



# 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.

1<sup>st</sup> Rome, 2007



2<sup>nd</sup> Accra, 2009



3<sup>rd</sup> Manila, 2010



4<sup>th</sup> Dead Sea, 2012



5<sup>th</sup> 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

# UN Minimum Set of Gender Indicators



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



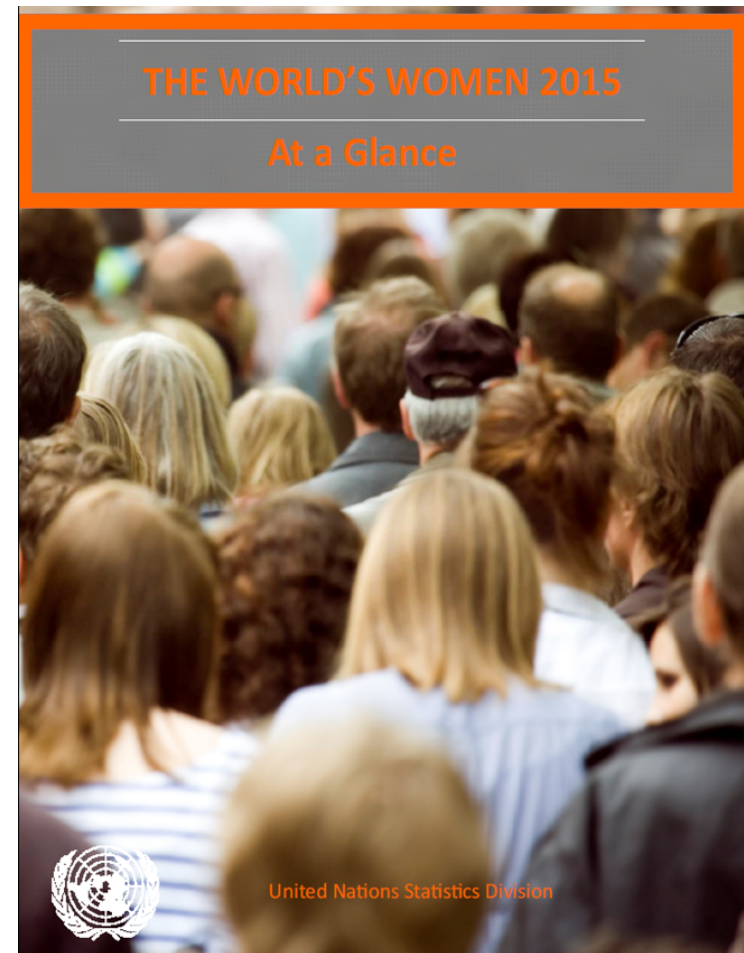
- EDGE (Evidence and Data for Gender Equality) initiative: 3-year joint initiative by UNSD and UN Women (2013-2015)
- Partners include ADB, AfDB, FAO, OECD, and World Bank
- Seek to generate comparable gender indicators
- Develop guidelines to measure **individual level asset ownership** and **entrepreneurship**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



# The World's Women 2015: Trends and Statistics



- 6<sup>th</sup> 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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