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Brief description of the organisation¹	<p>UNESCWA is one of five regional commissions under the jurisdiction of the United Nations Economic and Social Council. The role of the Commission is to promote economic and social development of Western Asia through regional and subregional cooperation and integration.</p>
Mission²	<p>ESCWA was established in 1973 to stimulate economic activity in member countries, strengthen cooperation between them, and promote development. Committed to the 2030 Agenda, ESCWA's passionate team produces innovative knowledge, fosters regional consensus and delivers transformational policy advice. Together, we work for a sustainable future for all.</p>
Fields of Activity/ structure <i>Statistics</i>	<p>2030 Agenda, Climate change, Debt and fiscal policy, Financing for development, Future of employment, Gender equality, Governance & enabling environment, Inclusive development, Macroeconomics, Natural resource sustainability, Population dynamics & migration, Statistics, Resilient development & conflict prevention, Technology & innovation, Trade & regional connectivity.</p> <p>In Statistics, ESCWA provides support and capacity-building for national systems in official statistics and ensures coordination between various actors involved in statistical activities in the region.</p> <p>Demand for data and statistics is growing exponentially. Data and statistics are the evidence required by policymakers to devise policies related to the 2030 Agenda and the wide array of fields it covers. They are needed within tight deadlines, in more detailed thematic and geographic breakdown, and with high relevance and quality.</p>
Mandate	<p>The subprogramme 4 Statistics, Information Society and Technology aims at strengthening the development of official statistics, improving the quality and availability of statistics in line with the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics, and advancing the information society by accelerating the integration of technology and innovation for sustainable development in the Arab region. The statistics component of the cluster bases its mandates on the two important resolutions: 1) Resolutions on Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics (General Assembly 68/261 ECOSOC 2013/21) and 2) the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia resolutions on Strengthening statistical capacities in the ESCWA region 276 (XXIV), and compliance with international statistical standards for enhancing national statistical systems 283 (XXV).</p>

¹ Description of the statistics section/department in the organization

² Mission of the statistics section/department of the organization

<p>Statistical work programme</p>	<p>ESCWA provides methodological work in producing regional guidelines based on international standards and guidelines, and capacity-development of member countries to produce reliable and quality statistics including employment of modern technologies in statistical processes.</p> <p>Main areas of Cluster 4/Statistics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Economic and Environment Statistics Focus on the New System of National Accounts, External Trade Statistics, Price Statistics and environment and Energy Statistics. Case studies supported by the Data science and Geospatial tools for new data sources . 2. Demographic and Social Statistics: to enhance the capacity of the Arab States National Statistical Offices (NSOs) to produce, analyze and disseminate quality demographic and social statistics according to international standards and new emerging technologies including the use of geospatial information and big data. Focus areas include Population and housing census, Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS), population estimates and projections, Household and expenditure survey and Social Statistics. 3. Statistical Policies and Coordination: Focuses on institutional governance, and harmonized key development indicators including SDGs and statistics on vulnerable populations by building the capacity of countries to produce harmonized indicators for evidence-based policies and enable countries to strengthen their statistical governance to disseminate and monitor sustainable development goals, gender and disability statistics to leave no one behind. 4. Technology for statistics and Emerging Technology Innovation are catalysts accelerators for the implementation of the programme across the domains: Database and Query Languages, Statistical Programming Languages, Statistical Software Suites, Data Visualization and Data Warehousing Tools, Big Data Tools for data analytics, and Geospatial information. The Geospatial information track augments the utility of data through the integration of open source and publicly available geo-spatial and tabulated data towards an online searchable gateway, namely: the Geo-Statistical Atlas of the Arab World, for informed socioeconomic development and environmental indicators addressing the Arab region and members states. Data Science, Big Data, AI and other data innovations are harnessed in the subprogramme for efficient, timely, and trusted official statistics evidence for national effective policymaking towards accelerating the implementation of the SDGs.
<p>Number of staff <i>Total / Statistical division</i></p>	<p>15 professional post Professional and higher and 13 General Service and related (many posts are vacant and including chief statistician post)</p>
<p>Flagship Publications</p>	
<p>Website</p>	<p>https://www.unescwa.org/focus/statistics</p>

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