



# **Regional MDG Statistical Programme in Asia and the Pacific**

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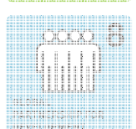
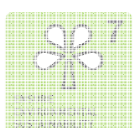
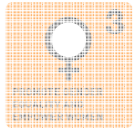
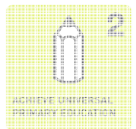
**Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP)**

**Inter-regional MDG Indicators Meeting**

***Santiago, Chile***

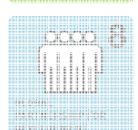
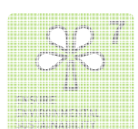
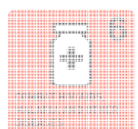
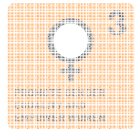
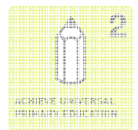
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## Areas of work



- As part of the work to strengthen the statistical capacity for monitoring the Millennium Development Goals, ESCAP and SIAP have been working on the following areas:
  - Strengthening civil registration and vital statistics systems
  - Strengthening the capacity to produce disaggregated MDG-related statistics
  - Promoting effective use of statistics for policy analysis and advocacy
  - Providing statistical training

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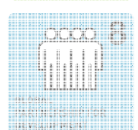
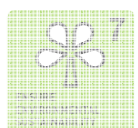
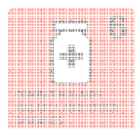
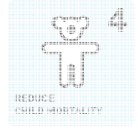
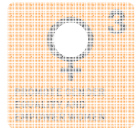
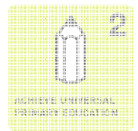
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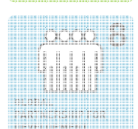
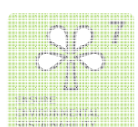
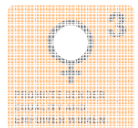
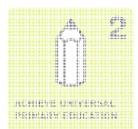
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## Civil Registration and Vital Statistics: Past activities



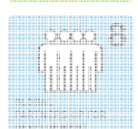
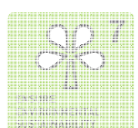
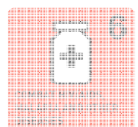
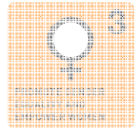
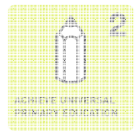
- Regional forum, Jun 2010: Outcome statement on the need to improve CRVS systems in the region, endorsed by ESCAP Committee on Statistics (CST) in Dec 2011:
  - Agreed to fully develop a RP for improving CR/VS:
  - Indication by several delegations of a draft resolution on improving CR/VS systems for consideration at next ESCAP session

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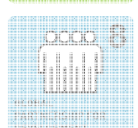
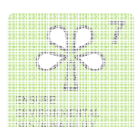
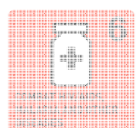
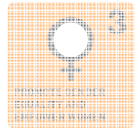
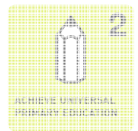
- Resolution on CR/VS improvement was adopted by ESCAP Commission in May 2011
- Calls upon members to:
  - Review and assess current functioning of their civil registration system and quality of vital statistics
  - Use assessment results to develop and implement comprehensive and costed strategies and plans to strengthen CR/VS systems
  - Strengthen capacities of relevant institutions
- Calls upon UN, international financial institutions, development partners, NGOs, private sector to:
  - Support countries in strengthening CR/VS systems

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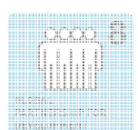
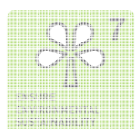
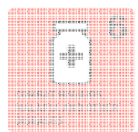
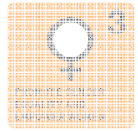
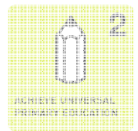
- Rapid assessment of CRVS systems completed by 31 countries
  - 10 dysfunctional or weak
  - 11 functional but inadequate
  - 10 satisfactory: > 90% births & deaths registered
- Training workshop on detailed country assessments (WHO-UQ HISHub tool) and the formulation of national action plans, March 2011

## Civil Registration and Vital Statistics: Past activities



- Detailed country assessments completed for Philippines and Sri Lanka (prime candidates for formulation of national action plans)
- Involved in revision of global Principals and Recommendations (EGM NY, Jun 2011)

