

Regional Programme on Economic Statistics and Short-term Indicators

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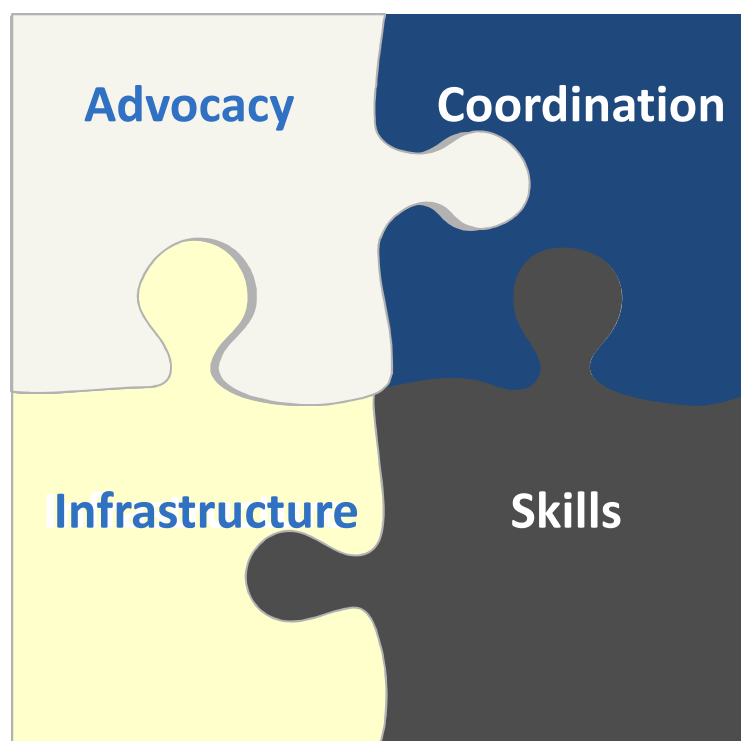
The Regional Programme on Economic Statistics (2010)

key goal is to increase capacity of Asia Pacific countries to produce basic economic statistics

What is RPES? (2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A capacity building framework for Asia-Pacific countries with its scope determined by the Core Set of Economic Statistics
What is RPES mandate?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RPES and its Core Set were designed by countries and development partners at the request of the ESCAP Committee on Statistics in 2009• The programme and its Core Set were endorsed by the Committee on Statistics in 2010, i.e. the heads of NSOs
Why does RPES aim to achieve?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Platform for coordination facilitating planned/concerted actions towards the Asia-Pacific countries having the capacity to produce basic economic statistics within a common reference framework (i.e. the Core Set) by 2020.

RPES outputs organized in 4 categories to deliver an inspiring 2020 vision and measurable progress

4 categories of outputs ...



...to deliver our 2020 common vision...

NSSs in Asia-Pacific have capacity to produce & disseminate the Core Set in line with international standards

...and reach our key goal of RPES

Improved soundness of economic analysis & decision making through increased availability and effective use of timely, reliable and comparable economic statistics

The region and development partners have defined a Core Set of Economic Statistics

Prices and costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consumer, producer, product price indices, labour cost, wages, exchange rates, PPPs, terms of trade
Demand & output	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GDP (p/e), external trade, industrial structure statistics; short-term indicators (industry output/demand) and productivity
Income & wealth	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NA for economy/by sector to measure income, savings, investment, wealth; BoP to measure international income and capital flows, IIP and external debt
Money & banking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assets and liabilities of banking sector, monetary measures and interest rates
Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public revenue, expenditure, borrowing and lending, government accounts
Labour market	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Labour supply & demand, LF characteristics, employment & unemployment, underemployment, hours worked, employment in informal & formal sector, job creation, vacancies
Natural resources & environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Measures of sustainable economic growth, discovery/depletion and degradation of natural assets

Structure of Capacity Screening (2013-14)

RPES Technical Cooperation

Existing capacity building agreements and interest in participating in RPES

Institutional setting

Legislation, planning, national statistical coordination and dissemination and advocacy for economic statistics

