

# Improving coordination of statistical training programmes at national level

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# Task Team on Addressing NSO Needs for Training

- The team decided to focus on two subjects –
  - National Statistics Offices (NSO) staff training and sustainability
  - National Statistical System (NSS) coordination and training related to maximizing synergies across the national statistical ecosystem
- How the international and regional organizations can contribute to both the NSO and NSS coordination
- UNSD sponsored consultants to write 2 reports



# Report on Sustainable Training Programs – Dag and Elisa

- Examines staff statistical training programs in several country NSOs and how they are supported by regional training institutions
  - 15 countries
  - 7 regional institutions
- Much variation in
  - Prioritization of training
  - Assessment training needs
  - Systematic vs Ad hoc training
  - Scope of the curriculum, e.g., if training in soft skills are provided
  - Online/off-line
  - Resources – facilities, staff, instructors, budget
  - Time trainers and participants have for training
  - Organizational structure – in-house with internal instructors; independent training institute; regional
  - Support of regional organizations work to support NSOs



# Key to Sustainable Training

- Strong support and commitment to funding for training
- Establishing an incentive structure for training
- Having a robust evaluation of impact of training on performance
- Using trained staff as instructors with additional subject matter training and pedagogical support
- Exploiting online training, especially during the pandemic
- Addressing challenges brought on by the data revolution and digitalization



# Recommendations for GIST – Sustainable NSO Training

- A minimum standard curriculum for statistics
- Repository of training materials and tools available
- Guidance on establishing a training program that is sustainable
- Strengthening and clarifying the role of international and regional organizations in providing training



Sustainable statistical training programs at National Statistical Offices

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Photo: Workshop in Nicaragua. Photo: Elisa Rustenbach

# Report on NSS Coordination Training - Lars

- Addresses how NSS coordination could be strengthened through training. Lars gathered information by interviewing -
  - Official statistical agencies in 8 countries
  - Other statistics producers in 2 countries
- Much variation
  - Some countries have no legislation that deals with NSS coordination
  - Decentralized vs centralized statistical official data ecosystem
  - Regional spread of the NSS
- However, in all countries interviewed, NSOs produced well over 50% of statistics
- Training on NSS related issues/subjects/coordination was almost non-existent



# Recommendations – NSS Coordination

- All countries should establish legislation dealing with how the NSS should be coordinated
  - Organisation structure
  - Sharing data, e.g., sampling frames
- More courses should be designed that deal with NSS coordination
  - Statistics law; Importance of NSS coordination and structure, quality management, metadata, dissemination practices, etc.
  - International organizations could develop standards for course content on issues of NSS coordination
- More joint training across the various statistics offices in-country
- Certification systems for Official Statistics could be established
- Mentoring top managers in NSS coordination

