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COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO COMBATING HOMELESSNESS

M&E VARIABLE SET

OVERVIEW

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M&E Variable Set

The variable set includes the primary variables identified through a literature review and validated by experts. These variables are considered the most relevant for understanding the factors in and out of homelessness, as well as the measurement of the effectiveness of homelessness services.

The data collection follows a temporal approach, with indicators gathered at two points: entry and at exit. The goal is to incorporate variables that reflect the diverse profiles of homelessness, the differences among homelessness services, and the multidimensional nature of homelessness, which includes personal, relational, institutional, and structural factors.

T0: Baseline (Entry)

The first set of variables is collected upon the user's entry into the service. This information is organized into several sub-dimensions:

Personal Dimension:

- Demographics
- Immigration status
- Health
- Functional capacity
- Economic status, education, and employment
- Housing and homelessness
- Institutional background
- Criminal background
- Cultural and leisure activities
- Perceived discrimination

Relational Dimension:

- Social network supports
- Stressful life events
- Experience of domestic violence

Institutional Dimension:

- Accessibility of public social benefits and healthcare



T0.1: Service Use Variables

The second component of the dataset concerns the user's interaction with the service. It also aims to present key performance indicators related to the services involved. This includes data on:

- Purpose of service
- Type of support service
- Type of accommodation (e.g., shelter, Housing First, Housing-Led etc.)
- Length of stay
- Access criteria
- Conditionality
- ...

T1: Exit – Outcome Variables

The final set of variables is collected when the user exits the service. These variables aim to capture changes in the individual across the same sub-dimensions assessed at baseline. They also include:

- Outcome achievements (goals met)
- Reason for exit
- Key outcome indicators such as housing status, immigration status, health, economic and educational progress, employment status, and social network changes

Structural and Institutional Context Variables

In addition to the individual-level data, the platform aims to collect contextual variables related to the institutional and structural environment. These include:

- Employment opportunities
- History of institutionalization
- Regional coordination of homelessness response
- Housing market dynamics
- Availability of social housing
- Labor market conditions
- Regional eviction rates
- Rates of severe material and social deprivation