

PRESS 2009

Possible improvements



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Background

- Need for closer collaboration amongst development partners (MAPS, Paris Declaration)
- 2005 - First pilot: “Light Reporting Exercise” for Sub-Saharan Africa.
- 2006 - Task Team under CCSA led by PARIS21 to design and develop partner report mechanism using existing reporting systems
- 2008 delivery of first PRESS report covering all African and all low and lower-middle income countries

Intended impact of PRESS

PRESS is a tool to be used to:

- Better understand financial and technical support to statistical development
- Improve donor harmonisation and collaboration: increasing coherency, decreasing duplication
- Enhance visibility of statistical support
- Identify possible gaps
- Improve mobilisation of resources for the implementation of the NSDS and global projects
- Formulate action plans by national planners

PRESS is NOT:

- An accounting tool

PRESS 2009 – improvements undertaken

- 2009 round of PRESS to be published by November for PARIS21 Consortium meeting
- Just under 100 financial and technical partners contacted – response rate similar to 2008
- Progress - UNDP data now also included, other UN agencies to follow
- Summary of key training activities by partner included
- Summary of national partnership groups by country included (e.g. donor groups)
- Includes key challenges facing the global statistical system in the near future

PRESS – improvements suggested (1)

1. Better response rate – how?

- Key word search in databases (eg “census”, “statistic”, “survey”, “indicator”)
- More regular reporting to OECD’s CRS by countries and UN agencies
- Improve communication between Headquarters and country level on support provided (e.g. donor groups)
- Raise visibility of PRESS by sending to other partners and communicate success stories
- Contact point in each organisation

Much easier second time around

PRESS – improvements suggested (2)

2. Further analysis of results - suggestions

- Estimation and publication of financing needs for successful undertaking of major global issues (population and agricultural censuses, ICP, MDGs, etc)
- Estimation of costing requirements in connection with NSDS
- Input into Statistics for Results Facility

PRESS – improvements suggested (3)

How to solve problems of Under-estimation ...

- Management information systems do not routinely record or report on statistical support – individual project knowledge necessary. PRESS contact point required for each partner organisation.

... versus double counting

- More robust method needed in PRESS questionnaire to identify financing/implementation chains.

PRESS – improvements suggested (4)

Other enhancements

- Develop an inter-active tool to allow individual access and analysis to PRESS results remotely
- Include activities related to early warning systems (e.g. food security systems) – revision to classification?
- Monitor progress to Paris Declaration principles
- Change periodicity??

Further comments?

