

Conference call of the IAEG-GS Advisory Group on Emerging Issues (AGEI)

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Participants:

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Discussion on:

1. Violence against Women indicators in the minimum set of gender indicators
2. Next steps for the Advisory Group on Emerging Issues
3. IAEG-GS meeting planned for 12-13 September 2013, New York

1. Violence against Women (VaW) indicators/tabulations

The discussion focused on the three VaW indicators included in the Minimum Set of Gender Indicators (as indicators 48 , 49 and 50) and on how to ensure compatibility between the Minimum Set and the Core set proposed by the Friends of the Chair (FOC) on indicators on VAW¹. The role of the chair(s) of the AGEI will be to initiate and lead the group's work to obtain advice and evidence on how to rephrase the current minimum set so that the VAW indicators are in line with the FOC recommended indicators/tabulations.

The indicators will

- Be identified from the list of indicators/tabulations endorsed by the UN Statistical Commission (and available at http://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic/meetings/vaw/reports/E_CN-3_2009-13-en.pdf)
- Be in the form of indicators rather than multi-dimensional tables, as presented in the above report.
- Reflect current data availability in countries (many VAW data are currently based on modules attached to multi-purpose surveys), yet will take into consideration future developments in the area (it is expected that more dedicated VAW surveys will be planned in the future, providing more detailed and accurate data).

The first task of the group will be to review regional and national data and recommend indicators based on national experience.

2. Next steps for the advisory group

- UNSD: to prepare basic material on task above for Lina

¹ In addition, the UN Guidelines for Producing Statistics on Violence against Women (forthcoming) are also based on the core set of VAW indicators identified by the FOC group and adopted by the UN Statistical Commission in February 2009.

- Lina: to initiate discussion with the other members of the Advisory Group and to lead the Group on identifying the indicators

3. IAEG-GS meeting planned for 12-13 September 2013, New York

The next IAEG-GS meeting is tentatively scheduled for 12-13 September 2013.

The meeting discussed the proposed agenda circulated in March to all IAEG members as well as suggested additional agenda items as per list below:

- Terms of Reference of the Group and membership
- Lessons learned from the Global Review of Gender Statistics Programmes in countries
- GS Manuals (suggested by Ghana, Philippines)
- Data and gender relevant policies - translating statistics into effective policies (suggested by Italy)
- Update on data/metadata compilation for Tier 1 of the Minimum Set of Indicators
- Update on the work of the Advisory Group
 - o Indicators for Tier II (VAW)
 - o Indicators for Tier III (EDGE)
- Other business
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Francesca informed the group that the current version of the *UNSD Manual on Integrating Gender into Statistics* has incorporated suggestions gathered from the 2012 December Uganda workshop. The manual is currently at its final stage and will not be further revised. However a wiki-platform has been developed for the manual to accommodate future countries' examples and developments in methodologies, including those on emerging issues. It was agreed that the IAEG-GS meeting will be a good place to introduce the wiki-platform for the Manual. The final version of the Manual will be sent to the IAEG-GS members before the meeting. The meeting will also update the group on the status of the *UN Guidelines for Producing Statistics on VAW*.

4. Other items:

Francesca is in contact with INEGI who should nominate a new gender statistics focal point from Mexico (co-chair of the AGEI Group) shortly.

Agreed next steps:

- ✓ UNSD to send Philippines draft points on the suggested tasks to identify the three VaW indicators for the Minimum Set of Gender Indicators
- ✓ UNSD to liaise with Mexico about INEGI representative
- ✓ UNSD to circulate the final version of the *Manual on Integrating Gender into Statistics* to the members of the IAEG-GS before the September meeting

- ✓ Philippines to initiate the consultation/discussion process with members of the Advisory Group on Emerging Issues to identify the three indicators on VaW, to be included in the Minimum Set of Gender Indicators.
- ✓ Next meeting between Chair(s) and secretariat to be called when needed