

**THIRTY- FOURTH MEETING OF
THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF
CARIBBEAN STATISTICIANS****SCCS/2009/34/13****Gros Islet, St. Lucia****26-28 October 2009****25 October 2009**

STATUS REPORT ON SOCIAL/GENDER STATISTICS**1. INTRODUCTION**

This report provides information on some of the activities that have been executed in the area of Social/Gender Statistics for the period 2008-2009 and also the Work Plan for 2010-2011. The Work Programme in Social Statistics will be affected by the preparation of activities in Member States/Associate Members with regard to the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Censuses. However, the Census would benefit both the Social statistics and other areas of statistics given the scope of the exercise.

2. STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIVITIES**2.1 Dissemination of Social/Gender Statistics****2.1.1 Chapters on Health and Education Statistics – Women and Men in
CARICOM Member States 1998-2005**

The Health chapter of the publication “Women and Men in CARICOM Member States 1998-2005 has been reviewed and adjustments are made. This chapter has been disseminated on our website. The Chapter on Education Statistics of the same publication “Women and Men in CARICOM Member States 1998-2005” is undergoing

final review and should be disseminated before the end of 2009. These chapters were based on work undertaken under the CARICOM Programme on Strengthening Capacity in the Compilation of Social/Gender and Environmental Statistics. As reported to the CARICOM Advisory Group the tremendous workload and the lack of resources at both the regional and national level contributed to the delays in the completion of the report which comprises these chapters. In addition the report sought to provide information on the metadata which added enormously to the work load. With the dissemination of the Chapter on Education this would complete the publication in this area.

2.2 Census 2000 Data Analysis Project

2.2.1 National Census Reports (NCRs)

All eighteen (18) National Census Reports have been completed. All were checked for technical and editorial consistency. Based on these checks, in-house technical reviews were conducted on the NCRs several times. The reports are printed (30 copies each) and will be distributed by the end of this year. The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) made funds available for the publication of these reports.

2.2.2 Regional Special Topic Monographs (RSTMs)

The CARICOM Secretariat has received all RSTMs which is ready for dissemination. These are Children and Youth, The Elderly, International Migration, Economic Activity, Education and Training and Gender and Development. These are to be placed on our website.

2.2.3 Online Access to the 2000 Round of Population and Housing Census Data

The launch of this facility took place on October 14, 2009 in Georgetown, Guyana during the activities of the Caribbean Statistics Day. Data for three countries are

currently in the facility and it would be populated shortly with data for additional countries.

3. World Bank Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity Building projects completed.

3.1.1 Development of a Comprehensive Programmatic Approach to CARICOM Social/Gender and Environment Statistics.

Under the funding provided by the World Bank Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity Building (TFSCB) a consultant visited St. Vincent and the Grenadines in June 2009. The objective was to develop a comprehensive programmatic approach to CARICOM Social/Gender and Environment Statistics. This was achieved by conducting assessment of the country's work programmes and reviewing the existing regional statistical work programme. The assessment of the work programmes resulted in the development of an updated and more comprehensive programme in social/gender and environmental statistics. The CARICOM Secretariat has received the report of the Consultant. The consultant also conducted training in basic statistics reported on below.

3.1.2 Basic Statistics Training

Training was also conducted in St. Vincent and the Grenadines in June 2009 in Basic Statistics and was linked to the assessment reported in 3.1.1. The training in Basic Statistics was held in the Financial Building, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, on June, 2009. The training was facilitated by a Consultant with expertise in this area. A total of sixteen (16) participants from the Statistical office and other line ministries attended and found the training useful and recommended the continuation of training in this area. The workshop was funded under the World Bank Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity Building.

The main objective of the training was to strengthen the statistical capacity of the Statistical Office and other line ministries in St. Vincent and the Grenadines with respect to collecting, collating, analyzing, interpreting and disseminating social statistics.

Topics covered in the training included:

Compilation of Statistics; selection of Independent and Dependent Variables; calculation of Mean, Median, Mode and Measures of Dispersion for Grouped and Ungrouped Data; Interpretation of Statistics with reference to Central Measures of Central Tendency and Variation; Frequency Distributions and Graphical Presentations; Presentation of Data; Introduction to Sampling. Exercises were given in prepared Excel Spread Sheets.

3.1.3 Harmonisation of Social/Gender and Environmental Workshop

A joint workshop on the harmonisation of Social/Gender and Environmental Statistics was conducted in Antigua and Barbuda in July 2009. Overall there were 26 participants in both areas from various member countries took part. UNSD and UNECLAC made contributions. During the workshop participants were placed into two working groups to consider the respective areas, Social/Gender Statistics and Environmental Statistics

The Objectives of the workshop were to:

- i. provide an overview of the Caribbean Specific MDGs;
- ii. review core social, gender and environmental statistics and indicators submitted by countries;
- iii. review the methodology used in the production and compilation of key social, gender and environmental statistics;
- iv. identify existing data gaps and the challenges in collecting the data;
- v. determine how to proceed in the next round of data collection particularly with regard to harmonization of methodologies and improvement in data quality;

- vi. develop an Action Plan in the context of (v) above that can realize improvement of the methodological and data compilation processes in social/gender, environmental statistics and related updates.

4. Demographic Analysis Workshops 2009 funded by CDB

4.1 Short Course on Demography

The Short Course in Principles of Demography was held in January of this year in Jamaica-Ocho Rios which targeted Senior Statisticians. This activity was funded by CDB. This activity is indicated under another agenda item in this Section.

4.2 Fourth CARICOM Regional Workshop on Demographic Analysis

This year the fourth and final workshop was held at the UWI Campus, St. Augustine in Trinidad and was funded by CDB. This activity is also indicated under another agenda item in this Section.

5. Activities planned for 2010-2011

5.1 Social/Gender Statistics Work Programme 2010-2011

The following activities are included in the Social/Gender Statistics Work Programme for 2010-2011

Labour Force, Education, Health, Population/Households and Families Statistics:

- i. Continue with updating of these databases
- ii. Establish under the Help desk a central repository system on methodologies in all areas
- iii. Continue collaboration with relevant agencies to improve the respective systems of statistics.

Poverty, Migration/Free Movement, Crime, Child Monitoring and Protection, Youth, Elderly, Decision-Making, Sports and Culture Statistics:

- i. Refine List of Indicators for these new areas
- ii. Collect/compile data with emphasis on Caribbean Specific MDGs/Core indicators
- iii. Organize Social Statistics databases in each area.
- iv. Establish under the Help desk a central repository system on methodologies in all areas
- v. Collaborate with the relevant agencies as required to promote, develop and harmonise
- vi. The use of relevant methodologies in these areas.

Other activities in Social statistics:

- i. Conduct in-house training in the following areas:
 - a. SPSS
 - b. Demography in the areas of Fertility, Mortality, Migration
 - c. Social indicators- metadata
 - d. Pivot tables

ACTION REQUIRED

The **Meeting** is **invited** to:

- (i) **consider** the report on Social/Gender Statistics;
- (ii) **support** the data collection and activities planned for the remainder of 2009 and 2010-2011.
