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WHAT ARE THE TAKE-HOME MESSAGES?

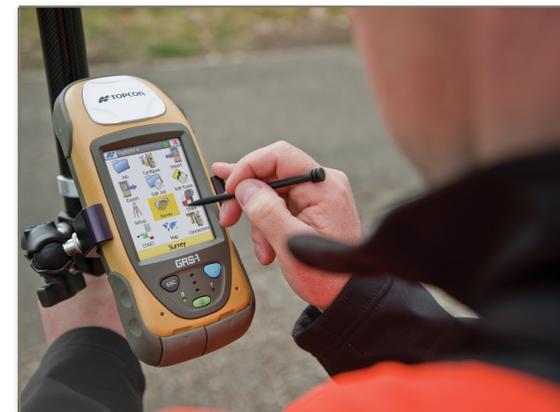
- Even with limited resources, through building the capacity of staff and using new methods and technology, there is scope for improving the range and quality of statistics that are available.
- In an environment where capacity constraint is the norm, statistical offices can have more impact by making data dissemination and data access priorities, thereby ensuring that data are exploited to the fullest extent.



WHAT IS ECLAC DOING?

ECLAC is focusing on providing support which will help national statistical offices, and other producers of statistics, to overcome the severe capacity constraints that they face. This includes technical assistance in the online dissemination of data using REDATAM, guidance on the release of micro-data to researchers, and identification of potential uses of big data.

Ongoing studies by ECLAC will provide guidelines for improving access to data and suggest strategies for integrating big data in official statistics.



WHY ARE STATISTICS AN ISSUE?

The governments of the Caribbean face huge challenges in the production of official statistics. As a consequence, the range and depth of statistical data produced by most Caribbean statistical offices are limited. The implication is that Caribbean policymakers, who face sustainable development challenges, operate in an environment of limited information.

Strengthening the region's capacity to produce adequate and reliable data with regular frequency and in a timely fashion will enhance the ability of Caribbean countries to plan for sustainable development.

