

The paper submitted by the National Statistical Office of Cuba (ONE) describes the setup of the country's national statistical system, its network of offices and the work being done, in particular, the development of the new Integrated System for the Management of Statistics (SIGE).

The Integrated System's newly developed software, elaborated by the University for Computer Sciences in Havana, is currently in the testing phase. SIGE will improve the flow of information between the approximately 7600 information centers reporting to the numerous municipal statistical offices, which in turn collect data which are then sent to the main National Statistical Office. While 89% of the municipal centers are equipped to electronically transmit the data they collect to headquarters, currently the capability for the direct receipt and processing of all this information is lacking. The new system is made up of various different modules - classification, generation of models, data entry, databases, data conversion and reporting.

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