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**SECOND REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BIENNIAL PROGRAMME  
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OF THE STATISTICAL CONFERENCE OF THE AMERICAS OF THE ECONOMIC  
COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

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## INTRODUCTION

This document reports on the progress made in the implementation of the workplans of the working groups of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) for the 2024–2025 biennium.

At its twelfth meeting, held in September 2023, the Statistical Conference of the Americas adopted its biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2024–2025,<sup>1</sup> and endorsed the establishment of its current 13 working groups. Each working group committed to the preparation of a specific output during the biennium to contribute to the development of official statistics in the region in the following areas: (i) peer review; (ii) census mapping; (iii) data imputation; (iv) small area estimation; (v) metadata management; (vi) childhood-related administrative records; (vii) gender mainstreaming; (viii) well-being indicators; (ix) forced displacement and migration; (x) labour market; (xi) environmental statistics; (xii) agricultural surveys; and (xiii) police administrative records.

Most of these outputs are documents intended to offer methodological tools and recommendations that will positively impact the above-mentioned areas. The working groups have made progress in preparing outlines and substantive content for their outputs. Data have been collected and systematized through surveys and consultations with national statistical offices. Working group meetings and specialized workshops have been held to enable countries and technical secretariats to share knowledge and experiences. In the framework of these activities, joint efforts have been undertaken to prepare drafts of final outputs.

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<sup>1</sup> LC/CEA.12/8.

## I. PEER REVIEW MECHANISM IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

### 1. Coordinating country

Colombia: National Administrative Department of Statistics (DANE)

### 2. Technical secretariat

Statistics Division of ECLAC

### 3. Objectives

#### (a) General objective

Establish a regional peer review methodology, institutionalized under the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC and based on an analysis of regional benchmarks, such as the Code of Good Practice in Statistics for Latin America and the Caribbean, and international peer review methodologies, such as the methodology of Eurostat.

#### (b) Specific objectives

- (i) Prepare the methodological document and the instruments necessary for peer review in accordance with the outcomes of the analysis of international benchmarks and the pilot tests conducted.
- (ii) Design and conduct two pilot tests of the proposed peer review methodology to identify opportunities for improvement and generate a basis for its implementation in countries in the region.

### 4. Workplan

Activity	Start date	End date	Progress (Percentages)	Remarks
<b>Design and execution of the pilot test with external financing</b>				
Compilation of the methodological document and instruments for peer review in Latin American and Caribbean countries	January 2024	February 2024	100	Compilation of methodological document 100% completed; compilation of self-evaluation instrument for pilot test 100% completed
Selection of the national statistical office for the pilot test and selection of the peer review committee	February 2024	March 2024	100	Dominican Republic and Ecuador —beneficiary countries of the project to enhance the resilience and agility of statistical systems to respond to data needs for a stronger recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, implemented by ECLAC within the framework of the fourteenth tranche of the United Nations Development Account— selected for pilot tests

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Start date</b>	<b>End date</b>	<b>Progress (Percentages)</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
<b>Design and execution of the pilot test with external financing</b>				
Execution of the pilot test in the selected country (Dominican Republic)	August 2024	May 2025	100	First pilot test 100% completed
Preparation of the report on the results of the pilot test (Dominican Republic)	August 2024	June 2025	100	Report on first pilot test 100% completed
Revision of the methodological document, self-evaluation instrument and other necessary documentation, on the basis of the results of the first pilot test	November 2024	June 2025	75	Methodological document revision based on results of first pilot test 50% completed; revision of self-evaluation instruments 100% completed
Execution of the pilot test in the selected country (Ecuador)	April 2025	June 2025	0	Second pilot test to be carried out between April and June 2025; owing to pilot test rescheduling, implementation of methodology during biennium will not be possible without external financing
Preparation of the report on implementation results (Ecuador)	-	-	0	Not started; owing to pilot test rescheduling, implementation of methodology during biennium will not be possible without external financing
Revision of the methodological document, self-evaluation instrument and other necessary documentation, on the basis of results of the second pilot test	-	-	0	-
<b>Adoption of the methodology by the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC</b>				
Revision of the methodological document, self-evaluation instrument and other necessary documentation, on the basis of the pilot test results	November 2024	May 2025	75	Methodological document revision based on results of first pilot test 50% completed; revision of self-evaluation instruments 100% completed
Review of the revised methodological document by Latin American and Caribbean countries	June 2025	June 2025	0	Not started
Submission of the methodological document for adoption by the Conference	July 2025	July 2025	0	Not started
Incorporation of final revisions to methodology, copy and layout	July 2025	September 2025	0	Not started

## II. ANALYSIS OF TECHNOLOGIES AND METHODOLOGIES FOR CENSUS MAPPING

### 1. Coordinating countries

Argentina: National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INDEC)

Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela: National Institute of Statistics (INE)

### 2. Technical secretariats

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE)-Population Division of ECLAC  
Statistics Division of ECLAC

### 3. Objectives

#### (a) General objective

Analyse the status of progress in technology and methodology for the preparation of geospatial information under the premise that “data speak”, which refers to the exploration of census mapping in the information age, in order to explain what it is and how this information is used in the different phases of census operations in the 2020 round, for application in the 2030 round of censuses in Latin American and Caribbean countries.

