Operationalizing CD4.0 in the Philippines: Capacity Development to Strengthen Sub-national Gender Statistics for Community-Based SDGs Monitoring

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CD4.0 MALDIVES EXPERIENCE

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This assessment was structured around the PARIS21 “Framework and Guidelines for Assessing Data and Statistical Capacity Gaps for Better Gender Statistics”

CD4.0 was used to guide this Framework’s evaluation of NSS capacity

It applies the PARIS21 concept of the holistic capacity development, which takes into account different levels and targets of data ecosystem

Due to the crosscutting nature of gender statistics such a holistic approach used in CD4.0 was important

Done in cooperation between the National Bureau of Statistical (NBS), the Ministry of Gender, Family and Social Services (MGFSS), PARIS21 and UN Women
Aims of Gender Statistics in Assessment

- Aims at assisting in strengthening national statistical systems to produce gender statistics through a gender statistics gaps assessment and mainstreaming gender in the NSDS.
- Need to increase the availability of accurate information on gender equality and women’s rights to inform policy and decision-making.

Joined project by Paris 21 & UN Women
**April 2019**
Consultation meetings and workshop

**May – October 2019**
Collecting data and reporting on situation

**August 2019**
Data planning workshop (demand and supply of indicators)

**November – January 2020**
Desk review Draft Assessment Report

**February 2020**
Validation workshop Further consultations

**March 2020**
Finalize assessment and recommendations

**June 2020**
Dissemination of Report
ASSESSMENT TOOLS

A desk review of strategic documents, existing MSS-wide and sectoral assessments of statistics,

Questionnaires completed by key agencies

Comprehensive information on data availability reported by the NBS.

Feedback gathered through consultations and multi-stakeholder - workshops on gender statistics facilitated by PARIS21 in 2019 and 2020
STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIONS
FACILITATED BY PARIS21 IN 2019 AND 2020

Consultation meetings, between 8 and 14 April 2019...

Inception workshop, 9 April 2019...

Validation workshop, 26 February 2020...
ASSESSMENT STRUCTURE AND REPORTING

5 Assessment of MSS capacity to produce gender statistics

5.1. Systemic level
  5.1.1. Legal framework
  5.1.2. Coordination mechanisms
  5.1.3. Statistical plans
  5.1.4. Advocacy
  5.1.5. Political support and culture of evidence

5.2. Organisation’s level
  5.2.1. Budget, human and IT resources and training
  5.2.2. Data-sharing and production of gender statistics
  5.2.3. Communication of gender statistics

5.3. Individual level

CORE SET OF INDICATOR FRAMEWORKS USED

52 United Nations Minimum Set of Gender Indicators

54 Gender-related SDG Indicators
54 Gender-related SDG Indicators, Maldives 2020

54 gender-related Sustainable Development Goal indicators in the global framework

Half (50%) of the global SDG gender indicators can be produced for Maldives from existing sources.

- International methods still under development / not relevant
- Not able to produce from existing sources
- Able to produce

Source: Availability as reported by the National Bureau of Statistics.
Economic structures, participation in productive activities and access to resources

Education

Health and related services

Public life and decision-making

Human rights of women and girl children

Source: Availability as reported by the National Bureau of Statistics.
## Key Findings

### Data Production

- Lack of prioritisation of gender issues in promoting gender-responsive policy making
- Gender not integrated across the national statistical system
- Poor coordination of data exchange between the agencies
- Limited capacity across the system
  - High staff turnover
  - ICT equipment, software and trained staff are lacking
  - Limited or no technical training in gender statistics

### Data Accessibility and Use

- Main users of gender statistics are
  - Government ministries/International organizations/Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)
  - Involve the media, private sector and researchers more in the future
- Engagement with users is currently limited
- Main products
  - Annual publication by NBS for International Women’s Day on 8 March
  - Monthly statistical release by Ministry of Gender, Family and Social Services on gender-based and domestic violence, family issues and child rights
- No specific area for gender statistics on the NBS website
- Available products suggest infographics are a valued presentation method and capacity exists in the Maldives to produce them
1. Identify and **strengthen coordination mechanisms** for gender statistics production led by NBS and involving data producing ministries and agencies, and, where possible, civil society organizations.

2. Raise the **awareness of decision-makers** about the value of gender statistics and how they can contribute towards a high quality national statistics system and to evidence-based policymaking.

3. **Train data producers in gender statistics**: how to integrate gender in their work.
4. Invest in improving the **quality of data from administrative records** as a key source for gender statistics.

5. Strengthen national capacity in **data analysis** for gender and development.

6. Encourage researchers and development partners to access and use **microdata** for reprocessing to produce gender indicators and further analysis.

7. NBS to **work with Civil Society Organizations** to build understanding and explore opportunities to partner on studies such as time use, the prevalence of violence against women, and citizen generated data.
Purpose:

- To analyze the required capacities against existing capacities which generates an understanding of capacity resources and needs
- To serve as input for formulating a capacity development response through the National Strategy for the Development of Statistics
- To addresses those capacities that could be strengthened and optimizes existing capacities in the National Statistical System.
Based on the Capacity Development 4.0 Framework, NBS Maldives compiled 4 Questionnaires to cover the three levels (individuals, organizations and system) and five targets (resources, skills and knowledge, management, politics and power and incentives) identified in the framework.

- Capacity Assessment – Staff
- Capacity Assessment - Statistics Division Heads – NBS
- Capacity Assessment - Other Agencies in the National Statistical System
- Capacity Assessment - Human Resources Division - NBS
KEY AREAS COVERED

- **Organisational capacity**
  - Number of Statistical Staff
  - Statistical Staff by qualification, level, age, gender
  - Statistical trainings opportunities
  - Statistical areas of technical trainings required

- **Statistical capacity**
  - Regular Statistics collected/compiled,
  - Access to statistical expertise, technical/consultants/methodologies/guidelines,
  - Coordination mechanism in place between the NBS,
  - Statistical outputs

- **IT capacity to deliver statistics**
  - Workstations, required software,
  - Security of systems/data,
  - Data confidentiality and protection practices
  - Availability of statistical outputs on Website

- **Financial capacity to deliver statistics**
  - Funding for the routine statistical activities
KEY AREAS COVERED

- Additional requirements to deliver planned statistics
- Staff
- Trainings
- New areas/programs to improve stats
- Software Knowledge (Access, Excel, ArcGIS, STATA, SPSS, MySQL, Tableau/Canva/Any infographic software etc..)

• Additional Comments to Strengthen the National Statistical System
  - Better Coordination within division/sections
  - More trainings from NBS
  - Increase number of Staff
  - Legal framework
  - Administrative Support
  - IT Support
  - Regular communication with researchers, the academia and the scientific community
  - Implement quality management within the statistical production process
  - Crisis Management /Preparedness
  - Mobilizing political support
  - Collaboration between data users specially media and researchers.
WAY FORWARD

- Formulating next NSDS 10 year Plan for Maldives NSS
- These capacity assessments will serve as an input for formulating a capacity development response for the upcoming NSDS 2021-2030
- Assisting agencies to come up with sectoral gender specific indicators.
- Creating awareness on the importance on producing gender specific indicators.
- Improving administrative data collected by the agencies
- Seek political commitment and engagements of all stakeholders for the continuity of work on gender statistics and successful implementation of NSDS
THANK YOU