UNECE project on implementation of recommendations from Global Assessments

Strengthening National Capacities for the Sustainable Development of Statistics

Seminar on Global Assessments for the development of national statistical systems

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ID Card of the Project

- Project developed under the 9th tranche of the UN Development Account (UNDA)
- **Title**: Strengthening national capacity in most vulnerable UNECE countries for the sustainable development of statistics
- **Beneficiaries**: Armenia, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan
- **Duration**: 2014-2017
- **Budget**: USD 532,000
Main Objectives

- Strengthen the legal and institutional framework of NSSs
- Improve coordination of work among national statistical authorities
- Improve organisation of work and production processes (modernisation)
- Enhance awareness among national experts about international recommendations and guidelines and share best implementation practices
- Support the development of user-friendly dissemination and communication tools

Addressing these elements is expected to help improve the capacity of national statistical systems to deliver high-quality internationally comparable statistics
Comparative Advantage

The comparative advantages of the project are the following:

- The project relies on a systemic assessment of national statistical systems of beneficiary countries and on recommendations provided in AGAs.
- The project does not focus on deliveries, but rather on the legal, institutional, organisational and technical frameworks and capacities of the NSS.
- The project supports all phases of the cycle of statistical capacity building:
  - Assessment and recommendations
  - Strategic planning
  - Implementation (development actions)
  - Taking-stock (sustainability)
Modus Operandi

- Recommendations from Global Assessments are translated into operational implementation steps and incorporated into annual and multi-year statistical work programmes
- Need for technical assistance and funding opportunities for the implementation of the recommendations are identified
- UNECE will provide advisory services and organise national and sub-regional workshops and training seminars
- At the end of the project, a “light” assessment/review will take stock of progress and address remaining gaps and asymmetries with international recommendations, guidelines and methodologies
Coordination and Collaboration

- The project aims at reinforcing the coordination role of the National Statistical Office within the NSS.
- The project should contribute to the coordination of activities and further mobilise financial and technical resources from multilateral and bilateral donors.
- The project will draw on existing mechanisms and established partnerships with national and international statistical agencies (ESCAP, Eurostat, EFTA, WB, UNSD…).

The project responds to the call of the Rio+20 Summit to support the development of national institutional framework for monitoring sustainable development in all its dimensions: social, economic and environmental.
Three Essential Tools

The success of the project relies on three fundamental tools:

- Adapted Global Assessments (AGAs) recently conducted in most EECCA countries, jointly by EFTA/Eurostat/UNECE, and in Mongolia (EFTA/UNESCAP/UNECE)
- Eurostat (-UNECE) monitoring tool for the implementation of recommendations based on annual self-assessment surveys
- Eurostat (-UNECE) annual donor coordination survey
Follow-up Strategy

AGA

Master Plan – NSDS

Work programme (annual)

Self-assessment survey (annual)

Donor questionnaire (annual)

Light assessment/review

Master Plan – NSDS

Feedback

Fund raising / Technical cooperation
Some Remaining Issues

- Two SPECA countries have still not requested an AGA, which is a prerequisite for participating in the project.
- How the project, with the support of partner organisations, can also cover “left-out” EECCA countries (Azerbaijan, Belarus and Kazakhstan).
- How to improve response to the annual self-assessment questionnaire and the donor coordination survey in SPECA countries.
Thank you for attention

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