

**THIRTY- SEVENTH MEETING OF
THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF
CARIBBEAN STATISTICIANS****SCCS/2012/37/3****St. George's, Grenada****29-31 October 2012****16 October 2012**

**STATUS REPORT ON SOCIAL/GENDER STATISTICS AND THE PROGRAMME OF
WORK 2013-2014****1. INTRODUCTION**

This paper provides an update on some of the activities that have been executed in the area of Social/Gender Statistics for the period 2012. It presents the status of submission of Social/Gender data to the Secretariat. The paper also provides an update of developmental work taking place and an overview of the Work Plan for 2013-2014.

2. STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIVITIES

The Social Statistics Sub-Unit continued with the collection and compilation of data in various areas in 2012. Data from National Statistical Offices/Websites and publications for Member States and Associate Members for various sub-areas were collected.

Databases were updated in the following areas: labour force statistics, education, crime, health, migration, power and decision-making, vital statistics, poverty, population/households and families, Millennium Development Goals/Caribbean Specific Millennium Development Goals (MDGs/CSMDGs) and 2010 Census (preliminary and final) results. Also Metadata were collected, compiled for the various areas. Draft publications were prepared and sent to member countries for verification and/or

published via the Web. A first draft Quality Assurance Framework for Social Statistics was prepared.

2.1 Update of Social/Gender Statistics Databases

Labour Force Statistics

The database on labour force statistics was updated and revised with current data and data from previous years for the period 1997-2012. Data was collected from eleven (11) countries of which six (6) countries had recent labour data varying from 2010 to 2012.

Education Statistics

The database was revised and updated from previous years from eight (8) countries (1994-2011). Five (5) of these countries had recent data for 2010-2011.

Health Statistics

Health data was collected from six (6) countries of which four (4) with recent data up to 2010. The database was revised and updated with data from previous years (1992 to 2010). The Social Statistics Unit has also contributed to the Health Fact Sheets/Profiles by countries for Caribbean Wellness Day. This data was generated from databases from the Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO) which was published by the Health Unit in the Human and Social Development Directorate of the CARICOM Secretariat.

Population, Households and Families

Mid-year population data for 2010 was received from all Member States and Associate Members. Furthermore, population data from the 2010 Census Round was received for ten (10) countries.

Crime

Database was revised and updated with data from previous years for the period 1995-2010 from seven (7) countries. Four (4) of these countries sent data up to 2010.

Vital Statistics

Recent data and data from previous years were collected from nine (9) countries for the period 1992-2012. The database was updated. Data for only one (1) country was received from 2011 and three (3) countries from 2010. Data on Crude Birth Rate and Crude Death Rate was disseminated via the Web.

MDGs/CSMDGs

The databases were updated with data from all countries for the period 2005-2010. A draft CSMDG Metadata has been prepared and is currently being reviewed by an in-house team. Also a draft of selected CSMDG indicators has been prepared and sent to countries for validation.

It should be noted however that there are still data gaps in all of the above mentioned areas in Social Statistics. Also, most of the data have been sourced from the websites.

Quality Assurance Framework for Social Statistics

The Social Statistics Quality Assurance Framework (QAF) is still in progress, but work has been done in the documentation of processes such as confidentiality, data collection methods/systems and procedures. Currently data request logs and data dissemination logs are being used to contribute to the improvement of the work being done. Also a data dictionary is being prepared.

3. DISSEMINATION/PUBLICATIONS

Intense Research was done and data collected for the preparation of publications. Inventories were compiled of publications produced by NSOs, information on line ministries and government websites.

The following were disseminated via the Web:

- Draft Millennium Development Goals Indicators for CARICOM Countries 2000, 2005-2010;
- Demographic Indicators/Profiles 2005-2010 for both Member States and Associate Members;
- Vital Statistics 2000, 2005-latest year (Crude Birth Rate and Crude Death Rate);
- Mid-Year Population Estimates 2000-2010 for both Member States and Associate Members;
- Census Population Total, Female and Male Population 1990, 2000 and 2010;
- Census Rounds for both Member States and Associate Members;
- Selected Socio-Economic Indicators.

Publications in progress (compiled but not yet disseminated):

- Draft Selected CSMDG Indicators 2000, 2005-2011;
- Draft CSMDG Metadata (already completed);
- Draft Revised Minimum set of Indicators for CSME (for Social Indicators)

CHALLENGES

Generally, publications, brochure, tables etc. are available on countries websites. The indicators are very informative but are generally country specific and may not reflect the core and other indicators that have been agreed to in the formulation of the CARICOM Programme on Social/Gender Statistics.

Many areas are sourced from the line ministries and data collection generally from these sources pose challenges.

With Census (and post Census activities) taking place, the staff (of the National Statistical Offices) may not be able to attend to other demands in a timely manner.

In spite of the above challenges, with strengthened collaboration and partnerships with the countries, the Secretariat has been able to collect a reasonable amount of data to close some of the data gaps.

Nevertheless, the Secretariat was able to publish a draft copy of the MDGs data (goals 1-6), a draft of the CSMDGs data, and other draft publications as mentioned earlier.

4. WORK PLAN FOR SOCIAL/GENDER STATISTICS 2013-2014

The following activities are included in the Social/Gender Statistics Work Plan for 2013 - 2014

- (i) Continue to collect, compile, validate and disseminate data;
- (ii) Continue with updating of these databases with timely up-to-date data;
- (iii) Continue research, collection and documentation of metadata;
- (iv) Review and revise Metadata in collaboration with Member States;
- (v) Continue work in data quality assurance framework;
- (vi) Review/Refine list of Indicators and/or come up with List of Indicators for new areas;
- (vii) Disseminate Publications such as Selected CSMDG Indicators, CSMDG Metadata, Revised Minimum Set of Indicators for CSME, Power and Decision Making, and other sub-areas;
- (viii) Continue collaboration with relevant agencies to improve the respective systems of statistics.

ACTION REQUIRED

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

- (i) **consider** the status of Social/Gender data submissions by Member States, the challenges encountered, and the progress of the developmental work being undertaken in this area;
- (ii) **request** the cooperation of countries in the submission of data and to respond to other requests;
- (iii) **support** the Secretariat's Work Programme for 2013-2014 in the area of Social/Gender Statistics.
