

Africa Programme on Gender Statistics

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INTRODUCTION

- × Past efforts in Africa were disjointed, project based, ad-hoc – did not bring about sustainable improvements
- × Many agencies and stakeholders undertaking same or similar activities – not the best use of scarce resources
- × Long felt need for a common regional programme on gender statistics
- × Bring all initiatives under one umbrella programme – **Africa Programme on Gender Statistics (APGS)**
- × Will be one of the pillars of *Strategy for Harmonizing of Statistics in Africa (SHaSA)*

AFRICA PROGRAMME ON GENDER STATISTICS

- × A regional programme
- × To have multi-pronged strategies
- × To include a five year plan of action 2012 -2016
- × To be owned by all partners in the region –clear roles and responsibilities
- × Clear timelines and costed
- × A governance and implementation mechanism
- × A monitoring and evaluation framework

STRATEGIES

- × Continue efforts in sensitization and advocacy with national statistics systems for enhancing political commitment to provide for the necessary legal, institutional, organization, financial support and development of gender statistics programmes in the countries;
- × Undertake a review of gender statistics programmes in national statistics office for a development of gender statistics programme in Africa;
- × Promote the development of gender statistics programmes in countries and help garner unified support of the various partners in implementing and monitoring of the programme;

STRATEGIES (CONTD.)

- × Coordinate efforts at regional level in order to have stakeholders of gender statistics working in synergy to implement a commonly agreed work programme on gender statistics in Africa;
- × Build capacities of member states through training, knowledge sharing and advisory services;
- × Develop Monitoring and Evaluation framework for gender statistics programme ;
- × Create mechanisms for efficient reporting, storage and dissemination of gender statistics;
- × Promote quantitative and methodological research on gender issues.

