



United Nations Statistics Division
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EDGE Project
Technical Meeting on Measuring Asset Ownership from a Gender
Perspective
Bangkok, Thailand
30 July – 2 August 2013

Provisional Agenda

The United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), in collaboration with the Statistics Division of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), are organizing a Technical Meeting on Measuring Asset Ownership from a Gender Perspective. The meeting is organized under the Evidence and Data for Gender Equality (EDGE) project and will bring together national statisticians, partner agencies and regional commissions to discuss the draft *Technical Report on Measuring Individual Level Asset Ownership and Control*.

During this four-day meeting, participants will:

- (a) Review and discuss the draft *Technical Report* prepared under the EDGE project and presenting the proposed methodology to collect individual-level asset data through a dedicated module attached to a multi-purpose national household survey;
- (b) Share national practices/experience on measuring asset ownership at the individual level and provide input to further improve the proposed methodology; and
- (c) Discuss the EDGE project implementation strategy in selected pilot countries.

The key objectives of the meeting are:

- Receive feedback from national statisticians on the applicability/feasibility of the methodology proposed under the EDGE project to measure asset ownership at the individual level; and on their capacity to apply the proposed international methods;
- Exchange and share good practices and lessons learned on this topic based on experiences gained in selected national statistical offices and partner agencies;
- Promote the integration of a gender perspective into national statistical systems with the aim of improving the availability and quality of gender statistics, including on “emerging issues” such as asset ownership and control.

30 July 2013

09.00 – 13.00 **Welcome (UNSD, UNESCAP, AII)**

Objectives of the meeting
Short Round Table Introduction

Harmonizing gender indicators, including on entrepreneurship and asset ownership (UNSD, AII)

The session provides an overview of the EDGE project and of the Global Gender Statistics Programme, including the minimum set of gender indicators.

Why measure asset ownership and control at individual level – importance for policy making? (UN women, Ghana, Philippines, AII)

The session discusses policy relevance of individual level data on asset ownership and control, at international and national level (Paras. 8 – 27)

14.00 – 17.00 **Current approaches to measuring asset ownership and control (UNSD, FAO, AII)**

The session reviews practices in participating countries as well as selected recent surveys and studies to measure assets (Paras. 28 - 66)

1. Summary of pre-meeting assignments on existing efforts (UNSD)
2. Agricultural censuses/surveys (FAO)
3. LSMS-ISA surveys, Gender Asset Gap Project, Women Empowerment in Agriculture, DHS (UNSD)
4. Other activities (Maldives, Uganda)

31 July 2013

09.00 – 17.00 **EDGE draft *Technical Report on Measuring Individual Level Asset Ownership and Control: What to measure?* (UNSD, AII)**

The session will cover an introductory presentation based on the draft Technical Report provided to participants in advance of the meeting, followed by group discussions. Some of the points the session will focus on are:

1. Which measures of gender asset and wealth gap? (Paras. 161-174)
2. Which assets to include? (Paras. 68 – 77)
3. What to measure for asset – legal/de facto ownership, access, control and/or management? (Paras. 93 - 97)
4. Are we measuring individual and/or joint ownership? (Paras. 98 – 101)
5. What level of comparability across countries we are looking for? (To be added)

1 August 2013

09.00 – 17.00 **EDGE draft *Technical Report on Measuring Individual Level Asset Ownership and Control: How to measure?* (UNSD, All)**

The session will cover an introductory presentation based on the draft Technical Report provided to participants in advance of the meeting, followed by group discussions. Some of the points the session will focus on are:

1. Is there difference in asset ownership by urban/rural (or other characteristics)? How should the differences be reflected in the data collection (sampling stratification, questionnaire design; and estimation) (To be added)
2. What contextual information (e.g., legal marital/inheritance regime, land tenure system) needs to be collected before the survey? (Paras. 99-101 on marital regimes; other to be added)
3. What specific background information (e.g., type of marriage/union, marital history, quality of land and dwelling) related to asset-ownership needs to be collected? (To be added)
4. How many persons to interview and who to interview for gender analysis (Paras. 106 – 113)
5. What is the unit of observation and analysis – asset or individual? (Paras. 102 – 105)
6. How should the questionnaire be structured to ensure that we do not double-count assets reported by more than one person? (Paras. 114 – 145)
7. How should the link to entrepreneurship be made? (To be added)
8. How to measure value of assets? (Paras. 78 – 92)
9. How to reconcile disagreement among multiple respondents – on ownership and/or valuation? (Paras. 154 – 161)
10. Can we use administrative records to measure/value assets from a gender perspective? (To be added)

2 August 2013

09.00 – 15.00 **EDGE draft *Technical Report on Measuring Individual Level Asset Ownership and Control: Proposed methodology* (TBD, All)**

The session will consist of working groups discussing the proposed questionnaire to measuring asset ownership and control. The session will also summarize additions/changes to the draft Technical Report to ensure the Report proposes methods that are practical and feasible for national statistical offices. The session will also identify:

1. Possible surveys in participating countries to pilot the EDGE methods
2. Steps to finalize the Technical Report
3. Testing/piloting schedule

15.00 – 17.00 **Conclusions and the way forward (UNSD)**