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The fundamental role statistics play in development is now widely accepted by the international community. Somehow, however, this has not translated into increased aid to statistics for development – indeed, just the opposite. Support to development statistics has fallen in 2013 after remaining constant in 2011-2012.

Yet without timely and accurate data, countries will not be able to meet the significant monitoring and measuring demands of the Sustainable Development Goals. The Millennium Development Goals already taught us a critical lesson: When the goals were adopted 15 years ago, baseline data was missing and the first reporting came only 5 years after the process started.

But despite lessons learned, progress made and effort expended, many countries still struggle to meet statistical demands. Exactly how much financial and technical support are they getting? This year's PRESS provides a snapshot of on-going support to statistical development and major trends. This edition also updates figures for 2006 to 2013 (as reported in the 2013 PRESS) with a revised methodology and newly available data.

\$448 M

Support to statistics reached USD 448 million in 2013. This is USD 120 million less than in 2011 and 2012, respectively.

0.24%

The share of Official Development Assistance (ODA) dedicated to statistics fell from about 0.33% in 2011 and 2012 to 0.24% in 2013 while the total amount ODA reached in 2013 the highest level ever recorded.

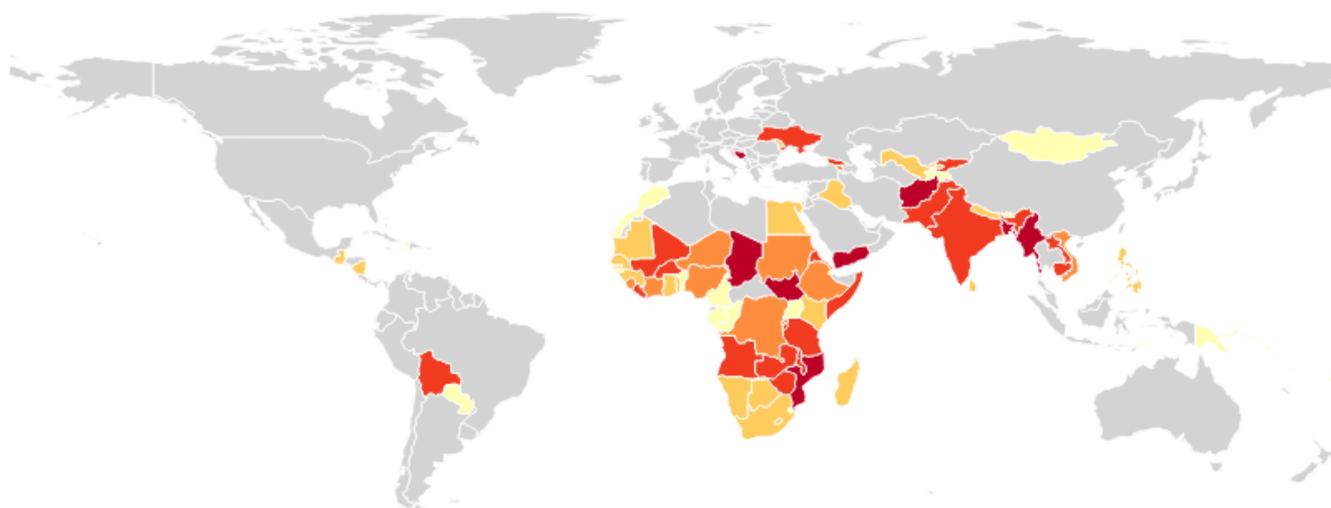
\$329 M

General and methodological issues receive the most support (USD 329 million), followed by demographic and social statistics (USD 210 million) and economic statistics (USD 107 million).

65%

The top five providers of development co-operation in statistics (World Bank; EUROSTAT; United Nations Population Fund; Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations; United Kingdom) provided 65% of total commitments in 2013, down from 79% in 2006.

Beneficiaries of aid to statistics in 2013



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