## Statistics Division, ESCAP

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<th>Brief description of the organisation(^1)</th>
<th>▪ The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) is the one of the five regional commission of the United Nations. The Statistics subprogramme is one of its seven substantive programmes and is implemented jointly by the Statistics Division (Bangkok) and the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP) (Chiba, Japan)</th>
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<td>Mission(^2)</td>
<td>▪ To improve the production, dissemination and use of key demographic, social, economic and environmental statistics, including the Millennium Development Goals indicators, by National Statistical Systems in Asia and the Pacific, in accordance with international agreed standards and good practices</td>
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| Fields of Activity/ structure | ▪ Statistics development through technical cooperation, including statistical training  
▪ Statistical information services  
▪ Statistical analysis  
▪ Facilitation of coordination of statistical activities in the region |
| Mandate | ▪ The mandates of the Statistics subprogramme arise from a number of General Assembly, ECOSOC and ESCAP resolutions, see [http://www.unescap.org/stat/mandates-stat.asp](http://www.unescap.org/stat/mandates-stat.asp) |
| Statistical work programme | ▪ The expected accomplishments of the 2008-2009 biennial Statistics subprogramme are (i) increased national capacity in Asia and the Pacific, particularly the least developed countries, to provide data required for measuring progress towards achieving internationally agreed development goals, (ii) increased access to comparable development and short-term indicators for policy makers, the development community and the public at large, and (iii) increased knowledge and understanding of key national and regional socio-economic trends, especially progress towards the Millennium Development Goals, by national official statisticians and policymakers in the Asia and Pacific region |
| Number of staff | ▪ The Statistics Division has 12 Professional and a similar number of support staff ([http://www.unescap.org/stat/staff/staflist.asp](http://www.unescap.org/stat/staff/staflist.asp)). SIAP has Director, Deputy Director (Training)-cum-Lecturer, 5 Lecturers and 4 support staff ([http://www.unsiap.or.jp/staff.htm](http://www.unsiap.or.jp/staff.htm)). |
| Total / Statistical division | |
| Flagship Publications | ▪ Statistical Yearbook for Asia and the Pacific |
▪ [http://www.unsiap.or.jp/](http://www.unsiap.or.jp/) |

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\(^1\) Description of the statistics section/department in the organization  
\(^2\) Mission of the statistics section/department of the organization
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