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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*
    - ✓ **Four phases: 1996-2003, 2006-2009, 2010-2013 and 2016-2019**
    - ✓ **Always including Migration as a priority sector**

  - **MED-HIMS -** *Mediterranean Household International Migration Surveys*, **launched in 2012**

  - **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)**

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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**
    - o **According to international requirements or at least comparable within the region**

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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**

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General statistical operations

- **Varying practices in measuring migration through the population censuses and general surveys**

- <u>**Current proposal**</u> **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**

<u>Duration of stay in the country for foreign-born persons</u>

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?

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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, …**

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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**

Year	Population Census with migration questions / modules	MED-HIMS	General household survey with occasional / follow-up migration measurements	Regular production and estimation of migration statistics mainly based on administrative sources	Other occasional / regular or new operations
Y	X		X	X	(X)
Y+1				X	(X)
Y+2		X		X	(X)
Y+3				X	(X)
Y+4			X	X	(X)
Y+5				X	(X)
Y+6				X	(X)
Y+7		(X)		X	(X)
Y+8			X	X	(X)
Y+9				X	(X)
Y+10	X			X	(X)
Y+11				X	(X)
Y+12		X	X	X	(X)