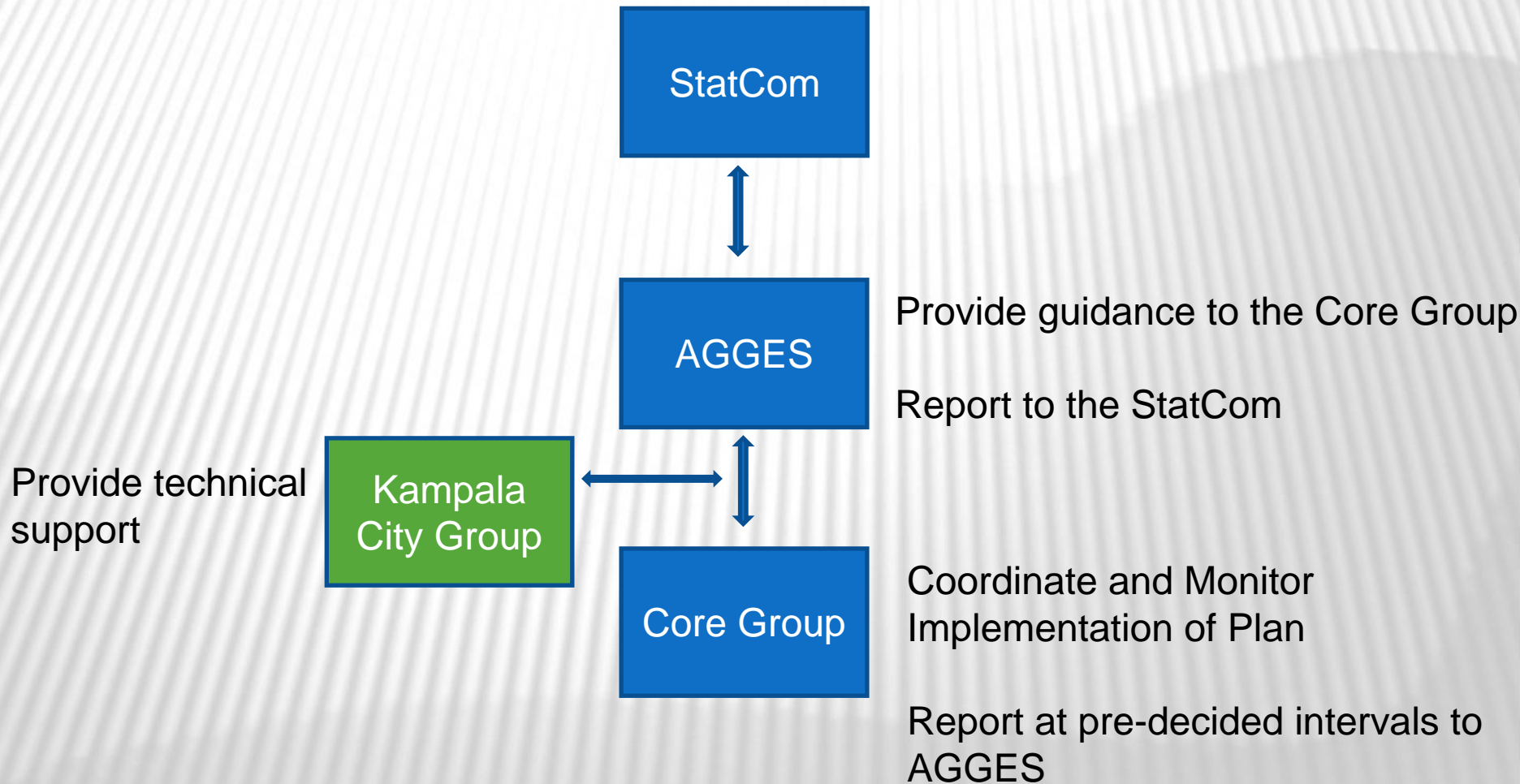
DEVELOPMENT OF PLAN OF ACTION

- × A preliminary plan presented in meeting on gender statistics in Accra, Ghana in December 2011
- × Approved by StatCom Africa in January 2012
- × UNSD in collaboration with UN Regional Commission is conducting a comprehensive review of national gender statistics
- × UNECA is developing a Compendium on Gender Statistics to assess the present status of gender statistics programme in various institutions in Africa- RECs, STCs, UN agencies
- × The country review and the compendium will help refine the plan

REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP AND COORDINATION MECHANISM

- ✘ The process of development of the regional plan will initiate the process of partnerships with stakeholders converging , owning and contributing to the plan
- ✘ The project document will be presented in Tunis in June 2012. All partners to be invited
- ✘ Africa Group on Gender Statistics (AGGES) will guide and coordinate the development and implementation of the plan
- ✘ AGGES to set up a Core Group to monitor the development and implementation of the APGS
- ✘ Kampala City Group will function as the technical arm of the Core Group
- ✘ UNECA will be the Secretariat for both the AGGES and the Core Group

IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISM



IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

Regional Institutions	UN Agencies	Other Institutions
UNECA	UN Women	RECs
AfDB	UNDP	Statistical Training Centres
AUC	UNFPA	Others.....
AFRISTAT	UNICEF	
	WHO	
	World Bank	
	UNAIDS	
	Others.....	

CAPACITY BUILDING

- × UNECA is finalizing a Handbook on Engendering of Statistical Processes
- × UNECA is also planning to develop a training toolkit to be used for training of statistical personnel
- × The toolkit will be based on available gender training materials – wheel not be reinvented
- × Standard training modules and curricula to be developed based on the toolkits and available material including those developed by UNSD and other regional commissions

CAPACITY BUILDING (CONTD.)

- × These modules will be integrated in the existing training curricula or introduced as separate modules in the STCs - the mechanism of Africa Group on Statistical Training and Human Resources (AGROST) will be used
- × Different types of training – students, in-service
- × On- line training

CAPACITY BUILDING (CONTD.)

- × Develop a manual to provide guidance to the countries to develop a national gender statistics programme
- × A pool of gender statistics experts to be identified in the continent for advising and supporting countries on demand for development of strategies and plans for gender statistics and providing technical assistance
- × Best practices – workshops and exchange visits
- × Academic institutions to be encouraged to undertake quantitative research on gender issues

DEVELOPMENT OF MANUALS AND REFERENCE MATERIALS ON VARIOUS TOPICS

- × Time Use Survey
- × Violence against Women
- × Development of core set of indicators
- × Assessment report
- × Gender Index

Workshops to sensitize and train countries to undertake

the above statistical endeavours

These will also feed into the training curricula, toolkit etc.

REPORTING, STORAGE AND DISSEMINATION OF GENDER STATISTICS

- ✘ African Statistical Yearbook to include a separate section on gender
- ✘ Statistical databases of partner institutions should have separate section on gender –country-wise gender profiles
- ✘ IEAG at the global level finalizing a set of core indicators on which all countries are required to produce data at regular interval. Core group to work with countries to ensure the implementation of the same in the countries
- ✘ Gender statistics focal points to function as link between national statistics system and regional organization for reporting on gender statistics

ADVOCACY AND SENSITIZATION

- × Initiatives and efforts at regional level are aimed to prepare grounds for action at national levels. The regional programme to play only catalytic role.
- × Concrete action required to promote and advocate for development and implementation of gender statistics programme in the countries
- × Partners should also converge at the country level to support development and implementation of a national plan of action
- × Advocate for a constitution of high level national coordination body on gender statistics

ADVOCACY AND SENSITIZATION (CONTD)

- × Organize annual thematic policy dialogue between gender experts, statisticians, economists , policy makers, and academicians
- × Advocate countries to undertake new ventures on gender statistics based on standard methodologies – time use surveys, statistics of violence against women, women informal cross border trade –prepare advocacy materials for each of these topics
- × Analyze existing data form gender perspective and highlight issues through simple messages and articles

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- × Analyze existing data from gender perspective and highlight issues through simple messages and articles
- × Produce and widely disseminate advocacy materials on gender statistics for different target groups
- × Publish 'Men and Women in Africa' with country-wise profiles
- × Celebrate 2012 Statistics Day with gender statistics as the theme

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

- × A monitoring framework to be developed with clear targets and indicators – performance indicators for the APGS
- × The impact of the programme can be measured through indicators measuring progress made by countries
- × The responses from the assessment survey will provide the baseline information
- × Evaluation of the programme to be undertaken twice – mid-term and end-term
- × Assessment will be made before the mid-term and at the end of the programme

Thanks