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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 2010-2011 and also the Work Plan for 2012-2013. 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

Databases were revamped, updated and reorganized in the following areas: labour force statistics, education, crime, health, migration, power and decision-making, vital statistics, poverty, population/households and families, CSMDGs. Also Meta data were collected for the various areas. Staff also received training.

2.1 Update of Social/Gender Statistics Databases**Labour Force Statistics**

The database on labour force statistics was revamped and organized with data for the period 1960-2005. Some data are available from the census 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990

and onwards. For one (1) country data is available for the period 1984-2009. There is also data available for another country from 1987-2006. All other countries data is available for the period 1998-2002.

Education Statistics

The database was revamped and organized with data from eighteen (18) countries for the period 1980-2005. Data is available for one (1) country for 1980/1981-2002. All other countries data is available for 1994/1995-2002. Prior to 1998 data is available for these indicators: total enrolment, number of teachers, dropouts, repeaters.

Health Statistics

The database was revamped and organized with data from eighteen (18) countries for the period 1980-2005. Data is available for most of the indicators for the period 1998-2002. Prior to 1998 data is in house for 5 indicators: physicians per 1000 persons (total only): 1980-2002 (11 member states).

Hospitals/clinics per 1000 persons: (for 7 countries data available, of which 3 countries data available for period 1980-2002).

Deaths by cause age and sex: data available for varying periods.

Infant deaths: 1998-2002

Immunization: 1998-2002 (approximately 10 countries, others varying periods)

Population, Households and Families

The database was revamped and organized with data from eighteen (18) countries for the period 1998-2005.

Mid-year population data for 2010 was received from all Member States.

Crime

Database was revamped and organized with data for the period 1998-2005 from approximately ten (10) countries. The database was populated with twenty percent (20%) of data completed.

Poverty Statistics

The database on Poverty statistics was restructured and updated with data that were received from eight (8) countries for the period 1996-2008. The database was also updated for the years 1975, 1980, 1985 and 1990. Research was done regarding meta-data and was updated.

Power and Decision Making

A lot of research was done on the Cabinets, Governments etc. Forty percent (40%) of indicators were collected. The publication is not completed yet, due to data gaps. It is expected that countries will have these data available after the release of the census data. There is data available for thirteen (13) countries for 1-7 indicators. The period varies among countries i.e. 1998-2010.

Vital Statistics

Data were collected from five (5) countries for the period 1990-2008. The database was updated for fifteen (15) countries for the period 1990-2010.

Migration Statistics

Staff has attended three (3) Migration Capacity Building Workshops focused on enhancing the capacities of the ACP (African, Caribbean and Pacific) countries. These workshops were organized and funded by the ACP Observatory on Migration. The themes were: 1) Data collection-Migration and Development and data management software, 2) Environmentally induced migration, forced migration, urbanization and health, 3) Labour and Irregular Migration with special emphasis on vulnerable migrant categories such as domestic and child labourers, victims of Trafficking in persons and smuggled migrants.

CSMDGs

All of the CSMDG indicators were incorporated in DevInfo. The databases were updated with data from five (5) countries for the period 1995-2008. Some meta data was collected for approximately twenty six (26) CSMDG indicators and twenty nine (29) MDG indicators. However, the meta data is incomplete. Research is ongoing to document and complete the meta data for these indicators.

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

The Social Statistics Unit has compiled an updated status report for all CSMDGs, MDG and other core indicators by theme as well as by goals (for MDGs and CSMDGs) for the period 1995-2010. These varied by country and indicator re the data availability.

3. Publications

Intense Research as mentioned above was done and data collected for two publications but data and meta data are not sufficient to finalize these publications (i.e. Power and Decision-making, CSMDGs).

Inventories were compiled of publications produced by NSOs, information on line ministries and government websites

4. Training and Workshops

4.1 Pivot tables

Five (5) staff members from the Social Statistics Unit received in-house training in pivot tables.

4.2 Other training

Staff also had the opportunity to attend/participate in other regional/international training workshops e.g. train the trainers workshop on Organisation and use of databases, Web-based Infrastructure, Redatam+.

4.3 Social/Gender Statistics Workshop

A workshop is planned for the period 7-11 November 2011, funded by the Ninth EDF Caribbean Integration Support Programme (CISP), in Guyana.

1. The objectives of the Workshop are to -
 - (i) **review** core Social/ Gender Statistics and indicators submitted by countries;
 - (ii) **review** the methodology used in the production and compilation of key Social/Gender statistics;
 - (iii) **identify** existing data gaps and the challenges in collecting the data and how these can be approached; and
 - (iv) **identify** efficient methods to improve metadata submission.

5. Data Requests

Data for sixteen (16) core indicators were sent to the UNSD.

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) requested data on youth.

5. ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR 2012-2013

The following activities are included in the Social/Gender Statistics Work Programme for 2012-2013

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 of Social/Gender Statistics, Questions and Answers (Q&A) Sections;
- (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, and Vital Statistics:

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

Other activities in Social statistics:

Conduct in-house training in the following areas:

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

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 2011 and 2012-2013.
