

**THIRTY- FIFTH MEETING OF
THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF
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**PROGRESS REPORT ON SOCIAL/GENDER STATISTICS BY
THE CARICOM SECRETARIAT****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 2009-2010 and also the Work Plan for 2011-2012. The Work Programme in Social Statistics was affected and would continue to be affected by the 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 this exercise.

2. STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIVITIES**2.1 Update of Social/Gender Statistics Databases****Labour Force Statistics**

The database on labour force statistics was updated with data that were received from five (5) countries for the period 1990-2009.

Metadata was also received from three (3) countries. Metadata was submitted to the help desk in the area on Work and Economy for inclusion.

Education Statistics

The database was updated with data from eight (8) countries for the period 1995-2009. There is a draft publication that will be disseminated on the website before the end of 2010.

Health Statistics

Metadata was submitted to be included in the Help Desk. The database was updated with data from seven (7) countries for the period 1990-2009. Metadata was received from three (3) countries. The Social Statistics Unit submitted metadata in the area of Health for inclusion on the Help Desk.

Population, Households and Families

The database was updated with mid-year population data for 2009 from all Member States. The database was also updated with data from fifteen (15) countries for the period 1984-2010. Also metadata was submitted for inclusion on the Help Desk.

Poverty Statistics

The database on Poverty statistics was restructured and updated with data that were received from ten (10) countries for the period 1992-2008. Research was done regarding meta-data and was updated.

Migration/Free Movement

Received free movement data for the period 1 January-31December 2009 from the CSME Unit and have reviewed it. Data was received for four (4) countries.

Child Monitoring and Protection Statistics

The Statistics Department Social Statistics Sub-Unit met with the TWG Child Monitoring/HSD Unit and assisted in the reviewing of the indicators. A final review of the list of indicators was done and recommendations were made by the Social Statistics

Sub-Unit. The Child Monitoring Indicators were presented by the UNICEF representative last year at the Thirty-Fourth Meeting of the SCCS which was held in Saint Lucia (Draft Monitoring Framework for the priorities for National Action 2008-2011 based on the Regional framework for Action for Children 2002-2015).

Power and Decision Making

Data was received from ten (10) Member Countries for the period 1980-2010 and the database have been updated. It is planned to have a publication in 2011.

Vital Statistics

The existing database has been reviewed and meta-data has been included. Data entry has started. Data was collected from fourteen (14) countries for the period 1990-2008. The Unit has also prepared a draft list of indicators and plans to include this area in their current Work Programme.

Culture

A tentative draft list of indicators has been prepared to include the domains of cultural statistics from which will later derive the specific indicators. The Unit will collaborate with the relevant programme officers in-house and then will send the draft list to Member countries for feedback.

It should be noted however that there are huge data gaps in all of the above mentioned areas in Social Statistics.

2.2 Census 2000 Data Analysis Project

2.2.1 National Census Reports (NCRs)

All eighteen (18) National Census Reports were printed (30 copies each) and distributed in 2010. The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) made funds available for the publication of these reports. The reports are also put in PDF format and are on the website of the CARICOM Statistics Programme.

2.2.2 Regional Special Topic Monographs (RSTMs)

The CARICOM Secretariat has placed all RSTMs on the website. These are Children and Youth, The Elderly, International Migration, Economic Activity, Education and Training and Gender and Development. No funding was available to publish these reports.

2.2.3 Basic Table Volumes

This report was also printed and distributed to the various agencies. The BTV is also available on the website.

3. Training and Workshops

3.1 Social/Gender Statistics and Indicators Workshop

A joint workshop on the harmonisation of Social/Gender and Environmental Statistics was conducted in Suriname in September 2010. Overall approximately seventeen (17) participants from thirteen (13) Member Countries were present. The CARICOM Secretariat facilitated this workshop.

The Objectives of the workshop were to:

- i) Review core Social/Gender statistics and indicators submitted by countries;
- ii) Review the submission of the metadata, used in the production and compilation of the core Social/Gender statistics and indicators;
- iv) Identify existing data gaps and the challenges in collecting the data and how these can be approached;

During the workshop, participants were placed into working groups to consider the respective areas, Social/Gender Statistics and Environmental Statistics.

Themes that were considered in the Social/Gender Component were: Health, Education, Labour Force, Population/Households and Families, Poverty, Crime, Power and Decision Making. Some participants made presentations on these themes, of which some Meta data was presented.

Data availability matrix was received from approximately nine (9) countries.

Three (3) countries presented/submitted their Plan of Action for the next round of data collection in these areas.

The CARICOM Secretariat noted that there was need for training in metadata, as participants was unfamiliar with the specific definitions, computation methods etc. of indicators.

3.2 Training

SPSS training: Three persons in Social Statistics were trained in all the basics. They will now be able to understand data received in SPSS format from Member countries, and are able therefore to effectively interpret the information. These persons will train other Staff in 2011.

4. ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR 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) Continue research on available data in these areas;
- (ii) Refine/come up with List of Indicators for new areas
- (iii) Develop framework for data collection;
- (iv) Collect, compile, validate and disseminate basic data and metadata with emphasis on Caribbean Specific MDGs/Core indicators;
- (v) Organize Social Statistics databases in each area by country/area;
- (vi) Establish under the Help desk a central repository system on methodologies in all areas ;
- (vii) Collaborate with the relevant agencies as required to promote, develop and harmonise the use of relevant methodologies in these areas.

Other activities in Social statistics:

Conduct in-house training in the following areas:

- SPSS
- Demography in the areas of Fertility, Mortality, Migration
- Social indicators- metadata
- Pivot tables

ACTION REQUIRED

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

- (i) **consider** the progress report on Social/Gender Statistics; and
- (ii) **support** the data collection and activities planned for the remainder of 2010 and 2011-2012.
