



Gender Statistics Manual

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Background

- The Statistical Commission at its forty-second session requested the IAEG-GS to develop manuals and methodological guidelines for the production and use of gender statistics.
- UNSD has engaged in the preparation of a new manual with the primary objective of encouraging gender mainstreaming in the production of all official statistics.
- Members of IAEG-GS have provided useful comments and inputs on the structure and content of the manual.



The overall concept of the manual: Gender mainstreaming in national statistics

Working definition

- Gender issues and gender-based biases should be systematically taken into account in the production of all official statistics.

It means

Not only

- Disaggregation of data by sex
- Compilation and dissemination of sex-disaggregated data

But also

- Comprehensive coverage of gender issues and concerns
- Integration of a gender perspective into data collection
- Improved presentation of gender statistics in regular publications



Intended use of the manual

Main audience: statisticians in national statistical offices.

The manual will help statisticians to:

- identify gaps in gender statistics and develop a coherent and comprehensive plan for the production of gender statistics;
- ensure that survey instruments and censuses take into account gender issues and avoid gender-biases in measurement;
- improve data analysis and data presentation and deliver gender statistics in a format that is easy to use by policymakers and planners.



Table of Contents (1)

- **Chapter 1** Overview of gender statistics and gender mainstreaming in national statistics
- **Chapter 2** Bringing gender issues into statistics
 - Education
 - Work
 - Poverty
 - Environment
 - Power and decision-making
 - Population, households and families
 - Health
 - Migration, displaced persons and refugees
 - Violence against women

(Approach: gender issues -> statistics needed ->sources of data
conceptual and measurement issues)



Table of Contents (2)

- **Chapter 3** Integrating a gender perspective into data collection
 - Population and household censuses
 - Agricultural censuses and surveys
 - Labour force surveys
 - Demographic and health surveys
 - Time use surveys (small presentation)
 - Violence against women (small presentation)
 - Administrative and register-based sources
- **Chapter 4** Analysis and presentation of gender statistics



Current status

- UNSD prepared the first draft of the manual
- International agencies and countries provided helpful comments and inputs (World Bank, UNESCO/UIS, UN WOMEN, UN Population Division, ILO, UNAIDS, UNICEF, UNHCR, Philippines, Italy)
- UNSD has incorporated most of the comments and inputs



Next steps

- UNSD will continue to incorporate inputs and comments and finalize the draft by June 2012
- As part of UNSD work programme, in collaboration with and financial contribution by the WB:
 - Web-based applications will be developed for an interactive version of the manual
 - Training workshops will be held to field test the manual
- IAEG-GS next task could focus on producing an additional section of the manual or a separate volume on the compilation of the agreed minimum set of gender indicators.