

3.3 Multi-domain statistics and indicators (UNECE STAT)

3.3.1 Living conditions, poverty and cross-cutting social issues (UNECE STAT)

Activity 6.8: Statistics on income, living conditions and poverty

Description and objectives

Update the Canberra Group Handbook on Household Income Statistics taking into account recent country experiences and advancements in income measurement in specific areas such as imputed rent, in-kind benefits, capital gains and losses, and own consumption.

Activities and output

- Provide secretariat support to the work of the CES Task Force to update the Canberra Group Handbook on Household Income Statistics;
- Contribute in substance to the review of the Canberra Group Handbook;
- Undertake consultation with the Bureau and the CES member countries and prepare for adoption by the CES plenary in 2011;
- Publication and distribution of the revised Canberra Group Handbook.

Organizations and groups involved

CES Task Force to update the Canberra Group Handbook on Household Income Statistics.

3.3.2 Gender and special population groups (UNECE STAT)

Activity 3.1: Gender statistics database

Description and objectives

Collect, process and publish gender statistics for the UNECE Member Countries in a publicly available database with online access via English and Russian interfaces. The database provides a comprehensive framework of statistical indicators on gender-relevant issues, and is geared to guide countries in establishing national frameworks for monitoring gender equality.

Activities and output

- Maintain the database in the following areas: population, fertility, families and households, work and the economy, education, public life and decision making, health and mortality, crime and violence, science and ICT, and work-life balance.
- Improve quality of published data, focusing on better coverage, timeliness and comparability, in line with the UNECE data quality framework.
- Expand the statistics on gender pay gap by including the breakdown by level of education in the 2011 questionnaire on gender statistics.
- Make available timely sex-disaggregated statistical data relevant to gender policy analysis.
- Implement a marketing strategy and disseminate materials to promote the database.

Activity 6.3: Gender statistics

Description and objectives

Provide an institutional framework for the work on gender statistics in the region aiming to improve the quality of information on gender equality.

Activities and output

- Support the capacity development in UNECE countries to collect, produce, disseminate and use statistics on the role of women and men in society and to facilitate the integration of gender issues in national statistical systems (see activity 9.2).
- Provide secretariat support to the CES Steering Group on Gender Statistics and the related task forces.
- Support and contribute to the work of the Task Force on Indicators of Gender Equality, which aims to improve monitoring of gender equality in the UNECE region by consolidating and systematizing the existing proliferation of gender-relevant statistical indicators and by proposing ways for sustainable data collection on selected indicators (subject to approval by the CES Bureau in November 2010).
- Disseminate and promote the use of the methodological guidelines on measuring violence against women. Analyze the experience with testing and using the survey module on violence against women and organize a workshop on this topic in spring 2011.
- Prepare an overview of gender aspects relevant for environment statistics.
- Maintain the gender statistics website.
- Contribute to the Inter-Agency Working Group on Gender Statistics.
- Start preparations for the Work Session on Gender Statistics scheduled for April 2012.

Organizations and groups involved

CES Steering Group on Gender Statistics
CES Task Force on Gender-based Violence
ILO
UNDP Regional Office in Bratislava
UNECLAC
United Nations Population Fund
World Bank
World Bank Institute
WHO

Activity 9.3: UNECE statistical capacity building projects in SEE and EECCA countries

Description and objectives

The main priority is to strengthen the statistical capacity of EECCA and SEE countries to meet international standards and guidelines in areas such as national accounts, short-term economic statistics, demographic and social statistics, and gender statistics.

