

**THIRTY- EIGHTH MEETING OF
THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF
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**STATUS REPORT ON SOCIAL/GENDER STATISTICS AND
THE PROGRAMME OF WORK 2014-2015****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 2013. 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 2014 - 2015.

2. STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIVITIES

The Social Statistics Sub-Unit continued with the collection and compilation of data in various areas in 2013. 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, poverty, power and decision-making, vital statistics, Millennium Development Goals/Caribbean Specific Millennium Development Goals (MDGs/CSMDGs). Existing tables were updated on the Web (i.e. Mid-Year Population, Crude Birth Rates, Crude Death Rates were updated with 2011 data). Draft reports on Crime Statistics and

Poverty data were prepared. These reports are currently being reviewed in-house and will be sent to countries for feedback before dissemination.

2.1 Update of Social/Gender Statistics Databases

Labour Force Statistics

The database on labour force statistics was updated and revised with data collected from six (6) countries (2012). The table on employment by Industry was updated with data from four (4) countries (2008-2012).

Education Statistics

Education data were collected from three (3) member countries (2010-2011). A couple of countries submitted data on literacy rates based on census information.

Health Statistics

Health data were collected from two (2) countries (2011/2012). The vital statistics database was updated with data collected for 8 countries (2011-2012). Also vital statistics were collected for 2006-2013 from the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD).

Population, Households and Families

Population databases were updated based on mid-year population data for 2011 received from eight (8) Member States and Associate Members and other indicators.

Crime

Crime data were collected for sixteen (16) countries for the period 2000 - 2011.

Power and Decision-making

Data were collected for fifteen (15) countries (2005-2010) and database was updated.

Poverty

Poverty data were collected from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) website for twelve (12) countries (2000-2010).

Youth

Data on youth were requested from member countries. So far the Secretariat has received Census 2010 youth data from four (4) countries and special surveys / reports from three (3) countries.

MDGs/CSMDGs

The databases were updated with data from nine (9) countries for the period 2011/2012. Also a draft of selected CSMDG indicators has been prepared and sent to countries for validation.

Revised Minimum Indicators

The database on the revised minimum indicators was updated.

Other activities:

International Year of Statistics 2013 (Statistics2013)

A presentation on Population ageing in the Caribbean – Issues and Implications was done as part of the activities launching the International Year of Statistics at the CARICOM Secretariat. Also a presentation on some quick facts on Census 2010 was prepared and presented as part of the activities during the month of May to mark Statistics2013.

Inter-Agency Collaborations

The Secretariat followed-up with Member States via email on sustaining inter-agency meetings, progress etc. Responses were received to date from six (6) countries.

Data Availability Matrix

The data availability matrix was updated showing the status of indicators for the areas of Education, Health, Crime, Labour, Power and Decision-making, Population, Poverty, MDGs, CSMDGs and Vital Statistics.

It should be noted, however, that many data gaps still exist in all of the above mentioned areas in Social Statistics. But continuous efforts have been made to exhaust what is available at the various sources.

3. DATA REQUESTS

Data requests both internal and external were filled amounting to fourteen (14) at the time of preparation of this status report. Data were requested on the following employment in services, latest population figures for CARICOM countries, MDG indicators, HIV/AIDS, employment by Industry, youth unemployment rates, etc.

4. DISSEMINATION/PUBLICATIONS

Intense research was done and data collected for the preparation of publications. Inventories were compiled of publications produced by National Statistics Offices (NSOs), information on line ministries and government websites.

Publications in progress (compiled but not yet disseminated):

- Draft Crime Statistics Report
- Draft Poverty Report

5. WORK PLAN FOR SOCIAL/GENDER STATISTICS 2014-2015

The following activities are included in the Social/Gender Statistics Work Plan for 2014 - 2015

- (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 a List of Indicators for new areas;
- (vii) Disseminate publications such as Crime, Poverty and 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;
- (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 2014-2015 in the area of Social/Gender Statistics.
