



## **Update: Handbook on Non-Profit Institutions in the System of National Accounts**

At its thirty-third session in March 2002, the Statistical Commission concurred in the publication of a new *Handbook on Non-Profit Institutions in the System of National Accounts* outlining recommended procedures for the preparation of satellite accounts on “nonprofit institutions” by member countries. The present document provides a second update on progress in disseminating and implementing this *Handbook*.

### **Dissemination and Promotion**

- The *Handbook on Nonprofit Institutions in the System of National Accounts* was published in final form in 2003 as United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.XVII.9, and distributed to member statistical agencies.
- An article on the *Handbook* and NPI satellite accounts appeared in the April 2003 issue of the OECD *Statistics Newsletter*.
- Presentations on the *Handbook* have been made to numerous audiences, including a group of policymakers and practitioners at the Johns Hopkins School for Advanced International Studies in Washington, DC, in April 2003; to statisticians and academic researchers from the United States and Canada at an Urban Institute workshop in Washington, DC, in May 2003; to philanthropy leaders at the European Foundation Centre’s Annual General Assembly and Conference in Lisbon in May 2003; and to statistical agency representatives in several countries, including Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Portugal, Morocco, and New Zealand.
- Information packets on the *Handbook* were prepared and distributed for the leaders of philanthropic institutions, statistical agencies, and civil society organizations.
- Plans are underway for a dissemination conference on the *Handbook* in Europe in April under the auspices of the European Commission.

### **Implementation**

- In cooperation with the United Nations Statistics Division, the Johns Hopkins Center for Civil Society Studies has established a small secretariat to encourage implementation of the *Handbook* and to assist countries in resolving any issues raised in the course of implementation.
- Seven countries have adopted the *Handbook* or adaptations of it and begun preparing NPI satellite accounts. These include: Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Israel, Italy, and the United States.
- At least partial results of this work have now been released in the United States (April 2003 issue of the *Survey of Current Business*) and Australia, and release of results is expected in Belgium and Canada early in 2004.
- A working group has been established to examine details of *Handbook* implementation in Japan.
- ECLAC finalized a memorandum of understanding with the Johns Hopkins Center for Civil Society Studies on joint efforts to disseminate and promote the *Handbook* in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) has committed matching support to promote implementation of the *NPI Handbook* in nine developing and transition countries.
- The Czech statistical agency has entered an agreement with a local research institute to promote implementation of the *Handbook* in the Czech Republic.

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