UNECE High-level Group for the Modernisation of Official Statistics



Business Case for Defining and detailing GSBPM tasks (2022)

This business case was prepared by the Supporting Standards Group and is submitted to the HLG-MOS for their approval.

Type of Activity				
	New project		New activity	
	Extension of existing project	\boxtimes	Extension of existing activity	
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Purpose

Since its release in 2008 (v1.0), GSBPM has gained wide adoption within official statistical community and become a de-facto standard for process model. The activities and their descriptions in GSBPM remain at a high-level to keep the model generic, hence applicable for as many organizations as possible. While this generic nature of the model is attributed to its success, several organizations have added lower level activities (i.e., more detailed activities than GSBPM sub-processes) when they adopt GSBPM for local setting. The purpose of this activity is to compile examples of these lower-level activities (henceforth called "task") to provide a set of common tasks without losing the generic nature of the model.

Description of the activity

The activity will be carried out by a GSBPM "task" task team under the Supporting Standards Group. The task team was activated in September 2021 and had collected examples from seven national statistical organizations. Several meetings were held to review the examples and discuss a common approach for adding the tasks. More time is needed for a thorough review and proposal.

The activity will consist of three tasks as below:

- 1) Review examples from countries that have added tasks to their national version of GSBPM;
- 2) Develop a proposal for the task level for all GSBPM phases and sub-processes under a set of principles (e.g., coding, granularity, minimality, description format); and
- 3) Create a document that summarizes the findings and suggestions (e.g. list of tasks with detailed description and/or country examples).

The document can be submitted to next GSBPM revision team for inclusion in the GSBPM. This was proposed during last GSBPM revision but was not feasible in the time-frame of the revision.

Alternatives considered

The alternative would be non-action. However, this will result in duplication of efforts. According to a survey conducted in 2021, 14 national statistical organizations have added and tested tasks in their local setting. Their experiences would be useful for countries who want to do a similar work. Otherwise, they would need to start from scratch.

How does it relate to the HLG-MOS vision and other activities under the HLG-MOS?

GSBPM is a flagship model of HLG-MOS and needs continuous maintenance and development to remain relevant. Defining/detailing GSBPM tasks activity supports the users of GSBPM by providing common task sets. It also provides an opportunity to investigate the feasibility of adding tasks to GSBPM.

Proposed start and end dates		
Start: January 2022	End: June 2022	