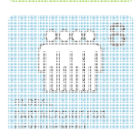
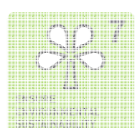
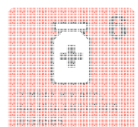
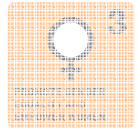
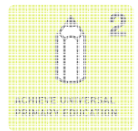
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- Full development of RP & implementation plan
- High-level regional meeting, 10-11 Dec 2012, HMN funding
  - Development partners planning meeting in Jan 2012 with participation from ADB, UNDP, WHO, UNFPA, SPC, UQ HISHub, HMN, Plan International, Thailand

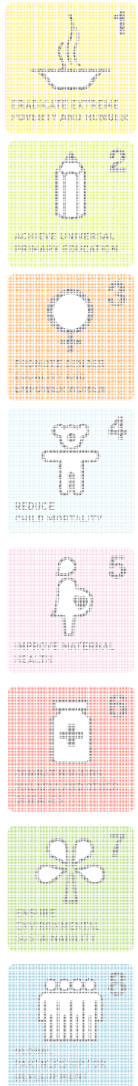


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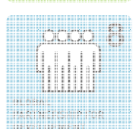
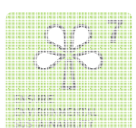
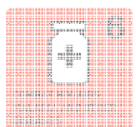
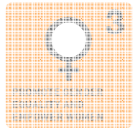
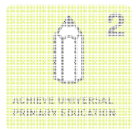
- Activities designed and implemented in close partnership with WHO and strongly linked with the implementation of the recommendations of the Commission on Information and Accountability of Women's and Children's Health (CoIA)
- Facilitating coordination and cooperation among development partners
  - Partners for Statistics Development in Asia-Pacific

## Civil Registration and Vital Statistics: On-going and planned activities



- Supporting selected countries in formulating improvement plans
  - On basis of detailed assessment of CR/VS systems
- Detailed country assessments and the formulation of national action plans
  - Maldives and Indonesia ongoing
- Serious interest expressed and discussions ongoing with Bangladesh, Cambodia, Kyrgyzstan, Lao PDR, Mongolia, Nepal, Tajikistan, Thai-land and Timor-Leste

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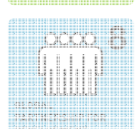
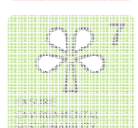
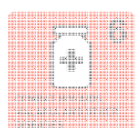
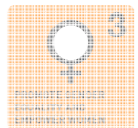
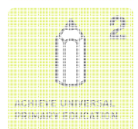
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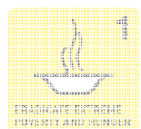
## Capacity to produce disaggregated MDG-related statistics

- Several types of activities, depending on country priorities:

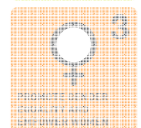
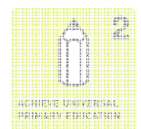
1. Preparation of overview of existing disaggregated MDG statistics (including tabulation of population census data)
2. Development of master samples for household surveys (on basis of population census data)
3. Introduction of small area estimation techniques: combining data from different sources (censuses, surveys, administrative systems) to produce statistically valid disaggregated indicators
4. Support to the design and implementation (including data analysis and dissemination) of household surveys used, among others, to produce disaggregated MDG statistics
5. Assessment of capacity to produce gender statistics



## Capacity to produce disaggregated MDG-related statistics: past activities



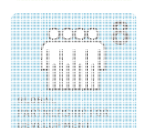
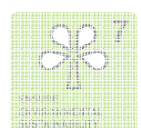
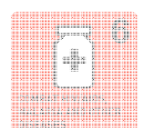
- Subregional training workshop in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, on Dissemination of Census data in support of monitoring MDG indicators for policy and decision making, May 2011



- Training workshop on master sample and small area estimation techniques, Sept 2011



- Technical advisory missions to develop master sample to Bhutan (Dec 2011) and to Mongolia on master sample and small area estimation techniques (Nov 2011)

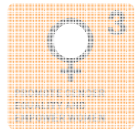
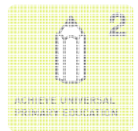


- Supported Mongolia and Nepal with experts on small area estimation and master sample

