EDGE Overview

Social and Housing Statistics Section - UNSD
EDGE initiative

Evidence and Data for Gender Equality

- Joint collaboration of UNSD and UN Women seeking to accelerate existing efforts to generate comparable gender indicators on health, education, employment, entrepreneurship, and assets

- Builds on work of Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Gender Statistics (IAEG-GS)
EDGE- timeline and partners

• 3-year initiative (2013-2015)
• Overseen by Steering Committee

Partners:
• ADB, AfDB, FAO, ILO, OECD, World Bank

Donors:
• Australia, Canada, Germany, Ireland, Republic of Korea, USA
EDGE objectives

Overall objective:
• Improve integration of gender issues into regular production of official statistics for better evidence-based policy making

Specific objectives:
• Compile and disseminate online international data and metadata on education, employment, and health in line with Minimum Set of Gender Indicators
  ✓ 35 quantitative and 9 qualitative “Tier 1” indicators available online at genderstats.org
Minimum set of Gender Indicators

- Agreed by UN Stat Commission in 2013
  - Indicators grouped into 3 tiers:
    - Tier 1 (data available + agreed int’l definition) → Started international compilation of indicators
    - Tier 2 (some data available + agreed int’l definition) → Promoting capacity building activities → IAEG-advisory group on emerging issues
    - Tier 3 (no data + no agreed int’l definition) → Methodological development for indicators → EDGE project
EDGE objectives (cont’d.)

Specific objectives:

- Undertake methodological work on “Tier 3” indicators:
  - Develop guidelines to measure individual level asset ownership and entrepreneurship from a gender perspective
  - Pilot methodological guidelines in selected countries
    - Fiji, Georgia, Ghana, Maldives, Mexico, Mongolia, Philippines, South Africa, Swaziland
  - Present guidelines to UN Statistical Commission in 2016
Objectives of EDGE Midterm Review Technical Meeting

- Update participants on EDGE activities
- Present results of Methodological Experiment on Measuring Asset Ownership from a Gender Perspective (MEXA) and receive feedback from NSOs with regards to recommended interview setting
- Present, and receive feedback on, the EDGE draft methodology for measuring entrepreneurship from a gender perspective
- Discuss country preparation for piloting data collection in 2015 and next steps
Thank you in advance for a fruitful discussion over the next 3 days!