2018 PRESS : FUNDING
STATISTICAL DEVELOPMENT IN
ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

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Outline

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Partner Report on Support to Statistics (PRESS): Overview

- PRESS was launched by PARIS21 in 2008 as an annual report to monitor global support (technical and financial) to statistical development.

- A valuable tool for funding collaboration between partners and as a means of advocacy for financing statistical development.

- It sources data from the OECD DAC Creditor Reporting System; text mining on statistics in the CRS (from 2016); and PARIS21 online questionnaire.

- Contains special reports on Small Island Developing States (SIDS), Fragile State and Least Developed Countries, and Gender Statistics (beginning this year).
• Data and statistics are attracting more resources and new donors. **Yet, funding for statistics remains insufficient.**

• Asia-Pacific region and the larger SIDS receives the lowest level of commitments compared with other regions.

• Strong and also consistent support has translated into significant improvements in statistical capacity.

• **Better mechanisms and instruments are needed** to improve collaboration among donors and close the funding gap.
The share of Official Development Assistance (ODA) focused on data and statistics was 0.33% in 2016, an increase from 0.30% the previous year.

The total commitments to statistical development increased by 5% in 2016, up from 591 Million USD in 2015.

623 Million USD total commitments

0.33% of ODA for statistics
The top 10 donors provided 88% of total commitments from 2014-2016.

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Which countries received the most support between 2014-16?

Top 5 countries received 363 M USD in 2014-2016:
• Congo (DRC) – 95M
• Kenya – 82M
• Nigeria – 68M
• Rwanda – 63M
• Mozambique – 55M

Support to statistics in comparison with other sectors in 2016

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Financing for gender statistics, 2016

Share of projects with gender statistics component

By number of projects, funded by bilateral donors
- Category 0: doesn't target on gender equality: 4%
- Category 1: gender equality as one of objectives: 35%
- 61%

By number of projects, funded by multilateral donors
- Contains activities in gender statistics: 10%
- 90%

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Share of projects with gender statistics component

By topics in gender statistics, funded by multi-lateral donors

- Women’s economic empowerment: 2%
- Leadership and political participation: 3%
- Education and vocational training: 4%
- Eliminating violence against women and gender-based violence: 10%
- Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SHRHR): 44%
- Other topics: 36%

On average, the World Bank’s statistical capacity indicator (SCI) in the top 10 recipient countries increased by 6 points from 2006 to 2016 period (SCI from 64 to 70 out of 100).

Meanwhile, other developing countries overall only increased by 2 points (from 67 to 69 out of 100).

The improvement in SCI scores provides for strong justification on the importance of consistent and sustained support to statistics: 7 of the 10 countries with increased SCI received consistent volume of support over the years instead of one-time large commitment.

Important to note: Countries that received most funding improved their SCI score.
Funding for statistical development in Asia-Pacific region declined in 2014-2016

Commitments to statistics received by Asia-Pacific

Top 10 recipient countries in Asia-Pacific (2014-2016)

Diversified list of top statistics donors in Asia Pacific

The World Bank, 19%
Others, 19%
Eurostat, 14%
Switzerland, 9%
Australia, 8%
Korea, 7%
United Kingdom, 6%
IMF, 5%
Norw..., 4%
Canada, 6%
UNFPA, 4%

Commitments to SIDS remained stagnant over five years

Only 7 SIDS received more than 1M USD in statistics funding (2014-2016)

Top 10 Recipients of SIDS in 2014-2016

- Dominican Republic: $4.5m
- Haiti: $4.4m
- Jamaica: $3.1m
- Cuba: $2.2m
- Guyana: $2.0m
- Cabo Verde: $1.2m
- Guinea-Bissau: $1.1m
- Comoros: $0.8m
- FSM: $0.7m
- Fiji: $0.5m

FSM and Fiji – two Pacific SIDS that received between half to one million USD of statistics funding during the period

Top 10 Donors for SIDS

- Eurostat, 18%
- IMF, 14%
- UNFPA, 9%
- Others, 9%
- The World Bank, 16%
- Australia, 14%
- CAN, 3%
- UNICEF, 6%
- FAO, 6%
- IADB, 5%
- USA, 2%

Looking forward: PRESS 2019 and beyond

- Wider coverage (e.g. philanthropic donors) through survey and better user experience in future surveys

- Improve the ODA purpose code in statistical capacity development for better monitoring

- Better understand the trade-offs between focusing on countries with the greatest need and those with best chance of achieving results
Thank you for your attention.