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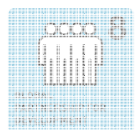
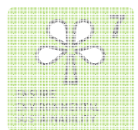
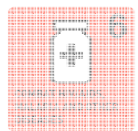
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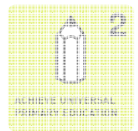


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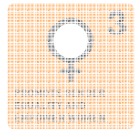
- Survey of national gender statistics programmes and activities (2010)

- Conducted in 15 countries in the region



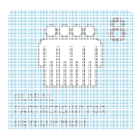
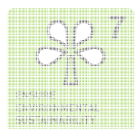
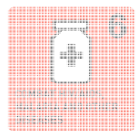
- First consultative meeting to develop a regional programme on gender statistics (Sept 2010)

- 14 countries participated



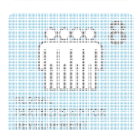
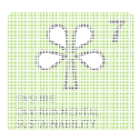
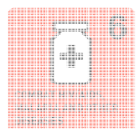
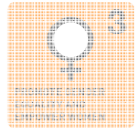
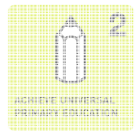
- In-country needs assessments on the status of gender statistics and the capacity of national statistical systems to produce gender statistics

- Indonesia and Bhutan



- Stakeholders involved: NSO, national mechanism for advancement of women, ministries, NGOs, UNCT
- Various technical advisory missions on gender statistics to Timor-Leste

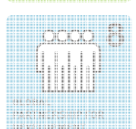
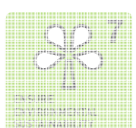
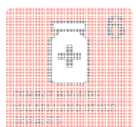
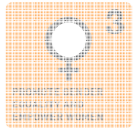
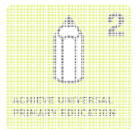
## Capacity to produce Gender disaggregated MDG-related statistics: plans



- Development of a regional programme for gender statistics
- Thematic Working Group on Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women under RCM; Working Group on Gender Statistics
  - Mapping exercise on gender statistics related programmes and activities of member agencies



## Areas of work



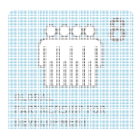
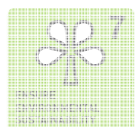
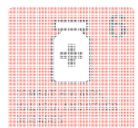
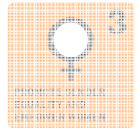
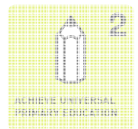
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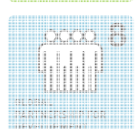
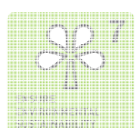
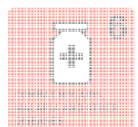
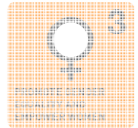
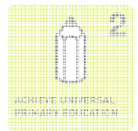
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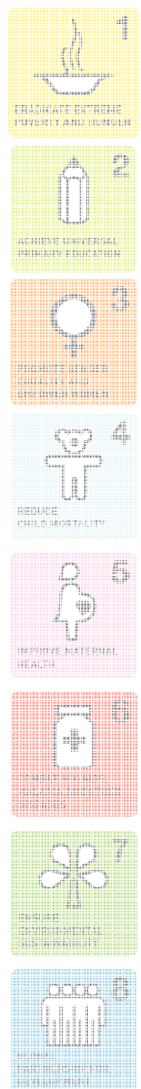
- High-level consultative meeting, Dec 2010:  
Identification of good practices and design of a documentation framework
- Work with Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, New Zealand, Thailand, Vanuatu, on the documentation of their specific good practices (cases)

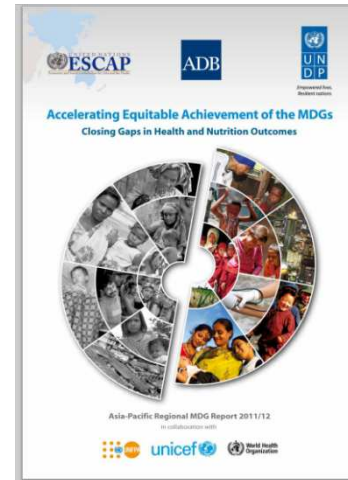
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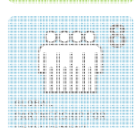
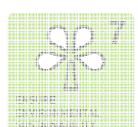
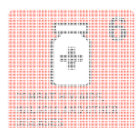
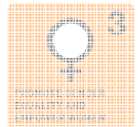
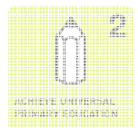
- Consultants supported the documentation of the cases of Bangladesh, Vanuatu, Nepal
- In-kind support to document the cases of India and Thailand from other ESCAP divisions and UNESCO funded the cases of Australia and New Zealand
- Workshop in Oct 2011 to review the piloting of the framework
- Publication of handbook (scheduled for Apr 2012)