#### (b) Specific objectives

Prepare a document on lessons learned with regard to the following:

- (i) The different methods of capturing geospatial and statistical information used in the process of updating pre-census and census maps.
- (ii) Oversight and management systems for updating pre-census and census maps.
- (iii) Interoperability between geospatial information and the capture methods used in the field during the census-taking process (computer-assisted personal interview, computer-assisted web interview, computer-assisted telephone interview).
- (iv) Systematization of experiences in the region with regard to the dissemination and geospatial representation of census data.
- (v) General recommendations for the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on leveraging lessons learned to strengthen national statistical and geographical systems and on the preparation of the 2030 round of censuses.

#### 4. Workplan

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Start date</b>	<b>End date</b>	<b>Progress (Percentages)</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Bilateral meetings to share technologies and methodologies used in updating pre-census and census maps with countries that have already completed their censuses (2020)	November 2023	May 2024	100	13 meetings held
Report on the systematization of the information and presentations shared at the bilateral meetings	May 2024	June 2024	100	Summary or report prepared for each meeting
Observations on pilot tests and census operations for the period 2023–2025: updating pre-census and census maps	November 2023	March 2025	100	Activity carried out as part of meeting discussions
Report on observations made during the pilot tests	March 2025	March 2025	100	-
Preparation of the final document	March 2025	July 2025	30	In progress
Dissemination of the final document	August 2025	September 2025	0	-

### III. DATA IMPUTATION METHODOLOGIES APPLIED IN HOUSEHOLD SURVEYS AND POPULATION CENSUSES

#### 1. Coordinating country

Chile: National Institute of Statistics (INE)

#### 2. Technical secretariat

Statistics Division of ECLAC

#### 3. Objectives

##### (a) General objective

Systematize international experience, focusing on national statistical offices in the region and international organizations, in order to develop recommendations for the implementation of statistical data imputation methodologies in household surveys and population censuses.

##### (b) Specific objectives

- (i) Establish an exchange with national statistical offices in the region to allow the sharing of knowledge, good practices and successful experiences in the field of data imputation in household surveys and population censuses.
- (ii) Establish a regional standardized procedure, in accordance with international recommendations and good practices, which can be adapted to the specific reality of each country and each statistical operation, on imputation in household surveys and population censuses.
- (iii) Examine the particular characteristics of database imputation processes and their impact on imputation variance and on the measurement of sampling error by users of household surveys.
- (iv) Through these efforts, it is proposed to establish a regional observatory, with responsibility for research and administrative functions rotating among the participating countries. The main objective is to produce a periodic, indexed publication, supported by all national statistical offices and ECLAC.

#### 4. Workplan

Activity	Start date	End date	Progress (Percentages)	Remarks
Establishment of the working group	November 2023	January 2024	100	Established in March 2024
Initial proposal on the content of the document and discussion with the working group	February 2024	March 2024	90	Draft circulated; incorporation of working group comments under way
Systematization of information on the current status of data imputation practices in household surveys and censuses of the countries of the region	March 2024	June 2024	50	Survey circulated, garnering only two responses; efforts under way to obtain more responses or move forward with information available

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Start date</b>	<b>End date</b>	<b>Progress (Percentages)</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Definition of standardized criteria for imputation in surveys and censuses	June 2024	September 2024	70	-
Presentation of progress at the first virtual meeting of the working group	October 2024	October 2024	60	Working group members have received progress updates
Definition of the imputation methodologies to be considered for use in surveys and censuses	October 2024	March 2025	80	Included in the draft document
Seminar and workshop on international experiences regarding data imputation in surveys and censuses	November 2024	November 2024	10	Chile's national statistical office unable to coordinate activity owing to census; presentation therefore delivered by Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics
Presentation of progress at the second virtual meeting of the working group	April 2025	April 2025	0	-
Consultation on the draft document with member countries of the working group	May 2025	June 2025	0	-
Discussion of the final draft at a virtual meeting of the working group	July 2025	July 2025	0	-
Final document sent to the technical secretariat of the Conference	August 2025	August 2025	0	-

#### **IV. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INCORPORATING SMALL AREA ESTIMATION METHODOLOGIES INTO THE PRODUCTION OF STATISTICS**

##### **1. Coordinating countries**

Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela: National Institute of Statistics (INE)

Colombia: National Administrative Department of Statistics (DANE)

##### **2. Technical secretariat**

Statistics Division of ECLAC

##### **3. Objectives**

###### **(a) General objective**

Develop a manual that enables institutions to standardize the use of small area estimation to produce official statistics.

