, Y-axis and bubble size
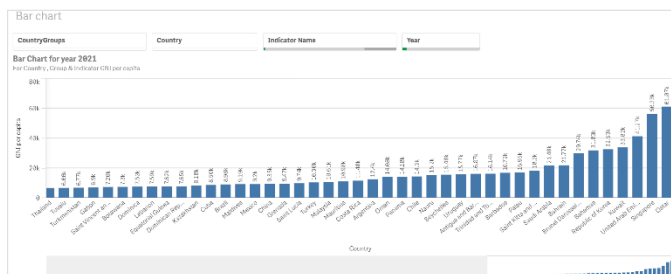
Line graph

What is shown:
- Progress of countries for selected indicator over time

What can be selected:
- Year (multiple choice)
- Country (multiple choice)
- Country group (multiple choice)
- Indicator (single choice)

Bar chart

What is shown:
- All countries sorted based on value for selected indicator and selected year

What can be selected:
- Year (single choice)
- Country (multiple choice)
- Country group (multiple choice)
- Indicator (single choice)