Global Gender Statistics Programme

Social and Housing Statistics Section
United Nations Statistics Division
Outline

• Overview
• Main areas of work
• Recent activities/outputs
  – Minimum Set of Gender Indicators
  – Evidence and Data for Gender Equality (EDGE) project
Overview

Coordinated by IAEG-GS
Since 2007

Implemented by UNSD

Global Gender Statistics Programme

Mandated by UN Stat Commission

Goal:
To enhance the capacity of countries to collect, disseminate and use reliable statistics and indicators to assess the relative situation of women and men in gender-sensitive, policy-relevant areas.
Programme areas and objectives

1. **International Coordination**
   - Objective: Improve global coherence

2. **Methods**
   - Objective: Promote methodological developments

3. **Capacity-Building**
   - Objective: Build technical capacity

4. **Data Management & Dissemination**
   - Objective: Improve access to data and materials
1. International Coordination

• Improving coordination and synergies among existing initiatives on gender statistics

IAEG-GS

Global Forums

1st Rome, Dec 2007
2nd Accra, Jan 2009
3rd Manila, Oct 2010
4th Dead Sea, Mar 2012
5th Aguascalientes, Mexico Nov 2014

- Since 2007 (7 meetings so far)
- International, regional and national agencies
- Annual meetings (8th meeting in 2014)
- UNSD secretariat
- Chair: Mexico
2. Methods

- Promoting methodological development including in emerging areas of gender concern
  
  **Violence against Women**
  
  - Establishment of the Fiends of the Chair group on Indicators to measure Violence Against Women (FOC-VAW), 2008 UN Statistical Commission;
  
  - Adoption of minimum set of indicators on VAW, 2009 UN Statistical Commission;
  
  - UN Guidelines for the Production of Statistics on Violence Against Women, 2013

- **Time Use**

  - International Classification of Activities for Time Use Statistics-ICATUS
2. Methods (cont.)

- Promoting methodological development including in emerging areas of gender concern

  - **New Gender Statistics Manual**
    - *Integrating a Gender Perspective into Statistics*
    - Wiki-platform

3. Capacity-Building

• Strengthening statistical capacity for the production of gender relevant data

• Organization of training workshops/study tours/ad-hoc missions
  – Time Use Statistics: recently in China, Jordan
  – **New Gender Statistics Manual**
    ➢ Workshops in:
      ➢ Uganda, December 2012
      ➢ Japan, April 2013
  – **New Guidelines on Violence Against Women**
    ➢ S. Korea, November 2013
4. Data Management & Dissemination

- Improve access to data and materials
  - Global Gender Statistics platform

Minimum set of Gender Indicators

- Continuation of the World’s Women series
  - Analysis of trends in key areas, review of data availability
Minimum Set of Gender Indicators

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Background

• Internationally-agreed indicators to monitor gender equality and women’s empowerment (IAEG-GS 2011 and UN Statistical Commission 2013)
  – Gender indicators (52)
  – Gender indicators related to national norms (11)

• Five domains
  – Economic structures, participation in productive activities and access to resources
  – Education
  – Health and related services
  – Human rights of women and the girl child
  – Public life and decision-making
Organization of indicators in Tiers

**Tier I**
- Indicators conceptually clear, with an agreed international definition and regularly produced by countries
- International data compilation

**Tier II**
- Indicators conceptually clear, with an agreed international definition, but not yet regularly produced by countries
- Promoting capacity building activities

**Tier III**
- Indicators for which international standards need still to be developed and not regularly produced by countries
- Methodological developments – e.g., EDGE project
Minimum Set platform

- Improve access to data and methods
- Launched at CSW, 12 March 2014
- Contribution from 14 partner agencies
Data availability Tier I indicators (35 inds)

Average number of countries with data, by area

Indicators, by number of data points, 1990-2012

Average # countries data are available for

144
EDGE Project

- A 3-year initiative (UNSD and UN Women)

Overall objective:

- Improving the integration of gender issues into the regular production of official statistics for better evidence-based policies

1. International platform for data and metadata on health, education and employment
2. Guidelines for comparable gender indicators on entrepreneurship and asset ownership
3. Results of pilot testing in selected countries