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<p>Brief description of World Bank's Development Data Group</p>	<p>The focal point for statistical and data work at the World Bank is the Development Data Group (DECDG) in the Development Economics Vice Presidency. The Data Group's work program includes, among others, expanding on the work of Open Data Initiative and providing free and open access to data and knowledge about development in countries around the globe; creating and implementing standards and frameworks for data; compiling datasets; and disseminating statistical information in print and electronic formats. As advocates for statistics, DECDG works in close partnership with developing countries, statistical offices, and other development agencies within the international community to meet the growing need for dependable and reliable statistics.</p>
<p>Mission</p>	<p>The mission of the Development Data Group is to provide high quality national and international statistics to clients within and outside the Bank and to improve the capacity of member countries to produce and use statistical information. The main activities of the Data Group focus around building partnerships, strengthening national statistical systems, and making international data more widely available. As part of the international statistical system, the Data Group works with other organizations on new statistical methods and data collection activities. As the demand for good quality statistical data increases, timely and reliable statistics are key inputs to the broad development strategy. Good data are needed to set baselines, identify effective public and private actions, set goals and targets, monitor progress and evaluate impacts. They are also an essential tool of good government, providing a means for people to assess what governments do and helping them to participate directly in the development process.</p> <p>As the World Bank's Open Data initiative gains momentum, the Development Data Group's traditional approach of building partnerships for data sharing and standardization – and its emerging leadership role in the movement for open, accessible, and searchable databases – provides the basis for meeting emerging challenges.</p>
<p>Fields of Activity/ structure</p>	<p>DECDG is organized into three distinct groups or clusters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Data for Global Monitoring and World Development Indicators (DGGMI) cluster which is consisted of Sustainable Development and Economic Data team, Socio-Demographic Data team, and Financial Data team. The cluster's main activities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead and manage the World Bank's Open Data Initiative; • Collect, curate and publish high quality data and statistics on global development, for internal and external audiences and assemble the World Bank's comprehensive development database; • Produce the World Development Indicators (WDI), WDI Regional Highlights, Statistics for Small States, and series of Little Data Books. • Sustain a number of sectoral databases.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The International Statistics Programs (DGISP) cluster consists of Statistical Development and Partnership team, International Comparison Program Global (ICP) Office team, and Household Survey Development team. This cluster’s main activities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support improvements to statistical capacity in partner countries through technical and financial support and advocacy; • Create and implement standards and frameworks for data collection, analysis, and dissemination; • Support discussion of progress and key issues with ICP Board and Develop/support capacity building with regional coordinators; • Synthesize/coordinate knowledge work in all aspect of capacity building; • Contribute to development of methodology and dissemination tools; • Household Survey Development based on best practice and standards. ▪ Information Services and Systems (DGISS) cluster: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develops and maintains systems needed to support the use of data; • Manages the development, production and dissemination of DECDG products; • Provides users and client support for all DECDG products.
Mandate	<p>As the statistical department of the World Bank, DECDG provides high quality data and data services on development by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Establishing and maintaining the highest professional data standards; ▪ Supporting the improvement of national statistical systems; ▪ Actively participating in the international statistical community; ▪ Developing and maintaining the tools to use data effectively.
Statistical Work Program	<p>Statistical capacity is the ability of countries to meet user needs for good quality statistics – usually those statistics that are considered to be “official” (i.e. those statistics produced by governments as a public good). Timely and reliable statistics are a key part of development, particularly the broad development strategies that are often referred to as “managing for results”. The overarching strategy is guided by a global action plan (commonly referred to as the Marrakech Action Plan for Statistics or MAPS) to improve national and international statistics agreed during the Second Roundtable on Measuring for Results, held in Marrakech, Morocco, February 2004.</p> <p>As a major user and strategic producer of development statistics, specific statistical responsibilities of the World Bank’s Data Group include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Collecting, compiling and disseminating data for operational and research work; ▪ Reviewing data and statistical methods to ensure the quality and integrity of the data produced; ▪ Working with partners to improve the statistical capacity of developing countries and strengthening the international statistical system. <p>DECDG works closely with partners in international statistical community by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Participating in the UN Statistical Commission and other statistical forums to develop appropriate frameworks, guidance and standards of good practice for

	<p>statistics;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Building consensus and defining internationally agreed indicators; ▪ Establishing data exchange processes and methods; ▪ Assembling, analyzing, and disseminating data in user-friendly online print publications; ▪ Working together to help countries improve statistical capacity. <p>DECDG is a full partner in number of International Statistical Programs including Marrakech Action Plan for Statistics, PARIS21, International Household Survey Network (IHSN), Inter-Agency Task Force on Finance Statistics (TFFS), International Comparison Program (ICP), etc.</p> <p>Work of DECDG includes the following components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity Building (TFSCB) provides grants to developing countries undertaking improvements in their statistical systems; ▪ Statistical Capacity Program (STATCAP) is a lending program to assist member countries in upgrading the capacity of their statistical systems; ▪ General Data Dissemination System (GDDS) is a development framework of national statistical systems which emphasizes the publication of metadata or detailed descriptions of methods and procedures used for the most important data sets; ▪ Accelerated Data Program (ADP) is to establish national survey databanks and analyze the reliability of existing survey data; ▪ Virtual Statistical System (VSS) is an online resource for national statistical offices, other data producing agencies, and data users, to provide in-depth information on how effective statistical systems and organizations operate.
Number of staff	151
Flagship Products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ World Development Indicators: http://data.worldbank.org/data-catalog/world-development-indicators/ ▪ Global Development Finance, Volume 2: http://data.worldbank.org/data-catalog/global-development-finance ▪ Atlas of Global Development ▪ The Little Data Book: http://data.worldbank.org/products/data-books/little-data-book ▪ The Little Data Book on Climate Change: http://data.worldbank.org/products/data-books/little-data-book-on-climate-change ▪ The Little Book on External Debt: http://data.worldbank.org/products/data-books/little-data-book-on-external-debt ▪ The Little Data Book on Financial Inclusion: http://data.worldbank.org/products/data-books/little-data-book-on-financial-inclusion ▪ The Little Data Book on Gender: http://data.worldbank.org/products/data-books/little-data-book-on-gender ▪ The Little Green Data Book: http://data.worldbank.org/products/data-books/little-data-book/little-green-data-book ▪ The Little Data Book on Information and Communication Technology : http://data.worldbank.org/products/data-books/little-data-book-on-info-

	<p>communication-tech</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Little Data Book on Private Sector Development: http://data.worldbank.org/products/data-books/little-data-book-on-private-sector-dvlpmt
Related websites	<p>Main Data site: http://data.worldbank.org/ International Comparison website: http://www.worldbank.org/data/icp Statistical Development and partnership: http://www.worldbank.org/data/statcap Trust Fund for Statistical capacity Building General Data Dissemination System (GDDS) The Country Statistical Database: http://www.worldbank.org/data/bbsc Virtual Statistical System: https://www.virtualstatisticalsystem.org/</p>
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