Activities and output

- In close cooperation with partner organisations, provide technical assistance to the SEE and EECCA countries in the implementation of 2008 SNA, including the organisation of a seminar on 2008 SNA and related economic statistics for EECCA countries (see activity 5.1)
 - Provide methodological and technical assistance on price statistics to SEE and EECCA countries to support implementation of internationally recommended practices (see activity 5.3).
 - Support SEE and EECCA countries in the development and implementation of statistical business registers following international standards and best practices (see activity 5.4)
 - Technical assistance on short-term economic statistics and seasonal adjustment for SEE and EECCA countries (see activity 5.5). This activity is financed by the WB project (2010-2011) New Challenges in Economic Statistics in Central Asia and Eastern European countries.
 - Provide training and technical assistance to EECCA and SEE countries in the field of population and housing censuses, based on their expressed needs and in compliance with the CES Census Recommendations (see activity 6.1).
- In the framework of population and housing census capacity building activities, UNFPA is funding a project (2010-2011) on supporting effective use of information and communication technology in population census operations.
- Technical assistance in support of the preparations for the first Population and Housing Census in Bosnia-Herzegovina and in the internationally administered territory of Kosovo, planned to take place in 2011, in cooperation with UNFPA, Eurostat and other involved international organizations. This includes participation in the International Monitoring and Observation missions in Kosovo and in Bosnia and Herzegovina, aimed at ensuring that the population and housing censuses are planned and conducted in accordance with the internationally agreed standards (in particular the CES Census Recommendations and the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics) and that the enumeration is fair and impartial (see activity 6.1).
 - Support for selected SEE and EECCA countries to build up dissemination databases, making use of the expertise and know-how accumulated in UNECE on dissemination systems of aggregated statistical information (see activity 6.1).
- Identify country priorities and practices in the area of measurement of quality of employment in the South-East European and EECCA regions (see activity 6.6).

Activity 10.1: Generations and Gender Programme (GGP)

Description and objectives

The Generations and Gender Programme (GGP) is a system of national Generations and Gender Surveys (GGS) and contextual databases, which aims at improving the knowledge base for population related policy-making in UNECE countries. The Programme is developed and maintained by the GGP Consortium of research and statistical organizations. Data collection is carried out by member States whereas the data harmonisation and dissemination by the institutions of the Consortium. Coordination of the Programme at the UNECE is subject to availability of extra-budgetary funds, which are partially secured for 2011.

Activities and output

- Improve understanding of demographic and social development and of the factors that influence these developments, with a particular attention towards relationships between children and parents (generations) and relationships between partners (gender).
- Increase availability of harmonised micro-data of Generations and Gender Surveys from more countries
- Add new countries in the GGP contextual databases.

Organizations and groups involved

Generations and Gender Programme Consortium

Activity 10.2: Statistical support to monitoring ageing-related policies

Description and objectives

Monitoring policies related to population ageing is part of the follow-up to the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA) in the UNECE region. The statistical aspect of this work includes developing and maintaining a database of policy-relevant indicators in the domains of demography, income, wealth, labour market, social protection and financial sustainability. Collection and processing the data on already developed indicators are under way. This work is carried out by the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research based in Vienna. The UNECE secretariat assists in data collection and dissemination involving members of the Working Group on Ageing and focal points in national statistical offices.

Activities and output

- Assist UNECE member States in monitoring developments related to population ageing in the context of the UNECE Regional Implementation Strategy of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing.
- Add more countries in the database of policy-relevant indicators and policy actions.
- Update a graphical representation of data in country profiles published on the web.

- Present outputs at the meeting of the UNECE Working Group on Ageing in 2011, pending to renewal of the mandate of the Working Group beyond 2010.

Organizations and groups involved

European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research, Vienna

3.3.4 Globalisation (UNECE STAT) **Activity 5.2: Impact of globalisation on national accounts**

Description and objectives

Provide a forum to review the main distortions in national accounts caused by the globalization of economies. Develop guidelines/best practices on how to deal with these distortions in the compilation and reconciliation of data for national accounts and their source statistics.

Activities and output

- Service the Group of Experts on the impact of globalisation on national accounts (GGNA), organised jointly with Eurostat and OECD. The Group coordinates its activities with other international initiatives undertaken in this area.
- Service the leadership sub-group of GGNA.
- Contribute to the production of the publication Impact of Globalisation on National Accounts. Practical Guidance describing the main globalization aspects affecting national accounts. The publication will provide solutions and best practices on how to improve surveying, processing and integration of the data and how to achieve better international consistency. The publication will support the implementation of the 2008 SNA.
- Coordinate the finalization of the publication, its submission for approval by the CES in June 2011 and undertake the printing and distribution of the publication.

