Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Gender Statistics (IAEG-GS)

14th meeting summary & IAEG-GS work programme for 2021

3-4 and 7 December 2020
Virtually held from New York, NY
Summary of discussion (I)

Developments of methods and instruments in the context of COVID-19

- UNSD and Expert Group on Innovative and Effective Ways to Collect Time-Use Statistics (EG-TUS)- COVID workstream

- Rapid assessment surveys during the pandemic
  - Data collection and Guidelines: ILO, the World Bank, UN Women;
  - Colombia, Morocco, Switzerland, USA
  - Caution on collecting VAW data

- Assessment of impact of COVID: 100 countries (WB); 47 countries (UNW); NSOs; UNPD on SRHRR
Summary of discussion (II)

Innovations during (and possibly after) the pandemic

- New partnerships
- Further exploration of non-traditional and complementary data sources
  - on-line searches on Google, Bing, Facebook, Instagram; LinkedIn; administrative records
- Accelerated investments in IT systems
- Data collection modes and frames relying on technology
  - Phone interviews
Summary of discussion (III)

Beyond COVID - coordination and feedback loop

- **Femicides**: provisional framework to measure *femicides* and gender related killings of women and girls
  - Raise awareness about the importance of sharing data by police/judiciary (ICCS);
  - development of better registration systems

- **Financing for gender data**: importance of monitoring allocation of resources; Currently financing for gender statistics remains low = resource mobilization and leveraging partnerships for coordination and knowledge sharing

- **Microdata analysis and dissemination**: improve data availability, disaggregation and granularity to better capture intersecting inequalities (eg labor force participation by household composition and presence/absence of children)
Summary of discussion (IV)

Strong communication strategy

- COVID-19
Summary of agreed activities (I)

1. **Expert Group on Innovative and Effective Ways to Collect Time Use Statistics (EG-TUS)** to share the COVID-19 instrument with the IAEG-GS, for feedback;

2. **International agencies** to consult with National statistical systems, in particular NSOs, for the planning and implementation of rapid assessment surveys (RAS);

3. **UN Women and the World Bank** to share their proposal for a VAW/GBV module in RAS with the IAEG-GS, for feedback. In particular to address concerns raised about the protocol to use when collecting data on VAW by phone during lockdown.

4. **Advisory Group on Gender Indicators** to share latest proposal with IAEG-GS for feedback, particularly from member states; The Chair of the Advisory Group took note of exercising due care to ensure that the list of SDG indicators used is the latest version available.
Summary of agreed activities (II)

5. UNFPA to circulate *draft guide and recommendations on a safe and ethical approach to sharing microdata on VAW*, which provide a template for countries to adapt their own microdata access procedures.

6. Advisory group on strengthening administrative systems to close the gender data gaps to finalize proposed guidance. Feedback, in particular from Member States, on the draft guidance and draft journal article is encouraged; member countries in the advisory group (Brazil, Canada, Ghana, Jordan, Morocco, Uganda, Zimbabwe) to be invited to be part of UNSD collaborative on the use of administrative records for statistical purpose;

7. UNODC to circulate the provisional framework to measure gender related killings of women and girls;

8. The Secretariat will compile questions raised by panelists during their interventions, with a view of collecting inputs/answers from IAEG-GS members, in order to identify priorities that will guide future work of the Group;