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<p>Brief description of World Bank's Development Data Group</p>	<p>The focal point for statistical and data work at the World Bank is the Development Data Group (DECDG) in the Development Economics Vice Presidency. DECDG works closely with regions and sectors and provides staff and external clients with access to comprehensive and reliable databases reflecting the World Bank's global development agenda. DECDG's work includes creating and implementing standards and frameworks for data, compiling datasets, and working closely with our partners. As advocates for statistics, DECDG works in close partnership with developing countries, statistical offices, and other development agencies within the international community to meet the growing need for dependable and reliable statistics.</p>
<p>Mission</p>	<p>The mission of the World Bank's Data Group is to provide high quality national and international statistics to clients within and outside the Bank and to improve the capacity of member countries to produce and use statistical information. As part of the international statistical system, the Data Group works with other organizations on new statistical methods, data collection activities, and statistical capacity-building programs. As the demand for good quality statistical data increases, timely and reliable statistics are key inputs to the broad development strategy. Improvements in the quality and quantity of data on all aspects of development are essential if we are to achieve the goal of a world without poverty. Good data are needed to set baselines, identify effective public and private actions, set goals and targets, monitor progress and evaluate impacts. They are also an essential tool of good government, providing a means for people to assess what governments do and helping them to participate directly in the development process.</p>
<p>Fields of Activity/ structure</p>	<p>DECDG is organized into three distinct groups or clusters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Global Monitoring and World Development Indicators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assembles the World Bank's comprehensive development database. ○ Produces the World Development Indicators (WDI) and series of Little Data Books. ○ Maintains the Bank's results measurement systems. ○ Sustains a number of sectoral databases. ▪ The International Statistics Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Helps countries to improve their statistical capacity. ○ Creates and implements standards and frameworks for data collection, analysis, and dissemination. ○ Strengthens the international statistical system as well as raises awareness of the value of statistics. ▪ Information Services and Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Develops and maintains systems needed to support the use of data.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Manages the development, production and dissemination of DECDG products. ○ Provides users and client support for all DECDG products. ○ Manages the accessibility and availability of DECDG products world-wide.
<p>Mandate</p>	<p>As the statistical department of the World Bank, DECDG provides high quality data and data services on development by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Establishing and maintaining the highest professional data standards. ▪ Supporting the improvement of national statistical systems. ▪ Actively participating in the international statistical community. ▪ Developing and maintaining the tools to use data effectively.
<p>Statistical work programme</p>	<p>As a major user and strategic producer of development statistics, specific statistical responsibilities of the World Bank’s Data Group include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Collecting, compiling and disseminating data for operational and research work. ▪ Reviewing data and statistical methods to ensure the quality and integrity of the data produced. ▪ Working with partners to improve the statistical capacity of developing countries and strengthening the international statistical system. <p>DECDG works closely with partners in international statistical community by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Participating in the UN Statistical Commission and other statistical forums to develop appropriate frameworks, guidance and standards of good practice for statistics. ▪ Building consensus and defining internationally agreed indicators. ▪ Establishing data exchange processes and methods. ▪ Assembling, analyzing, and disseminating data in user-friendly online print publications. ▪ Working together to help countries improve statistical capacity. <p>DECDG is a full partner in number of International Statistical Programs including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Marrakech Action Plan for Statistics ▪ PARIS21 ▪ International Household Survey Network (IHSN) ▪ Inter-Agency Task Force on Finance Statistics (TFFS) ▪ International Comparison Program (ICP) <p>Improving Statistical Capacity work of DECDG includes the following components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity Building (TFSCB) provides grants to developing countries undertaking improvements in their statistical systems.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Statistical Capacity Program (STATCAP) is a lending program to assist member countries in upgrading the capacity of their statistical systems. ▪ General Data Dissemination System (GDDS) is a development framework of national statistical systems which emphasizes the publication of metadata or detailed descriptions of methods and procedures used for the most important data sets. ▪ Accelerated Data Program (ADP) is to establish national survey databanks and analyze the reliability of existing survey data.
Number of staff	118
Flagship Publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ World Development Indicators ▪ Global Development Finance, Volume 2 ▪ Atlas of Global Development ▪ The Little Data Book ▪ The Little Book on External Debt ▪ The Little Green Data Book in partnership with the Environment department ▪ The Little Data Book on Information and Communication Technology in partnership with the Global Information and Communication Technologies department ▪ The Little Data Book on Private Sector Development in partnership with the IFC ▪ Online subscription-based databases on World Development Indicators and Global Development Finance
Related Websites	<p>Main Data site: http://www.worldbank.org/data</p> <p>International Comparison website: www.worldbank.org/data/icp</p> <p>Statistical Development and partnership: www.worldbank.org/data/statcap</p> <p>The Country Statistical Database: www.worldbank.org/data/countrydata/csid.html</p>

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