

**STATUS REPORT FOR**

**ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES**

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National Accounts:	<p>GDP by economic activity in current and constant prices produced annually with a one year lag.</p> <p>Expenditure on GDP in current prices.</p> <p>Other aggregates of GDP</p> <p>Rebasing approximately 75% completed. It is expected to be completed by the first quarter of 2010.</p>	Data disseminated on request, in our annual Digest of Statistics and by the ECCB	Further implementation of the accounts in the set of integrated accounts of SNA 93.	<p>Challenges: Poor response particularly from the hotels and restaurants and business services sectors.</p> <p>Staffing</p>	Required: Training Technical Assistance Compilation of GDP.
Supply and Use Tables	Developed for the year 2001 according to ISIC rev 3 and CPC 1.0	The data has not been disseminated or used in other areas of statistics, because it is incomplete.			Training in use
Tourism Satellite Account					Funding received from the EU to undertake activity. The project will be launched in November.

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Trade in Services	Available			This was piloted in St. Vincent and the Grenadines and we continue to compile the statistics	
Balance of Payments	Produced annually	Mainly disseminated by the ECCB, though ad-hoc requests are honoured		Poor response rate	
Merchandise Trade Statistics	Annual Report up to 2008 available	Preliminary data (values) available for the first half of 2009		<p>Set back encountered in the provision of data by volume for the year 2009 so far, since we encountered a problem in downloading the data from the Customs and Excise Department. In addition, there is a lag in acquiring the hard copies of the warrants. The Statistical Office is working with the Customs and Excise Department to have the matter resolved.</p> <p>Better export statistics since the Customs are now verifying the number of packages declared by the exporter.</p>	
Trade Indices				Non compliance by a major importer is affecting the process	Technical assistance in the analysis of import/export data

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Consumer Price Index (CPI)	Monthly bulletins up to September 2009	<p>Available on the Government web site</p> <p>Made available to the public and private sectors, (including the banks) and NGOs through the post.</p> <p>Available on request by other interested parties.</p>			With technical assistance from CAR, weights were updated for the new basket of goods and services. Officers are being trained to collect price data from outlets which have been identified.
Labour Force Survey					
Country Poverty Assessment	Final report received from the consultants but not yet made available to the public				
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Vital Statistics	Preliminary data on births and deaths for 2008 available	The production of the annual reports since 2005 affected because of problems encountered by the Ministry of Health in making the			

		Cause of Death data available to us.			
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