

UNDP-ECE-The World Bank-USAID Sub-regional Workshop on gender statistics *Tashkent 11-15 July 2005*

Background

The UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Statistical Division in cooperation with UNDP Regional Centre for Europe and the CIS based in Bratislava have been engaged from 1999 to 2003 to promote the mainstreaming of gender into the production process and dissemination of statistics in the region. In 2003, UNDP and ECE jointly conducted an assessment of the quality and availability of gender statistics in the countries of CIS and South East European (SEE) region with the aim to better tailor their assistance to the current needs of the countries and avoid duplications with other donors¹. The current workshop responds to some of the problems revealed during the assessment.

In the last few years several gender statistics trainings have been organized in the region by ECE-UNDP, Statistics Sweden (with the financial support of Sida), the World Bank, and UNFPA with the aim to review general concepts and identifying specific training needs of countries. These activities have been very useful to consolidate some of the national gender statistics programmes and to expose Gender Statistics Focal Point (GSFP) to the experience of their peers in other countries. However, while some countries (such as Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Russian Federation) have made solid steps toward the improvement of gender statistics, other countries still do not have a regular programme of gender statistics and gender statistics are limited to the production of ad-hoc publications. In these countries, assistance is still needed to assist users and producers of gender statistics (and in particular mid-level and top-level managers of national statistical office) to translate into a national context the practices of engendering statistics. In addition, there is the need to focus on gender-specific areas (such as unpaid work and violence against women) in order to assist countries in improving the quality and availability of statistics in these areas. The type of assistance provided to countries should also move beyond general gender statistics training toward more focused on-the-job training.

Objectives of the meeting

The main objectives of the meeting are:

- To expose users and producers of gender statistics in the countries in the sub-region to a dialogue on the need to mainstream gender into the production, dissemination and analysis of statistics and to improve the use of statistics for gender-sensitive policy making in these countries
- To strengthen the dialogue between users and producers of gender statistics in Uzbekistan with the view to identify the relevant gender issues in the country and to initiate the necessary steps for a better mainstreaming of gender into the national statistical system

¹ The report of the assessment can be found in English and Russian at:
<http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2004.10.gender.htm>

- To initiate a dialogue in Uzbekistan and other countries in the region on the need for relevant statistics on unpaid work and violence against women and to identify methodology that could be used to collect relevant data in the region

Structure of the meeting

The meeting will be divided into two parts:

- ◆ First part, the seminar (2 and ½ days) on gender statistics will be discussing the main issues of gender statistics in the context of Uzbekistan and Central Asia. By the end of the part 1 participants will have an understanding of what are the main gender issues to address in the region and how gender statistics can help to make them visible. Issues related to quality and availability of data will also be discussed and some recommendations could be highlighted for Central Asian states. The sessions within part 1 will help to raise awareness of the participants on the need to invest in gender statistics and on the issues related to such sensitive areas as violence against women and unpaid work.
- ◆ Second part, on-the-job training (2 and ½ days) will be dedicated to the selected areas of gender statistics. Two areas of gender statistics, work and economy and decision making will be covered in details. The training is organized with lectures and work assignments where participants will be asked to develop simple analysis of data provided by the resource persons. Participants will be asked to work with computers and require a basic knowledge of Excel. At the end of the on-the-job training, participants will be able to analyze sets of data related to the labour market and decision making and make statements based on these analysis on the situation of women and men in their country. Participants should also be able to judge the quality of the data and identify data gaps.

