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UNITED NATIONS POPULATION FUND (UNFPA)

<p>Brief description of the organisation¹</p>	<p>UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, is an international development agency, created in 1968 to support the execution of projects and programmes in the area of population and development, and sexual and reproductive health and rights. At present, UNFPA has field offices in 127 countries, in addition to Headquarters in New York, 6 regional offices in Bangkok, Istanbul, Cairo, Johannesburg, Dakar and Panama, 7 liaison offices (Copenhagen, Addis Ababa, London, Geneva, Brussels, Tokyo, Washington) and 3 sub-regional offices; Pacific SRO- Fiji for Pacific Islands and territories; Jamaica SRO for English-speaking and Dutch-speaking Caribbean countries; and Kazakhstan SRO.</p> <p>Most of UNFPA’s global work on statistics and indicators is led by the Technical Division in HQ, but it is undertaken in all regional offices (ROs), and select country offices (COs). The Technical Division represents UNFPA in the CCSA and other inter-agency groups, such as the MMEIG, the IAEG on SDGs, and the IAEG on Gender Statistics, among others. Each RO and CO have one or more population data advisers to support analysis of demographic status and trends, generate vital statistics, and use both census and household surveys to map, target and evaluate programmatic investments. In select humanitarian and fragile contexts UNFPA’s statistical work extends to supporting the generation of the Common Operational Datasets (CODs) on Population that inform all humanitarian operations, and estimating vulnerable subsets of the population, such as pregnant women.</p>
<p>Mission²</p>	<p>The mission of UNFPA is to assure that every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe, and every young person’s potential is fulfilled.</p> <p>In the area of data and statistics, UNFPA’s mission is to ensure that everyone, everywhere, is counted, and accounted for, through strengthening national population data systems, and mainstreaming demographic intelligence within national development plans.</p>
<p>Fields of Activity/ structure</p> <p><i>Statistics</i></p>	<p>UNFPA plays an important role in the technical and financial support to statistical activities in countries, particularly the modernization of population and housing censuses, and thematic population surveys that support programming to eliminate barriers to the full exercise of sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights.</p> <p>The Fund provides substantial technical support to the generation and increased geo-referencing of population and housing censuses and the use of such data for sub-national mapping of key indicators, and the integration of multiple data sources for small area estimation (SAE) of the same. UNFPA supports capacity strengthening for national statistical offices (NSOs) to track demographic and social change in areas of sexual and reproductive health, such as the age of marriage, use of modern</p>

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	<p>contraception, composition of households, female genital cutting, and gender-based violence.</p> <p>UNFPA has convened other UN partners and CSOs to share in the development of SDG indicators 5.6.1 and 5.6.2, and is custodian of the same.</p>
Mandate	<p>The mandate of UNFPA is to advance the vision and values represented within the Programme of Action of the International Conference of Population and Development, the key actions for its further implementation and the outcomes of its reviews.</p>
Statistical work programme	<p>To deliver on the goal of ensuring that everyone, everywhere, is counted, and accounted for, in pursuit of sustainable development, UNFPA technical work at global, regional and country level provides technical assistance and capacity strengthening to deliver on the commitments of the ICPD and the 2030 sustainable development agenda. The statistical work programme focuses on the following priority areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that population and housing censuses meet the highest international standards; expanding coverage and quality of civil registration, administrative records, and vital statistics; and supporting relevant household surveys. Where humanitarian crises preclude traditional data gathering, UNFPA provides technical support to estimate the population through a combination of microcensus and remote sensing. • Improve national capacity to use geo-referenced population and infrastructure data, improving GIS capacity within national Statistical Offices, and promoting the visualization and accessibility of geo-spatial data through national and sub-national mapping and use of small area estimation (SAE) to address data gaps and enhance the ability of governments and the development community to locate those “furthest behind”. • Contribute to the estimation of Common Operational Data Sets (CODS) on Population in humanitarian and fragile contexts, to prepare pre-conflict population estimates in fragile countries, and allow rapid estimation of those at risk in cases of heightened insecurity, displacement, and humanitarian crises. • Strengthen national capacity for integrated analysis and use of national and sub-national population, health and gender data for tracking trends and outcomes central to ICPD and the SDGs. • Roll out annual SDG capacity strengthening workshops targeting national statistics offices and SDG focal points. • Introduce new Family Planning metrics for national analysis and reporting that tell the full story on the theory of change for family planning demand and use, and host regional meetings to build national capacity for such metrics. • Provide a framework for the integration of Demographic Dividend-related data and indicators within national development plans through Demographic Dividend-Atlases.

<p>Number of staff <i>Total / Statistical division</i></p>	<p>Technical Division at HQ has 85 staff, a majority of whom are technically engaged in some aspects of data compilation, secondary analysis and reporting; approximately 20 Technical Division staff devote the majority of their work to such tasks.</p> <p>Each of 6 regional offices has a dedicated adviser on population and development, with responsibilities that include technical support for population data collection, analysis and reporting, including for SDGs. Many country offices also have a population and development specialist, guiding UNFPA support to national data initiatives e.g. related to censuses, surveys, and integrated socio-economic and demographic information systems.</p>
<p>Flagship Publications</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual <i>State of the World Population Report</i> • UNFPA Annual Report • Annual Report of the Secretary General on Financial resource flows for population activities (for Commission of Population and Development) • Annual Report of the Secretary General on Monitoring of population programmes (for Commission of Population and Development)
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