

## Subprogramme 3. Statistics

<i>Implementing entity:</i> ECE, Statistical Division		<i>Budget summary (thousands of United States dollars)</i>			
<i>Relationship to the biennial programme plan for the period 2014-2015:</i> programme 17, subprogramme 3, expected accomplishment (c)		<i>2010-2011 expenditure</i>	<i>2012-2013 resources at revised rates</i>	<i>2014-2015 estimate</i>	
<i>Objective:</i> To strengthen the national capacities of countries with economies in transition of the ECE region, with a special focus on countries in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia 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		General temporary assistance	473.9	527.2	529.4
		Consultants	0.6	–	–
		Travel of staff	74.6	70.9	81.2
		Participants in seminars	35.1	15.3	13.3
		<b>Total</b>	<b>584.2</b>	<b>613.4</b>	<b>623.9</b>
<i>Expected accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>	<i>Activities/outputs/projects<sup>a</sup></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	(a) Number of countries in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia having uploaded on their website an interactive statistical data base allowing users to extract tailor-made tables, graphs and charts  2010-2011: 1 Estimate 2012-2013: 2 Target 2014-2015: 8	Advisory missions and training workshops will be conducted in response to requests for assistance to improve the statistical capacity of countries in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the South Caucasus and Central Asia in various areas, such as economic and business statistics, Millennium Development Goal 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 ECE, Eurostat and the European Free Trade Association. The global assessments will provide recommendations for the development of statistical capacities in countries in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe. One of the major expected accomplishments of the subprogramme is that countries systematically integrate those recommendations into their national strategies for the development of statistics to be developed by the World Bank, jointly with national statistical authorities and ECE. National strategies for the development of statistics will serve as a framework for international and bilateral assistance and to mobilize resources from the World Bank Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity-building.  Regular programme of technical cooperation resources will be complemented by Development Account resources, as well as extrabudgetary 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 subregion, in particular with the World Bank, Eurostat, CIS-STAT, the European Free Trade Association, OECD, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNDP, ILO and IMF.			
(b) Increased capacity of beneficiary countries to address their capacity gaps to produce statistical information in compliance with international standards, including the United Nations Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics	(b) (i) Number of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia countries incorporating the recommendations of global assessments in their national strategies for the development of statistics  2010-2011: 1 Estimate 2012-2013: 3 Target 2014-2015: 8  (ii) Number of countries in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe providing quality reports and documenting the production processes of economic, social and environmental statistics  2010-2011: 9 Estimate 2012-2013: 12 Target 2014-2015: 15				

<i>Output summary (participants)</i>				<i>Impact summary</i>
	<i>Actual 2010-2011</i>	<i>Estimate 2012-2013</i>	<i>Estimate 2014-2015</i>	
Advisory services	13	26	24	<p>During the biennium 2010-2011, ECE, jointly with Eurostat and the European Free Trade Association, started to conduct global assessments of national statistical systems in countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia. The purpose of a global assessment 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 United Nations Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics. By 2011, relevant authorities in four countries in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia had reviewed the institutional and legal framework of their respective national statistical systems based on the outcome of their global assessments.</p> <p>By 2013, global assessments will be conducted in nine beneficiary countries, upon their request. The main recommendations provided in General Assembly reports will be included in 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.</p> <p>By 2015, most of the countries in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia 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.</p>
Seminars/workshops	8 (154)	10 (250)	12 (300)	
Field projects	–	–	–	
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>36</b>	

<sup>a</sup> Indicative; subject to beneficiary requests.