Global Assessment and NSDS: The way forward for effective cooperation in statistical capacity building

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Statistical Capacity Building Process

**Awareness Raising and Advocacy**
Dialogue and information exchange, regional workshops towards country-led action

**GA and NSDS**
To prepare a specific statistical capacity building project for national or donor funding

**Sustainable Statistical Capacity**
Investments by governments, bilateral and multilateral donors including the WB
Statistical Capacity Building Approach

- Coordinate support for statistics through a “system wide approach”
- Increase funding for statistics
- Coordinate technical assistance to countries
- Build on existing mechanisms and programs, with improved monitoring and feedback
- Focus on implementation of country-owned strategies
- Pool donor funding to support country-led programs
- Target countries with weak statistical systems and with a commitment to change

The first step is to design an NSDS that could provide a country with a vision of the development of statistics and a detailed, costed action plan over a period of 5 to 10 years that covers the production of all official statistics.
Global Assessment

• is an important tool for building a sustainable statistical system and provides a clear picture of the state of development of official statistics in the country;

• focuses not only on statistical products and services but also on the means to achieve them (resource allocation and management);

• evaluates to what extent processes ensure that products and services are fit for their purpose (effectiveness);

• assesses the coordination of the national statistical system and the organization of the production process from data collection to dissemination (efficiency).
Global Assessment Covers

• Legal and institutional aspects of the NSOS
  *Fundamental principles of Official Statistics, Statistical Law, Coordination of the National System of Official Statistics*

• Technical and organizational capacity to produce and disseminate official statistics
  *Structure and functioning of the NSO and other producers of official statistics, data collection – statistical registers – data processing - dissemination*

• Compliance of statistical output with international standards, norms and recommendations
National Strategy for Development of Statistics (NSDS)

• is a nationally-owned and led, holistic strategic development plan for statistics;
• provides a vision and strategy for the development of statistics with a detailed and budgeted action plan over a period of 5 to 10 years that covers the entire national statistical system;
• is designed through a participatory process led by national authorities, in close collaboration with all key actors in the system.
Key Characteristics of NSDS

• Integrated into national development policies;
• Covers production, dissemination, analysis, and use of data and addresses the related issues;
• Includes all statistical production units, and serves as a framework for development of statistics for various sectors;
• Serves as framework for international and bilateral assistance;
• Integrates existing activities and draws on the past experiences;
• Conforms to international standards.
Components of a Typical NSDS

- Background and process,
- Current status of national statistical system,
- Assessment of strengths and weaknesses of current system,
- Outline of strategic development plan,
- Time-bound implementation program,
- Investment and financing plan,
- Implementation plan.
Successful examples of cooperation

- Kazakhstan
  - GA and NSDS were prepared in parallel
  - NSDS is being implemented
- Kyrgyzstan
  - GA and NSDS were prepared in parallel
  - NSDS will be implemented
- Tajikistan
  - NSDS was prepared and implemented and
  - A new NSDS was prepared
  - GA assessment helped updating the NSDS for implementation
- Mongolia
  - NSDS was prepared and under implementation
  - GA will be prepared soon
Statistical Capacity Building Process

1. NSDS
2. Statistical Capacity Building Project
3. Monitoring and Evaluation
4. Awareness and Advocacy
5. Global Assessment

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