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UNFPA Capacity Building in Statistics

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ICPD Recommendation on Statistical Data



The ICPD called on Governments to
“strengthen their national capacity to carry out sustained and comprehensive programmes on collection, analysis, dissemination and utilization of population and development data.” (12.3)

ICPD: need for statistical training



“Training programmes in statistics, demography and population and development studies should be designed and implemented at the national and regional levels, particularly in developing countries, with enhanced technical and financial support, through international cooperation and greater national resources”. (PoA-12.8)

UNFPA Support for Statistical Training



1. Support to training institutes (e.g. CDC, Egypt; IIPS, India; INIA, Malta)
 - (a) Institutional support
 - (b) Technical assistance
 - (c) Sponsorships
2. Training through partner agencies (e.g. ESCAP)
3. Direct: Country level (under the CP); Regional level (CSTs);

UNFPA Areas of Training



- Population projections
- Data collection, processing and analysis for Population Censuses and Surveys (such as RH surveys and the DHS)
- RH commodities forecasting and costing

Training at the country level-1



Examples:

(a) Cambodia

- Training in response to Government requests with funding under the CP.
- Topics of training:
 - (a) Data collection, processing & analysis for DHS
 - (b) Data collection, processing (CSPro), tabulations for Inter-Censal Population Survey & Census
 - (c) RH commodities forecasting and costing
- Impact: improved national capacity for data collection and analysis (evidence: actual conduct of census/surveys)

Training at the country level -2



(b) Myanmar

- Conducted within the context of agreed CP as part of strengthening capacity for surveys included under the CP. Fully funded by UNFPA with, in some cases, TA provided by Population Council.
- Topics of training:
 - (a) Advanced techniques of SPSS application
 - (b) Advanced demographic techniques
 - (c) ICT for research, evaluation & analysis
- Impact: Improved confidence of middle level national personnel in data processing & report writing

Training at the country level-3



(c) Timor-Leste

- Training in data collection processing analysis and dissemination for country's first Census 2004. Operations funded largely by UNFPA under its Census project supplemented by bilateral aid.
- Impact: Has led to improved national capacity. Further assistance is still needed for Census in 2010 and UNFPA continues to provide support. (S-S cooperation: Indonesia)

(d) DPRK

- Training for Pilot Census and Census. (possible S-S cooperation: Philippines)

Regional level-1: Census/Surveys



Undertaken by CST-Bangkok

- Related to Census/surveys; and for
- Forecasting requirement for RH commodities
- Census/Survey mostly and up to 2002 for collection, processing, analysis & utilization of data under the 2000 Census Round.
- Need for 2010 Round expected to be much less except in some countries (e.g. DPRK, Timor-Leste)
- Funded almost entirely under the CP allocation for Census/Survey activities (Census Project)

Regional level-2: RHCS Forecasting



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Conducted at request of Country Offices with funding from CPs, the CST budget and RHCS Thematic Trust Fund through TSD, UNFPA HQ

2006:

- Forecasting of contraceptives, Bangkok
- Training of Trainers on RHCS in Jakarta, Indonesia.

2007:

- Training for officials of Dept of Health (Philippines) on forecasting the FP commodities .
- Commodity forecasting, costing and action plan development in Cambodia
- Training of Trainers on RHCS for Mongolia

.....RHCS Forecasting



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- Countries: Cambodia, DPRK, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Mongolia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand (Bangladesh, Fiji, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka)
- Collaboration: resource persons from UNESCAP & BKKBN (Indonesia)
- Impact: contributed to strengthening national capacity in forecasting and to providing results for policy/plan formulation and advocacy
- Several trainings have been or are being organized by country offices (e.g. Maldives) or institution (e.g. BKKBN) in the areas of RHCS using trained trainers who participated in earlier trainings organized by CST Bangkok.

Thank you for your attention