## MDG Regional Reports



- Since 2004, the ESCAP/ADB/UNDP partnership has produced seven successive regional reports on the achievements of the MDGs in Asia and the Pacific
  - The most recent report was focused on health
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- Plan to publish two more reports: 2013 and 2015

## Areas of work



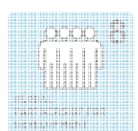
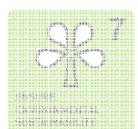
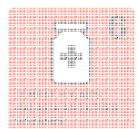
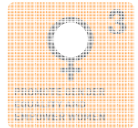
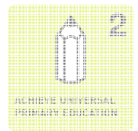
- Strengthening civil registration and vital statistics systems

- Strengthening the capacity to produce disaggregated MDG-related statistics

- Promoting effective use of statistics for policy analysis and advocacy

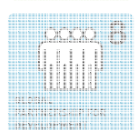
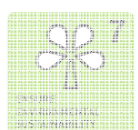
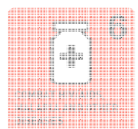
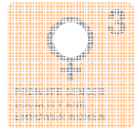
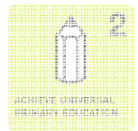
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## Providing statistical training on MDG's



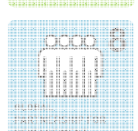
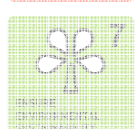
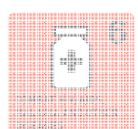
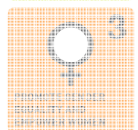
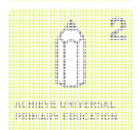
- Statistical capacity building with MDGs focus
- Supporting evidence based policy making
- Improving training resources and accessibility
- Need to do more

## Capacity building on MDG statistics



- Four month training course on “production and development of official statistics in support for national development including the achievement of the MDGs” is conducted annually to enhance the statistical capacity of the NSS.
- MDG modules introduced in several training programmes:
  - Two-month ICT course
  - Two-month data analysis, interpretation and dissemination course
- Building skills on micro data dissemination
- Target group: NSS officials

## Promoting the use of official statistics for evidence based policy making



- Workshops conducted on :
  - Meeting statistical information needs for policy analysis (in collaboration with UNFPA and ABS)
    - Under Tokyo based short term programme
  - National, regional and global MDG monitoring and use of disaggregated MDG related census data in policy and decision making:
    - Under Outreach programme conducted outside Japan
- Bring together the data producers and users in the workshops for improving data user producer understanding and interaction
  - Target groups:
    - Government policy makers, UN teams and Statisticians

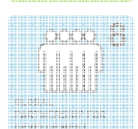
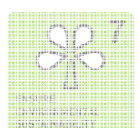
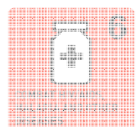
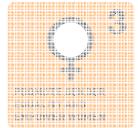
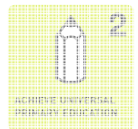


## Improving training resources and access



- ADB collaborated with SIAP to produce “Administrative data sources for compiling MDGs and related indicators”
  - Experiences based on a capacity development programme on the use of promoting the administrative data for MDG monitoring conducted by SIAP were used for the publication
- Developing e-learning materials on MDGs for the use of a wider audience.

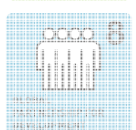
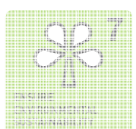
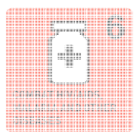
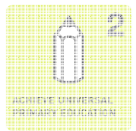
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- EGM conducted to decide on “Priorities, Strategies and designs for Statistical Training on indicators for monitoring MDG progress from 2011-2015” with ESCAP-SD
- Target groups:
  - Government MDG focal points
  - UN teams
  - Statisticians

## Need to do more

- Engaging civil society
  - Improving statistical literacy of data user groups
- Standardization of methodologies adopted by data producer groups



***Thank you***

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