



Strengthening the Capacity of National Statistical Offices (NSOs) in the Caribbean Small Island Developing States to fulfill the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and other Internationally Agreed Development Goals (IADGs)



Background

- Caribbean countries continue to have difficulties in addressing additional demands of monitoring and measuring progress created by the MDGs and other global commitments.
- Project seeks to:
 1. build on past and current initiatives;
 2. Hence, broaden and improve statistics and indicators through the better use of experience and accumulated documentation;
 3. Provide technical assistance to help to enhance capacities.



Objectives

- Strengthen technical capacities in targeted Caribbean NSOs to:
 1. improve data collection;
 2. produce social and environmental indicators to measure poverty, social cohesion, and environmental sustainability;
 3. hence, advance the fulfillment of the MDGs and other IADGs



Outputs

- Strengthen capacity of Caribbean countries to establish common data collection protocols, definitions and classifications for the collection and dissemination of MDGs and other IADGs indicators;
- Strengthen technical capacity of governmental institutions to produce and analyze harmonized data sets for use in the design and implementation of public policies that lead to the fulfillment of the MDGs and other IADGs;
- Establish a database to facilitate the generation of indicators at the subregional level;



Outputs

- This will enhance the measurement of the economic, social and environmental costs of maintaining current development patterns;
- Produce a Caribbean MDG progress report by June 2010;
- This report will contribute to ECLAC's wider regional report;
- This regional report will serve as input into a comprehensive global report to be prepared by the Secretary General, for presentation at the 65th session of the General Assembly in September 2010.



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Achievements

- MDG assessment undertaken by ECLAC in 2008/2009;
- ECLAC administered a survey in 23 countries and territories;
- Results – seventy four % (17) countries completed survey;
- EGM and meetings of the Steering Committee;
- Project Website: <http://www.eclac.cl/id.asp?id=37073>.



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Challenges

- Lack of resources and authority;
- National MDG reporting very poor in the region;
- Availability of data – no national database to access MDG/IADG indicators.



Conclusions

- The MDG project is scheduled to be completed in this Biennium.



THANK YOU

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