Organizations and groups involved

CES Group of Experts on impact of globalisation on national accounts

Eurostat

OECD

3.3.5 Indicators related to the Millennium Development Goals (UNECE STAT)

Activity 3.2: MDG database

Description and objectives

Maintain a user-friendly regional repository of data to facilitate regional and national monitoring of the progress towards the goals specified in the Millennium Declaration in countries of East and South-East Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia. Provide data that are not currently available from international sources and include: i) additional indicators relevant for the region and ii) additional disaggregation by sex, region and ethnic group, where possible. This activity will be carried out in conjunction with other UNECE activities on MDG monitoring and reporting.

Activities and output

- Collect and publish relevant, timely and harmonized statistics for monitoring the goals specified in the Millennium Declaration in countries of East and South-East Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia.
- Establish a publicly available Regional MDG Database in cooperation with UNICEF, UNDP, and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).
- Maintain a network of MDG focal points in national statistical offices and make available online networking tools to facilitate communication at national and international levels.
- Develop a marketing strategy and materials to promote the database.

Organizations and groups involved

UNDP

UNFPA

UNICEF

Activity 6.7: Indicators related to the goals contained in the Millennium Declaration

Description and objectives

Contribute to the monitoring of progress towards achievement of the goals specified in the Millennium Declaration in countries of East and South-East Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia. Contribute to the Annual Secretary General's Report on the progress towards achievement of the Goals worldwide.

Activities and output

- Enhance capacity of countries of Eastern and South-eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia to monitor progress towards achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by improving coverage and comparability of relevant statistics.
- Provide a regional perspective to UN activities on global monitoring of MDGs, both in substantive and methodological terms.
- Contribute to the UNECE/UNICEF/UNDP/UNFPA Joint Regional MDG Monitoring Initiative to develop a common approach to support countries in monitoring the achievement of MDGs in countries of East and South-East Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia.
- Recommend additional relevant indicators and disaggregations for monitoring progress on development in countries of Eastern and South-eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia.
- Improve communication between NSOs and other stakeholders involved in monitoring progress towards MDGs.

- Contribute to the Inter-Agency Expert Group on MDG indicators.
- Organise a regional workshop on MDG indicators in spring and a regional meeting on MDG indicators in autumn as part of the UN Development account project (see activity 9.2).

Organizations and groups involved

UNDP

UNICEF

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

UNSD

Inter-Agency Expert Group Meeting on MDG indicators.**3.3.6 Sustainable development (UNECE STAT)**

Activity 7.1: Sustainable development statistics

Description and objectives

Develop a broad conceptual framework for measuring sustainable development responding to the demand for greater harmonisation and comparability in this area. Ensure that the work on measuring sustainable development remains within the framework of official statistics and is coordinated with other international organisations.

Activities and output

- Continue further the work on measuring sustainable development with focus on human and social capital. Extend the capital approach to a broader conceptual framework of sustainability to include quality of life and international aspects of sustainable development.
- Provide secretariat support to the Joint UNECE/Eurostat/OECD Task Force on Measuring Sustainable Development and facilitate the preparation of the final report of the Task Force.
- Contribute to the work of the EU Sponsorship Group on Measuring Progress, Well-being and Sustainable Development, in particular on methodological work related to sustainable development and environmental sustainability.

Organizations and groups involved

CES Task Force on measuring sustainable development

UN Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting (UNCEEA)

Eurostat

EU Sponsorship Group on Measuring Progress: Task Force on environmental sustainability (TF2) and Task Force on horizontal issues (TF4)

OECD**3.3.7 Climate change (UNECE STAT)**

Activity 7.3: Statistics related to climate change

Description and objectives

Promote the development of official statistics related to climate change in the region taking into account the activities of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and other institutions dealing with related data.

Activities and output

- Carry out a survey on involvement of national statistical offices in climate change related work and in compiling the greenhouse gas inventories, as requested by the CES Bureau. Analyse the results of the survey and identify the common concerns of countries in this area to be dealt with at international level. Make proposals how to address the concerns of countries.
- Contribute to general UN climate change related initiatives (e.g. providing input on requests related to the UNFCCC negotiation and implementation process, Thematic group of climate change under the Regional Coordination Mechanism, Rio+20 initiative, etc.).
- Cooperate with other UNECE Divisions on climate change related work.

Organizations and groups involved

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

UNSD

Eurostat

OECD