

E. Collection and use of international migration data in the context of the 2030 Agenda

Department of Economic and Social Affairs jointly with the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in collaboration with the International Organization for Migration (\$800,000)

Background

9. The international community has called for improvements in migration statistics as one of its highest priorities. Most recently, the need for data-driven policymaking was echoed in the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants, adopted on 19 September 2016 by the General Assembly. Despite the manifest need for statistics on international migration, availability of such data is inadequate. Within the period 2005-2014, only about half of the countries or areas of the world had data on the migrant stock. Data on migration flows are even scarcer: less than 30 per cent of countries or areas have provided some information on inflows and outflows to the Statistics Division of the Secretariat since 2010 for the *Demographic Yearbook*. Data are also lacking on other migration-related areas such as on victims of human trafficking. Furthermore, data on the size and characteristics of emigrants, which is of particular relevance to developing countries experiencing high levels of emigration, are almost non-existent. The project will help countries in the Asian, Latin American and Caribbean regions to collect and compile internationally comparable migration data.

<i>Objective of the Organization:</i> To strengthen national capacities in collecting and compiling internationally comparable migration data for evidence-based policymaking and for monitoring migration-related goals and targets in the 2030 Agenda	<i>Summary budget</i> (Thousands of United States dollars)												
<i>Relationship to the biennial programme plan for the period 2018-2019:</i> Economic and social affairs, subprogrammes 4 (Statistics) and 5 (Population); Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific, subprogramme 7 (Statistics); Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean, subprogramme 6 (Population and development); and International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice, subprogramme 1 (Countering transnational organized crime)	<table> <tr> <td>Consultants and experts</td> <td style="text-align: right;">366.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Travel of staff</td> <td style="text-align: right;">117.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Contractual services</td> <td style="text-align: right;">102.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>General operating expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">30.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grants and contributions</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>184.0</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">800.0</td> </tr> </table>	Consultants and experts	366.0	Travel of staff	117.0	Contractual services	102.5	General operating expenses	30.5	Grants and contributions	<u>184.0</u>	Total	800.0
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<i>Relationship to Sustainable Development Goals and targets:</i> 5.2, 8.7, 8.8, 10.7, 16.2 and 17.18													

<i>Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>
(EA1) Improved technical capacity of national statistical offices and statisticians of relevant line ministries in target countries to collect, compile and use data on international migration for evidence-based policymaking and for monitoring progress in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals	(IA1.1) 90 per cent of regional and national workshop participants confirm increased knowledge on collection and use of migration-related statistics (IA1.2) Increased number of migration-related Sustainable Development Goal indicators produced by target countries

(EA2) Increased understanding and sharing of data and knowledge on migration, and improved dissemination and availability of data on immigration and emigration

(IA2.1) 75 per cent of countries that participated in the regional and national workshops increased the volume of national data on migration flows and stock reported to the *Demographic Yearbook* data collection system

(IA2.2) National profile of migration is compiled for all eight target countries

(IA2.3) Number of users who successfully completed the online training programme

Main activities

10. The main activities of the project will include:
- (A1.1) Produce technical materials to assist countries in collecting, compiling and using data for migration-related Sustainable Development Goal indicators;
 - (A1.2) Conduct two regional workshops to assist countries in collecting, compiling and using data on international migration;
 - (A1.3) Conduct eight national workshops (four in the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) region and four in the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) region) in collecting, compiling and using data on international migration;
 - (A1.4) Organize a technical meeting and finalize the technical materials for collecting, compiling and using data for migration-related Sustainable Development Goal indicators;
 - (A1.5) UNODC will work with four pilot countries to carry out multiple systems estimation studies to estimate the prevalence of victims of trafficking in persons;
 - (A2.1) Collect national data on migration flows and stock through pre-workshop assignments and workshop activities, using the *Demographic Yearbook* questionnaire, and identify data gaps of the country;
 - (A2.2) Build a global interactive data portal on migrant flows and stocks to facilitate data exchange between countries and the use of data by Governments, researchers and the public at large;
 - (A2.3) Develop e-learning training modules.