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**COUNTRY REPORT: BARBADOS**

AREA OF STATISTICS	DATA PRODUCTION (Tables etc.)	DATA DISSEMINATED	DATA GAPS	BEST PRACTICES/ CHALLENGES	RESOURCES REQUIRED (Technical Assistance Training Applied or Required)	USE OF TECHNOLOGY
<b>BUSINESS SURVEYS:</b> Index of Industrial Production (IIP)	Bulletin	Yes: to various Ministries	None	Base year is 1994. Revision is needed.	Technical assistance to rebase index	MS Excel software
Survey of Employment, Earnings & Hours	No estimates or publications produced to date	No	No wage index produced for over 30 years; No wages data.	EEH Survey data was captured; needs to be analyzed for dissemination (low response rate).	Technical assistance desired for creating Wage Index	MS Access for data capture
Producers' Price Index (PPI)	<b>Released 2014/10/15</b>	(on BSS Website)	Index started April 2011	Monthly survey	CARTAC technical assistance was obtained	MS Excel software
Business Register	None – internal use at present	To users requesting business listings		Using data from 2010 Population Census for benchmark update		MS Access for data capture
<b>TRADE</b> Imports/ Exports and Re- Exports	Monthly/Quarterly/ Annual Tables	Yes: to various Ministries	None	E-tariff list not yet available from Customs	Training in progress re. application of Eurotrace software	MS Access; Eurotrace
Import/Export Price Index	<b>Released 2014/10/15</b>	(on BSS Website)	Index started 2007	Annual index originally; quarterly from 2010	TA from CARTAC	MS Excel software
<b>NATIONAL ACCOUNTS</b> Annual Current Price GDP	Tables by Expenditure and Industry	Yes: in Barbados Economic and Social Report	None	SNA 93 series from 1990	TA from CARTAC	MS Excel software
Annual Constant Price GDP (2006 base year)	Under construction	No. To be presented to Cabinet Sub- committee	Series started 2000	Based on SNA 93 series	Technical Assistance provided by CARTAC	MS Excel software

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Quarterly Constant Price GDP	N/A	N/A	Under review		TA requested from CARTAC	
Supply and Use Table (SUT)	Under construction	N/A	(Last SUT for 2000)		TA provided by another Project.	
Tourism Satellite Account (TSA)	Under construction	N/A		Working with CTO/regional project	Human resources and TA needed	
<b>CENSUSES &amp; SURVEYS:</b>						
Labour Force Survey	Quarterly bulletin	Yes: on BSS Website	none		None	SPSS
Enhanced LFS (pilot)	(being planned for 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter 2015)	N/A	N/A		TA and human resources provided by another Project.	CAPI SPSS
Informal Sector & Informal Employment Module 2009	(To be analyzed)	No	Ad hoc	Capacity limited for analysis	TA being sourced from IDB	SPSS
Household Budget Survey (HBS) 2009	(To be processed)	No	Ad hoc		TA needed	SPSS
Retail Price Index	Monthly bulletin	Yes: to various Ministries	none	To be revised (using HBS 2009)	TA needed	MS Excel software
<b>SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATISTICS</b>						
Tourism Statistics	Monthly bulletin of Tourist Arrivals	Yes: to various Ministries	none	Lost services of trained staff. Now re-building capacity.	Recommendations made by Project consultants (OPM)	SPSS
Vital Statistics	Births & Deaths	Yes: in Economic and Social Report	none	Lost services of trained staff. Now re-building capacity.		SPSS, MS Excel software
Social Statistics	Worksheets	To CARICOM		Data lag in administrative data		MS Excel software
Environment Statistics	Worksheets	To CARICOM		Loss of human resource capacity		MS Excel software
Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS)	<b>Report released 2014/09/24</b>	On CD; hardcopy; UNICEF's Website	Enumeration in 2012	Utilized services of MICS Technical Committee	TA and resources from UNICEF	CSPRO software used for data entry; SPSS