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Review of subprogramme performance and programme planning

Draft Strategic Framework 2018-2019

Population component of Subprogramme 08: Housing, Land Management and Population

Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures

Objective of the Organization: To improve the housing, urban and land governance, and to promote the evidence-based formulation and implementation of sustainable population and social cohesion policies in the region

<i>Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>	<i>Performance measures</i>			
		<i>2018-2019</i>	<i>2016-2017</i>	<i>2014-2015</i>	
(c) Enhanced national formulation and implementation of evidence-based policies on population ageing, intergenerational and gender relations	(c) Increased number of countries that have adjusted their national policies or introduced new measures for implementing the ECE Regional Implementation Strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002	Target	39	36	33
		Estimate		36	33
		Actual			33

Strategy

The subprogramme consists of two components: (a) housing and land management (HLM), in the Economic Cooperation, Trade, and Land Management Division; and (b) population, in the Statistics Division.

The objective of the subprogramme will be achieved through: (a) international policy dialogue on housing, urban development and land administration, and on population issues; (b) normative work on affordable and energy efficient housing, urban planning and development and land administration; and (c) capacity building and sharing of best practices and lessons learned in all areas of subprogramme's work.

[...]

The population component of the subprogramme will work to ensure the progress in implementing the ECE Regional Strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and the outcome of the Istanbul Ministerial Conference on Ageing (2017). It will address the challenges of demographic change and better use of the potential of older persons. It will provide a platform for intergovernmental policy debate on matters relating to ageing and will facilitate communication with a wider network of experts and non-governmental organizations. It will support evidence-based policymaking and monitoring of the implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action by coordinating data collection and policy-oriented research on ageing and intergenerational and gender relations.

The population component will also support the development of national capacities for policy formulation by providing policy advice on national action plans on ageing as well as providing capacity-building.

The subprogramme will contribute to the post-2015 development agenda by promoting the achievement of housing, urban and land-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially the SDG 11 “Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable”, as well as the population-related SDGs. The subprogramme will establish synergies in the respective areas of work with other ECE subprogrammes, including 1 Environment, 2 Transport, 3 Statistics, 4 Economic Cooperation and Integration, 5 Sustainable Energy, and 7 Forestry and Timber.

External factors

The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objective and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) there are adequate national statistical data and information available on housing, urban development, land management, and population issues; (b) there are political will, an adequate legislative and regulatory framework, adequate institutions and sufficient resources to allow member States to implement the recommendations of the Committee on Housing and Land Management; (c) there is political will to support activities that improve the knowledge base and capacity for designing and implementing population-related policies and programmes; and (d) there are extrabudgetary resources available for the preparation of studies and guidelines and undertaking of country and city profile studies, and for population-related activities.