DRAFT AGENDA

Venue:

Day	Time	Session
11 July, Monday	9:00-9:30am	Registration
	9:30-10:00	Opening ceremony Welcoming remarks by: Statistical Office Uzbekistan UN Resident Coordinator Uzbekistan Dono Abdurazakova, UNDP Regional Center Bratislava Angela Me, UNECE Statistical Division Gulnara Febres, The World Bank Institute
	10:00-10:15	Objectives and Structure of the workshop Dono Abdurazakova
	10:15-10:30	Self-introduction of participants
	10:30-11:00	Tea/Coffee Break
	11:00-11:30	Role of Gender in Social and Economic Development Dono Abdurazakova
	11:30-12:00	Gender Issues in PRSPs and the MDGs Gulnara Febres
	12:00-12:45	Discussion
	12:45- 14:00	Lunch
	14:00-14:45	Gender Statistics from Users' Perspective (a case from Sweden) Bonnie Bernstrom
	14:45-15:00	Discussion
	15:00-15:20	Gender Statistics: what is it all about? The Role of Gender Statistics in Planning and Monitoring of Gender Policy Angela Me
	15:20-15:45	Discussion
	15:45-16:00	Tea/Coffee Break
	16:00-16:20	The demand for gender statistics in Uzbekistan The Women's Committee
	16:20-16:40	The demand for gender statistics in Uzbekistan NGO representative
	16:40-17:00	The production of gender statistics in Uzbekistan National Statistical Office
	17:00-17:30	Discussion
	12 July, Tuesday	9:00-9:45
9:45-10:00		Sources of gender related data in Tajikistan Kulov Abduvali, National Statistical Office of Tajikistan
9:45-10:00		Sources of gender related data in Iran Elham Fathi, National Statistical Office of Iran
10:00-10:30		Discussion
10:30-11:00		Tea/Coffee Break
11:00-11:45		Availability and quality of data Angela Me
11:45-12:00		Availability and quality of gender statistics in Kazakhstan Mayra Amirhamova, National Statistical Office Kazakhstan
12:00-12:30		Discussion
12:30-14:00		Lunch

	14:00-15:45	Working Groups: Exercise related to availability and quality of gender statistics <i>Facilitator: Angela Me and Jessica Gardner</i>
	15:45-16:15	<i>Tea/Coffee Break</i>
	16:15-17:30	Presentation of Working Groups
13 July, Wednesday AM	9:00-9:40	Measurement of violence against women <i>Angela Me</i>
	9:40-10:00	Availability and quality of data on violence against women in Kyrgyzstan <i>Davletbaev Zamir, Ministry of Interior Kyrgyzstan</i>
	10:00-10:30	Discussion
	10:30-11:00	<i>Tea/Coffee break</i>
	11:00-11:30	Measurement of unpaid work and time use surveys <i>Angela Me</i>
	11:30-12:00	Gender issues in agriculture statistics <i>Jessica Gardner</i>
	12:00-12:30	Discussion
	12:45-14:00	Lunch
13 July, Wednesday PM	14:00-14:45	Analysis and presentation of gender statistics <i>Jessica Gardner</i>
	14:45-15:15	Discussion
	15:15-15:45	<i>Tea/Coffee break</i>
	15:45-17:30	Individual work: preparation of graphics and understanding the quality of the graphs
14 July, Thursday	9:00-9:30	Gender analysis: how to produce good story lines <i>Jessica Gardner</i>
	9:30-10:00	Gender Statistics on the Labour Market <i>Angela Me</i>
	10:00-10.30	Discussion
	10:30-11:00	<i>Tea/Coffee Break</i>
	11:00-12:45	Individual work: analysis of data on labour market
	12:45- 14.00	Lunch
	14:00-14:45	Gender Statistics on Health <i>Angela Me</i>
	14:45-15:30	Discussion
	15:30-16:00	<i>Tea/Coffee Break</i>
	16:00-17:30	Individual work: analysis of data on health
15 July, Friday	9:00-9:45	Gender Statistics on Decision Making <i>Angela Me</i>
	9:45-10.30	Discussion
	10:30-11:00	<i>Tea/Coffee Break</i>
	11:00-12:45	Individual work: analysis of data on Decision Making
	12:45- 14.00	Lunch
	14:00-14:45	Recommendations emerging from the workshop
	14:45-15:30	Closing