Information technology and Human Resources

Adequacy of IT systems and staff skills

Statistical infrastructure

Quality assurance, metadata, BR, data collection instruments

Availability of Core Set of Economic Statistics

Based on the seven components and the recommended frequency

	Signpost 1 ^a (recommended frequency)	Members and associate members that met or exceeded recommendations (out of 50 respondents to the capacity screening)	
		Actual number	Percentage
Prices and costs			
Consumer price index	Q	49	98
Producer price index	Q	27	54
Commodity price index	Q	13	26
External merchandise trade price indexes	A	11	22
Wages /earnings data	A	23	46
Labour costs index / wage index	Q	11	22
Purchasing power parities	ad hoc		
Demand and output			
GDP (production) nominal and real	A	23	46
GDP (expenditure) nominal and real (including implicit price indexes for GDE and components)	A	21	42
External trade – merchandise	A	32	64
External trade – services	A	27	54
Short term indicator (STI) – industry output	Q	30	60
Short term indicator (STI) – services output ^b	Q	21	42
STI - consumer demand	Q	17	34
STI - fixed investment	Q	17	34
STI – inventories	Q	14	28
Economy structure statistics	Every 5 years	22	44
Productivity	A	17	34
Income and wealth			
Integrated national accounts for the total economy	A	30	60
Institutional sector accounts	A	19	38
Balance of payments	A	33	66
International investment position (IIP)	A	33	66
External debt	A	28	56
Income distribution	A	22	44
Money and banking			
Assets/liabilities of depository corporations	M	24	48
Broad money and credit aggregates	M	24	48
Interest rate statistics	M	31	62
Government			
General government operations	A	21	42
General government debt	A	21	42
Labour Market			
Labour supply and demand	A	24	48
Hours worked	A	26	52
Natural Resources and the environment			
Natural resources	A	8	16

