Global Gender Statistics Programme: Building the Evidence for Decision Making

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Statistics for Decision Making

• Importance of statistics for evidenced-based decision-making, already recognized in Beijing Platform of Action.

BPA Strategic Objective H.3.
Generate and disseminate gender disaggregated data and information for planning and evaluation

• Request the UN Statistics Division/DESA to have an important coordinating role in international work in statistics (para 333).
Global Gender Statistics Programme

- IAEG-GS
- Global Gender Statistics Forum
- Methodological development and capacity building
- EDGE initiative
- The World’s Women 2015
IAEG-GS

- Global Gender Statistics Programme is coordinated by IAEG-GS (Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Gender Statistics)

- Aims to improve coordination and synergies among existing initiatives on gender statistics

- Comprises international, regional and national agencies

- UNSD Secretariat; Reports to UN Statistical Commission

- 8 annual meetings since 2007

- Currently chaired by Mexico
Global Forum on Gender Statistics

• To promote international standards; share best practices on gender statistics; and reinforce the dialogue between users and producers of statistics.

1st Rome, 2007

2nd Accra, 2009

3rd Manila, 2010

4th Dead Sea, 2012

5th Aguascalientes, 2014
Methodological Development and Capacity-Building

• Promoting methodological development and strengthening capacity in emerging areas of gender concern
  • Integrating a Gender Perspective into Statistics
    ✓ New Manual (available online on UNSD Wiki platform)
  • Violence against Women
    ✓ UN Guidelines for the Production of Statistics on Violence Against Women, 2013
  • Time Use
    ✓ International Classification of Activities for Time Use Statistics-ICATUS
Internationally-agreed 52 indicators to monitor gender equality and women’s empowerment

Five domains

- Economic structures, participation in productive activities and access to resources
- Education
- Health and related services
- Human rights of women and the girl child
- Public life and decision-making
EDGE Initiative

- EDGE (Evidence and Data for Gender Equality) initiative: 3-year joint initiative by UNSD and UN Women (2013-2015)
- Partners include ADB, AfDB, FAO, OECD, and World Bank
- Seek to generate comparable gender indicators
- Develop guidelines to measure individual level asset ownership and entrepreneurship from a gender perspective
The World’s Women 2015: Trends and Statistics

- 6th edition, produced every 5 years since 1991

- Looking at the current status of women and men and at progress since 1995 in key areas of gender concern as per BPA

- Based on statistics mainly compiled by specialized agencies and UNSD

- Official launch in October 2015
Lessons Learned

- More gender data are available. About 150+ countries are monitoring and collecting national gender statistics. However, wide regional disparities remain.
- Most NSOs still lack adequate human and financial resources to collect, analyze and disseminate gender statistics.
- Need to further strengthen the cooperation among producers of statistics in various fields.
- Limited political will and awareness of the importance of gathering gender statistics.
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