

Subprogramme 3. Statistics

<i>Implementing entity:</i> ECE, Statistical Division				Budget Summary (thousands of US dollars)			
<i>Relationship to the strategic framework for the period 2014-2015:</i> Programme 17, Subprogramme 3, Statistics, expected accomplishment (c)				<i>2010-2011 expenditure</i>	<i>2012-2013 appropriation</i>	<i>2014-2015 estimate</i>	
<i>Objective:</i> To strengthen the national capacities of countries with economies in transition of the UNECE region, with a special focus on EECCA countries, to implement effectively international standards and good practices in the production of economic, social, demographic and environmental statistics with a special emphasis on indicators for monitoring of sustainable development strategies and other internationally agreed development goals.				Other staff costs	473.9	545.1	540.0
				Consultants	0.6	0.0	0.0
				Travel of staff	74.6	71.0	77.6
				Participants in seminars	35.1	15.7	29.9
				Total	584.2	631.8	647.5
<i>Expected accomplishments</i>		<i>Indicators of achievement</i>		<i>Activities/outputs/projects¹</i>			
(a) Improved skills of beneficiary countries to disseminate and communicate statistical indicators relevant for monitoring of sustainable development strategies and other internationally agreed development goals using modern web-based dissemination tools and extraction software		Number of EECCA countries having uploaded on their website an interactive statistical data base allowing users to extract tailor-made tables, graphs and charts <i>2010-2011:</i> 1 <i>Estimate 2012-2013:</i> 2 <i>Target 2014-2015:</i> 8		The broadening of the scope of traditional statistical measures to include timely, reliable and internationally comparable indicators for the monitoring of sustainable development policies remains a major challenge in the improvement of the statistical capacity of UNECE countries with economies in transition. Emerging users' needs for integrated social, demographic, economic and environmental data will require further development of the organisational and technical capacities of statistical agencies of beneficiary countries to collect, process and disseminate official statistics. The major objectives are to improve the efficiency of the statistical production, increase the coverage and accuracy of statistical indicators, and enhance the capacity to disseminate statistical information using modern web-based technologies and software.			
(b) Increased capacity of beneficiary countries to address their capacity gaps to produce statistical information in compliance with international standards, including the UN Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics		i) Number of EECCA countries incorporating the recommendations of global assessments in their National Strategies for the Development of Statistics (NSDS) <i>2010-2011:</i> 1 <i>Estimate 2012-2013:</i> 3 <i>Target 2014-2015:</i> 8		This will be achieved by promoting the exchange of national best practices at sub-regional level, undertaking benchmark studies and stimulating the establishment of an active network of experts. Advisory missions and training workshops will be conducted in response to requests for assistance to improve the statistical capacity of South East European (SEE) and Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) countries in various areas, such as economic and business statistics, MDG indicators, demographic and social statistics, gender statistics, migration statistics, environment and sustainable development statistics. The activities will strongly rely on global assessments of national statistical systems conducted jointly by the UNECE, Eurostat and EFTA. The global assessments will provide recommendations for the development of statistical capacities in EECCA and SEE countries. One of the major expected accomplishments of the subprogramme is that countries systematically integrate these recommendations into their National Strategies for the Development of Statistics to be developed by the World Bank (WB), jointly with national statistical authorities and ECE. NSDSs will serve as a framework for international and bilateral assistance and to mobilise resources from the WB Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity Building (WB-TFSCB). RPTC resources will be complemented by the DA resources, as well as extra-budgetary resources. To ensure the effective delivery of its technical cooperation activities, the subprogramme will continue to forge partnerships with major international and bilateral partners in the sub-region, in particular with the World Bank, Eurostat, CIS-STAT, EFTA, OECD, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNDP, ILO and the IMF.			
		(ii) Number of EECCA and SEE countries providing quality reports and documenting the production processes of economic, social and environmental statistics <i>2010-2011:</i> 9 <i>Estimate 2012-2013:</i> 12 <i>Target 2014-2015:</i> 15					
<i>Output summary (participants)</i>				<i>Impact summary</i>			
	<i>2010-2011 Actual</i>	<i>2012-2013 Estimate</i>	<i>2014-2015 Estimate</i>	During 2010-2011 biennium, the ECE, jointly with Eurostat and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA), started to conduct global assessments (GA) of national statistical systems in countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA). The purpose of a GAs is to provide a comprehensive picture of the state of development of official statistics in a country and to identify capacity gaps to produce statistical information in compliance with international standards, including the UN Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics. By 2011, relevant authorities in 4 EECCA countries have reviewed the institutional and legal framework of their respective national statistical systems based on the outcome of their Global Assessments. By 2013, GAs will be conducted in 9 beneficiary countries upon their request. The main recommendations provided in GA reports will be included into national multi-year and annual statistical programmes of work. Funding gaps at the national level will be identified and communicated to potential international and bilateral donors. By 2015, most of the EECCA countries will align their statistics to ECE standards and methods; their production processes will be optimized and internationally comparable statistical information will be accessible online through user-friendly web applications.			
Advisory services	13	26	24				
Seminar/workshops	8 (154)	10 (250)	12 (300)				
Field projects	-	-	-				
Total	22	36	36				

¹ Indicative: subject to beneficiary requests