Status of Business registers in the region

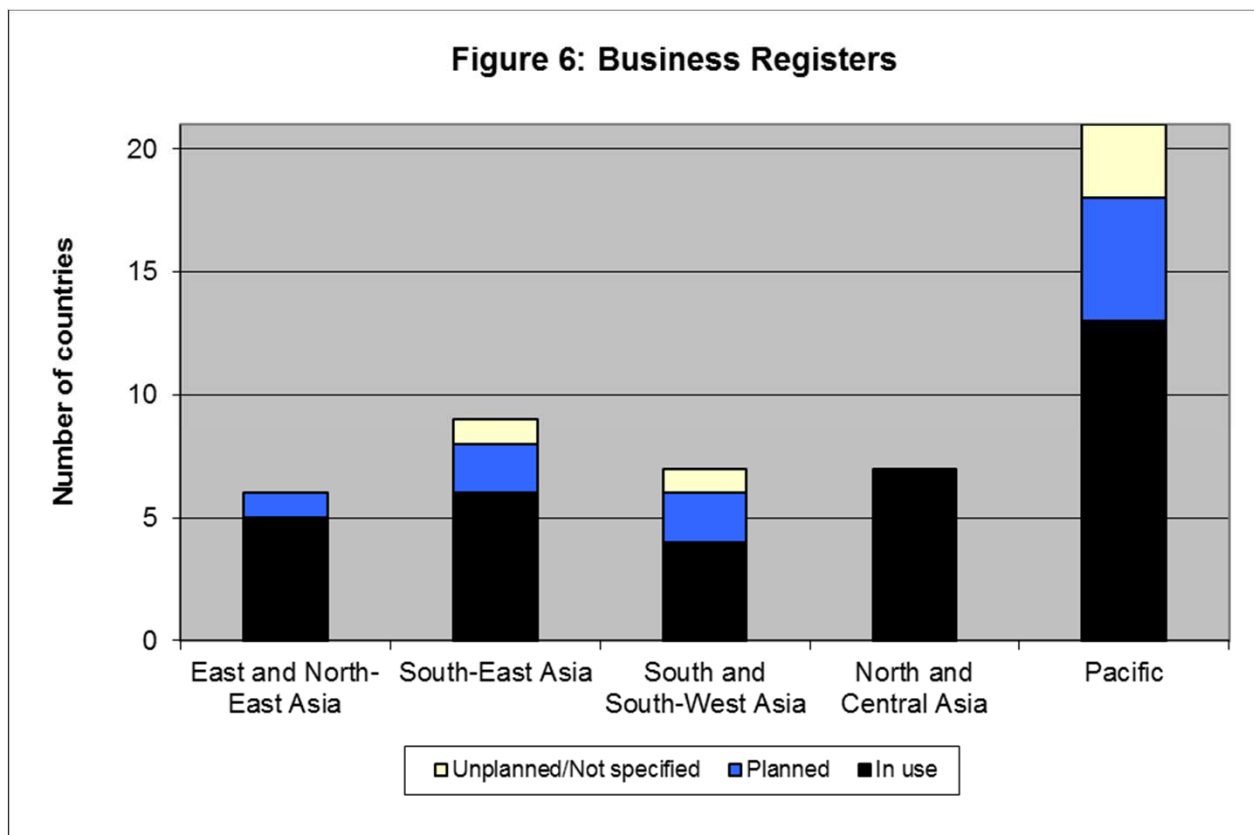
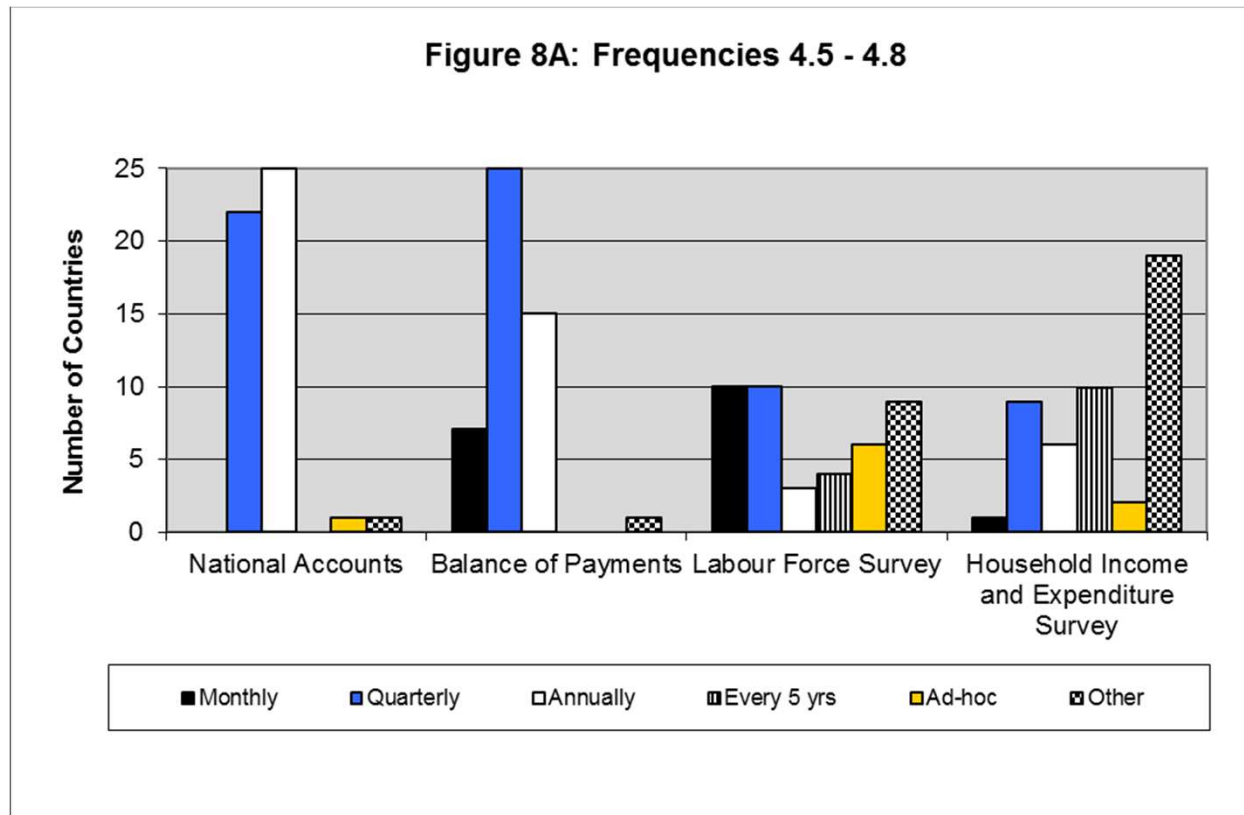


Table 9: Business Registers, Births and Deaths		Yes	No	Blank
4.3.3	Use of business register shared by a number of agencies in the national statistical system	22	21	7
4.3.5	Established method for identifying 'births' (new businesses)	33	12	5
4.3.6	Established method for identifying 'deaths' (disbanded businesses or mergers)	31	14	5

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