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Recent progress and plans for the development of migration statistics in the Mediterranean countries under MEDSTAT and MED-HIMS

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Introduction

Main entities

- MEDSTAT - *Euro-Mediterranean Statistical Cooperation*
  - Always including Migration as a priority sector


- EMWGMS - *Euro-Mediterranean WG on Migration Statistics*, coordinated by CAS-Lebanon under the new statistical cooperation framework supervised by the *Forum of Euro-MED Statisticians* launched in 2013

- Other means of support on migration data/statistics (e.g. for the EU: *Pan African Statistics*, EUROMED Migration and MIEUX/TAIEX)
Introduction

- Main activities implemented under MEDSTAT Migration (last decade) and MED-HIMS
  - Sharing and documentation of practices through regional meetings, a guide/catalogue, ...
  - Strengthening the inter-institutional collaboration
  - Capacity building and technical assistance
  - Pilot works on the elaboration of individual data records
  - Setting of the EMWGMS
  - Methodological development and support to the definition of survey projects and the first surveys in the case of MED-HIMS

- No data collection through yearly questionnaires
Introduction

- **Main objectives under MEDSTAT IV Migration**
  - To support the EMWGMS in contributing to the coordination and development of tools for MED-HIMS and strengthening the better use of other data sources
  - **Mainly aimed measurements**
    - Yearly statistics on flows and stocks of migrants
    - Statistics on the demographic and socio-economic characteristics and attitudes of migrants and potential migrants
    - According to international requirements or at least comparable within the region
Migration surveys

- Very few cases under the NSSs
- MED-HIMS
  - Unique experience under the international coordination with the involvement of the NSIs
  - Surveys in Egypt (2013) and Jordan (2014) and pilot survey in Morocco (2013/2014)
  - Development and revision of Model Questionnaires (respectively in 2009/2012 and 2016/2017)
  - Development of tools for MED-HIMS “light” (ongoing)
  - New surveys planned in Morocco (2018), Algeria and Tunisia
  - Main constraints from the lack/delay of international funding and the delay in issuing the results of first surveys
General statistical operations

- Varying practices in measuring migration through the population censuses and general surveys
- **Current proposal** for household surveys
  - To use a set of questions proposed by UNSD with some adaptations as well as two additional questions, providing for:
    - The country of birth & country of citizenship
    - The duration of stay & main reason for immigration for foreign-born persons
    - The return migration for nationals
    - The household members currently abroad
  - Mainly based on its feasibility and the usefulness for monitoring the SDGs indicators through household surveys (when the distinction by ‘migration status’ is requested)
General statistical operations

- Case of question on the duration of stay

Duration of stay in the country for foreign-born persons

ASK OF PERSONS BORN IN ANOTHER COUNTRY
On which year and month did (person) first arrive in (this country) to live for a year or more?
Year _____  Month _____  Unknown

Proposal for MEDSTAT countries:
On which year and month did (person) last arrive in (this country) to live for a year or more?
Other means (administrative sources, ...)

- General situation
  - Recent improvement of several registration systems
  - Existence of some country-specific registration procedures
  - Apart from border crossing, statistics based on administrative sources available only occasionally
  - Lack of statistics on flows and stocks of migrants on yearly basis
  - Limited use of integration of data sources, use of mirror statistics and estimations
  - Particular cases of Israel, Morocco, Libya, Palestine, ...
Other means (administrative sources, ...)

- **Current proposal for a shared tabulation**
  - To collect some tables based on the residence permits
    - *First time residence permits granted by duration, reason and country of citizenship during 2017*
    - *Valid residence permits by duration, reason and country of citizenship at end-2017*
    - *Valid residence permits by duration, sex, age group and country of citizenship at end-2017*
  - Mainly based on its feasibility and the opportunity for renewing the collaboration between national partner services in view of successive, more complex steps
Conclusions

- Regional frameworks as useful platforms of exchange and cooperation
- Good practice of conceiving/developing model tools and implementing the first surveys under MED-HIMS, although the concerns for cost/funding issues and some delay and the limited implementation of national surveys so far
- Concerning other components, lack of consolidation and reproduction of activities for the better use of administrative sources
- High expectation from the extension of coverage and the “light” tools of MED-HIMS, the new data collection tools and the enhancement of systems/elaborations in pioneer countries
## Conclusions

### Concluding considerations for the country level

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