

# **EVIDENCE AND DATA FOR GENDER EQUALITY (EDGE)**

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# EDGE INITIATIVE

New initiative by UN Women and UNSD, in collaboration with OECD and World Bank

Partnership among countries that wish to strengthen their capacity to produce gender statistics, development partners and international agencies (especially South-South exchange)

The ultimate objective is to improve the integration of gender issues into the regular production of statistics for improved evidence-based policies for gender equality and women's empowerment



# BACKGROUND

IAEG-GS work on the minimum set

US/OECD push for more comparable gender data for evidence based policymaking



# BACKGROUND: OCTOBER 2011 IAEG MEETING

At October meeting, US proposed a list of indicators to be harmonized in Health, Education, Employment and Entrepreneurship and assets

IAEG discussions resulted in proposed list announced in Busan HLF4 by US and UN Women

IAEG also recommended the creation of a mechanism to build countries' capacities in this area to be managed by UNW and UNSD

# PROCESS

Three-pronged approach:

1. Development of a database for international data and metadata compilation covering basic health, education and employment indicators
2. Methodological development of standards and guidelines for entrepreneurship and asset ownership indicators and pilot data collection in 10 countries
3. Results of methodological work presented to UN Statistical Commission in 2015 for its consideration

## EDGE List of indicators

Domain		Indicators
Health	1	Life expectancy at age 60, by sex
	2	Adolescent fertility rate
	3	Under-five mortality rate by sex
Education	4	Adjusted net enrolment ratio in primary education, by sex
	5	Gross enrolment ratio in secondary education, by sex
	6	Gross enrolment ratios in tertiary education, by sex
	7	Share of tertiary education graduates in science, engineering, manufacturing and construction who are women
Employment	8	Labour force participation rates for 15-24 and 15+, by sex
	9	Percentage distribution of the employed population by sector, each sex
	10	Youth unemployment, by sex
	11	Proportion of seats held by women in national parliament
Entrepreneurship	12	Percentage of firms owned by women
	13	Proportion of employed who are employer, by sex
	14	Proportion of employed who are own-account workers, by sex
Assets	15	Proportion of population with access to credit by sex
	16	Proportion of (adult) population who own land, by sex
Family-friendly policies	17	Length of maternity leave (weeks)

# EDGE COUNTRY PILOT SELECTION

EDGE will prioritize data collection that builds on existing survey mechanisms

Will depend on 1st year capacity assessments to see which countries will conduct surveys in the next three years and which surveys can also accommodate indicators related to assets and entrepreneurship

Final selection of pilot countries will be determined following assessments and consultations with NSOs; demand to come from countries

# COST AND FINANCING

Programme cost over 3 years is US \$6 million, including pilot data collection in 10 countries

Once cost for the 10 initial countries secured, each additional country will cost US \$170,000, meaning that if countries can secure the financing with their partners, they can be part of the pilot



# SOME SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

Establishment of a database and data and metadata compilation using international sources;

Identification of existing data collection programmes where gender questions can be incorporated;

Development of plans and identification of appropriate experts to provide technical assistance to build national statistical capacity for data collection;

Identification of pilot countries to collect data related to entrepreneurship and asset ownership;

Several regional workshops/consultations planned

# NEXT STEPS

Discussions underway with Regional Commissions and Regional Development Banks to reflect in their workplans

Programme to be launched in April

**Thank you**

