

EVIDENCE AND DATA FOR GENDER EQUALITY (EDGE)

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BACKGROUND

42nd Statistical Commission:

Ghana review of gender statistics

Stronger mandate to the IAEG

Recommendation to implement a global programme,
with the IAEG serving as coordination mechanism

Address areas where the standards for data collection
are not yet well developed (including new and
emerging issues)

Encourage donors to provide the needed financial
assistance

BACKGROUND (CTND)

IAEG-GS work on the minimum set, including identifying tier 2 and tier 3 indicators

May 2011 OECD ministerial meeting, US called on UN, OECD and World Bank to work together to harmonize gender data and to identify a list of common indicators for future data collection

OCTOBER 2011 IAEG MEETING

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

IAEG discussions resulted in proposed list harmonized with minimum set; presented in Busan 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

Also worked with World Bank colleagues to reflect gender statistics and IAEG recommendations into BAPS

EDGE INITIATIVE

Building on IAEG recommendations, EDGE is a 3-year initiative that will push existing efforts to have comparable gender indicators on education, employment, entrepreneurship and asset ownership. (March 2012 - February 2015).

It proposes a partnership among countries that wish to strengthen their capacity to produce gender statistics, development partners and international agencies

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

EDGE ACTIVITIES

Three-pronged approach:

1. Development of a database for international data and metadata compilation covering basic 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

PROCESS

Governance mechanism

Steering Committee

Technical Working Group

Data harmonization

Would like to hear from partners and international data agencies (e.g. ILO, UNICEF, UNESCO) regarding regular data submission and potential use of SDMX?

EDGE COUNTRY 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 consultations with chief statisticians (including during the recent UNSC) and also through UNSD consultations

Steering Committee will make final recommendations based on these inputs

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

Questions
Comments
Discussion
Thank you

