

Enhancing Social and Gender Statistics Workshop
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Outline of Country Paper

The participants are requested to prepare a country paper for presentation and discussion during the workshop. The following questions are offered to guide the participants to focus the discussion of the paper.

A. Organization of Statistical Services

1. What is the organization of statistical services (centralized, decentralized) in your country? Please attach the organizational chart of the concerned agencies.
2. What agencies are involved in compiling social statistics?
3. In what publications are these social statistics being posted?
4. How independent is the statistical agency within the government organization?
5. How many personnel are involved in compiling social statistics?
6. What are the problems encountered by the unit/ agency in the compilation and maintenance of social statistics?

B. Historical Background

1. When was the first social statistics series compiled?
2. How about the most recent/ latest compilation date?
3. Who are the major users of social statistics? Are they used by other ministries/ agencies or by international organizations?
4. How are these statistics being used?
5. What social statistics series are compiled regularly? Frequency? Time of release?
6. What is the most current series available?

C. Data Sources

1. What censuses, surveys or administrative records do you use in the compilation of social statistics?
2. What is the frequency of collection/ measurement?
3. What is the time lag of release?
4. Where do you use the data?
5. What are the agencies responsible for each of the social statistics?
6. In between census years, do you conduct surveys to compile social statistics? If so, what are they? Please specify the sampling design and data coverage.
7. Do you have a vital registration system?

D. Estimation Methodology

1. Do you use indirect estimates? If so, what are the indicators and models that you use? How do you validate these indirect estimates?
2. What are the most common problems encountered in the compilation of social statistics?
3. What support do you get from the officials of the agency? How about from international organizations?
4. Do you use the vital registration system to derive social statistics? If so, how?
5. Do you produce social statistics with gender breakdown? Have you ever done this at sub-national level? What is the finest level of disaggregation for social statistics? How about for social statistics with gender breakdown?

E. Social Statistics Compilation Programme

Countries with sparse social and gender statistics

1. Do you have plans for compiling social and gender statistics within the next two years?
2. Is there a demand for social and gender statistics? If so, which agencies?
3. Is there any support from the officials of the agency?
4. Which unit in the office is most suitable to compile social and gender statistics?
5. Are there available personnel to do the compilation? How many would there be?
6. Do you think there are available data that could be used to compile social statistics?
7. What would be the workable time frame?

Countries which have stopped social statistics compilation

1. Do you have plans for updating the existing social and gender statistics series?
2. What kind of management support do you expect from the officials of your agency?
3. Which unit in the office is most suitable to compile social and gender statistics?
4. Are there available personnel to do the compilation? How many would there be?
5. Do you think there are available data that could be used to compile social and gender statistics?
6. What would be the workable time frame?

Countries which have started compilation with technical assistance from bilateral or multilateral agencies

1. Please give information regarding the assistance program.
2. What are your plans for continuing the compilation after the assistance program?
3. What kind of management support do you expect from the officials of your agency?
4. Which unit in the office will continue the compilation?
5. How many personnel are expected to work on the compilation?
6. When would be the expected update?

Countries with regular compilation of social statistics

1. What improvements in the compilation do you plan to do?
2. What additional activities are needed to implement these improvements?
3. What management support do you expect from the officials of your agency?
4. How could the unit responsible for collection/ compilation of social statistics and the statistical services be strengthened?

What are the possible strategies that could be adopted to help countries in the maintenance and improvement of social statistics compilation?

Please fill up the Social Statistics summary table.