ESCAP initiatives on gender data and statistics

Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Gender Statistics (IAEG-GS): 17th Meeting, 28 August 2023, Johannesburg

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<td>The 7th Committee on Statistics in 2020 decided to advance the mainstreaming of gender in its work</td>
<td>An increased number of national statistical systems have enhanced capacity to apply gender considerations in their statistical work</td>
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Assessing inequalities in birth & death registration

- Technical support to implement inequality assessments of CR systems using secondary data sources
- Towards achieving universal registration and full inclusion by assessing differences in completeness / coverage by sociodemographic characteristics
- Enable analysis of differences in CR by sex and any gender-related barriers to registration for different population subgroups
- Examine differentials by sex/ age / ethnicity/ marital status of mothers
- Capacity strengthening & refining further guidance/methodology for use by other countries
- Completed (Fiji & Lao PDR); In progress (Bangladesh, Samoa); Inception (Philippines)
- https://www.unescap.org/projects/inequality-assessments
Using CRVS-related data and evidence to inform gender-relevant policy outcomes

- Support the use of existing data and evidence generated through the inequality assessments or otherwise
- Build capacity to interpret, analyze and synthesize existing data/evidence in user-friendly formats
- Disseminate findings in a way that is conducive to decision-making needs and gender policy use
- Development of dissemination materials: policy briefs, infographics, social media posts on gender-relevant topics
- Topics for analysis e.g. Teenage/adolescent motherhood, child marriage, targeting groups for delayed registration
- Implementation in 3 countries: Fiji, Bangladesh, Lao PDR (TBC)
Exploring the use of big data to measure the gender-environment nexus

- Pilot project completed providing technical support/training to NSOs to explore use of alternative data sources
- Based on the proposed set of gender-environment indicators for Asia-Pacific [https://shorturl.at/dkmy3](https://shorturl.at/dkmy3)
- Indicator for Cambodia: Proportion of population with access to electricity, by sex
  - Combined night-time light data and geo-tagged local administrative units with 2019 General Population Census and 2019-20 Cambodia Socio-Economic Survey
- Indicator for Mongolia: Proportion of urban population living in slums, informal settlements, or inadequate housing, by sex
  - Combined satellite imageries and object-based image analysis model with 2020 Population and Housing Census, 2019 Housing Types and Condition Census, and 2021 Household Social and Economic Survey
- Indicators produced with sex disaggregation with relatively high accuracy, lower cost and shorter time frame
- Guidance documents on big data models, incl. recommendations for national strategies on use of big data for official statistics on gender-environment
Establishing a Gender Data Network (GDN) in Asia and the Pacific

- Partnership with PARIS21, Data2X, and Open Data Watch
- Building on the insights and successes of the work in Africa
- Leveraging on the commitment of the ESCAP Committee on Statistics to advance gender mainstreaming & the statistical training platform provided by SIAP
- Facilitate knowledge sharing among members and advance inter-regional engagement and peer learning
- Proposed areas of focus:
  - Use of gender data for policy action
  - Data communications and dissemination
  - Inclusive data strategies and national statistical systems
  - Methodological innovation sharing
- Advocacy and awareness raising event (May 2023)
- Invitation to countries and partners (Aug-Sep 2023)
Peer Support Network for Female Heads of NSOs

- Initiated as a closed network of female heads of NSOs in Asia-Pacific
- Self-sustaining -- managed by members:
  - Digital space to provide/seek peer support
  - Identify and address gaps in skills and knowledge (technical/managerial) across the group
  - Provide a way to support individuals achieve career goals (potential mentorship programme)
- Meet on-line (every two months)
- Second meeting in August 2023:
  - Consultation on draft training curriculum on Gender Equality in Statistical Leadership (Co-developed by UN Women and FAO), and to be included as part of the gender statistics training curriculum/e-learning (UN Women/ESCAP SD/SIAP)
Thank you