Annex B

Survey methodology

In addition to extensive interviews with government and non-governmental stakeholders, a diagnostic of Plan Avanza has also been conducted with three objectives in mind: *i)* first, to identify the multi-level governance strengths and challenges of the Plan; *ii)* second, to evaluate the effectiveness of the current co-ordination tools; and *iii)* third, to measure the perceived effectiveness of key Plan Avanza programmes. Chapter 3 presented the findings of the first two objectives, Chapter 4 on the latter. It is important to note that the survey was administered to regional and local governments, implementation stakeholders (including non-governmental organisations), as well as ministries currently involved in the Plan (*e.g.* Ministries of the Presidency, Interior, Justice, Education and Health). All participating ministries and regions were invited to complete the survey, while – due to the large number of local governments in Spain – a smaller sample of these received questionnaires. This sub-sample of local governments was selected on the basis of population to ensure that the needs of small, medium and large territories were equally represented. Additionally, representatives of the IS Commission of the Spanish Federation of Provinces and Municipalities (FEMP) participated in the survey.

A series of core questions were distributed to all participants, including questions on multi-level governance and overall impacts. An additional set of sector-specific questions were developed for education, justice, health, and science and technology. All respondents were asked to reply on behalf of their organisations; in order to comply with this condition, in many cases several individuals co-operated in the completion of the same survey. In total, 167 organisations were invited to participate in the survey, the overall response rate was 55%.

Table B1.1. **Number of respondants of the Plan Avanza survey by tier and sector**

Organisation by tier	Organisations invited to participate in the survey	Response rate	Organisations by sector	Organisations invited to participate in the survey	Response rate
National	9	88.8%	Health	18	94.4%
Regional	60	68.3%	Education	17	63.2%
Local	67	44.7%	Justice	9	55.6%
External stakeholders	31	41.9%			
Total	167	55.1%			

In total, 99 responses were received. Table B.2 disaggregates respondents by tier and sector. It is important to note that all sectors are represented at the central and regional levels, however, non-government stakeholders and local governments are not affiliated to any sector in particular. Their answers are not applicable (and were omitted) from sector-specific impact questions.

Table B1.2. **Disaggregated respondants of the Plan Avanza survey by tier and sector**

Respondents by tier	Number of responses	Respondents by sector	Number of responses
National	13*	Education	12
Regional *consejerias*	43	Health	20
Regional co-signers for high-level contracts (*Convenios Marco*, most often with S&T *consejerias*)	12	Science and Technology	12
Regional co-signers for addendums to contracts (sectoral *consejerias* of education, health, justice)	31	Justice	6
Local governments	30	Local (telecentres and Avanza Local)	30
Non-governmental stakeholders	13	Other (Interior, Presidency and non-governmental)	19
Total	99		99

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