###### **(b) Specific objectives**

- (i) Analyse the use of the small area estimation methodology in the region, taking into consideration criteria for the following: publication, variables, domains, periodicity of publication, process definition and automation, tools used and available human talent.
- (ii) Define the general stages of applying the small area estimation methodology in order to create a manual with a step-by-step guide, bearing in mind replicability and automation.
- (iii) Make recommendations to institutions and organizations that enable small area estimation to be incorporated into the production processes for official statistics.
- (iv) Establish a maturity model that takes into consideration the following capacities and assets: available data, human talent, defined processes, initiatives already implemented and technological tools.
- (v) Contribute to building tools that highlight the possible contributions of implementing the small area estimation methodology for following up on and monitoring the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) indicators.
- (vi) Gather recommendations from countries in the region that have already begun implementing the small area estimation methodology to produce statistics.
- (vii) Propose ways for the statistical data obtained using small area estimation methodology to be made available and viewed locally through geostatistical information systems.

#### 4. Workplan

Activity	Start date	End date	Progress (Percentages)	Remarks
Establishment of the working group	November 2023	January 2024	100	-
Development of an instrument to describe the level of institutional maturity in applying small area estimation	January 2024	February 2024	100	Instrument designed and implemented; results compiled; questionnaire sent on 16 May, with reminder on 11 June
Analysis of the information from the maturity instrument and comparison of the maturity of the countries of the region in the implementation of the small area estimation methodology	February 2024	April 2024	100	-
Definition of the general stages for the implementation of the small area estimation methodology in institutions	April 2024	May 2024	0	Activity pushed back to allow for consideration of results from interviews with countries at highest level of maturity
Preparation of a draft proposal for the implementation of each stage and development of the process to be incorporated into the production of statistics	May 2024	July 2024	0	Activity pushed back to allow for consideration of results from interviews with countries at highest level of maturity
Review of the document and approval of the final version	July 2024	August 2024	0	Activity pushed back to allow for consideration of results from interviews with countries at highest level of maturity
Definition of the administrative, political and technical factors that will enable the small area estimation methodology to be integrated into statistical production	April 2025	June 2025	0	Not started; semi-structured interviews with national statistical offices will inform activity, to be rescheduled for second quarter of 2025
Preparation of a draft proposal of enabling factors to be implemented by the institution in order to incorporate small area estimation into the production of statistics	April 2025	June 2025	0	Not started; semi-structured interviews with national statistical offices will inform activity, to be rescheduled for second quarter of 2025
Review of the document and approval of the final version	April 2025	June 2025	0	Not started; semi-structured interviews with national statistical offices will inform activity, to be rescheduled for second quarter of 2025
Definition of the degree of maturity and institutional capacities required to move to another level	December 2024	September 2025	70	Defined degrees included in instrument for describing maturity level of national statistical offices
Development of a draft proposal for the degree of maturity and institutional capacities required to move to another level	February 2025	September 2025	70	Activity to be expanded to include definition of criteria for advancing to higher degree of maturity

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Start date</b>	<b>End date</b>	<b>Progress (Percentages)</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Review of the document and approval of the final version	April 2025	September 2025	0	Not started
Gathering of recommendations from the countries with the most experience in implementing the small area estimation methodology	May 2025	September 2025	0	Not started
Preparation of a summary of the manual to progress from using the small area estimation methodology as an experiment to using it for producing statistics	June 2025	September 2025	0	Not started
Review of the document and approval of the final version	August 2025	September 2025	0	Not started

## **V. GUIDELINES ON METADATA MANAGEMENT WHEN IMPLEMENTING THE GENERIC STATISTICAL BUSINESS PROCESS MODEL**

### **1. Coordinating country**

Colombia: National Administrative Department of Statistics (DANE)

### **2. Technical secretariat**

Statistics Division of ECLAC

### **3. Objectives**

#### **(a) General objective**

Analyse the implementation of standards for the production and dissemination of official statistics (such as the generic statistical business process model (GSBPM)) and the generation and management of metadata and encourage the exchange of good practices and the incorporation of innovations in the countries of the region to develop a technical manual with recommendations for metadata documentation and management in the production of statistics.

#### **(b) Specific objectives**

- (i) Identify the ECLAC member States that have implemented or are implementing GSBPM in statistics production processes.
- (ii) Conduct interviews and consult with selected countries' national statistical offices, using digital forms, to obtain detailed information on the implementation of GSBPM and on metadata management.
- (iii) Review the existing documentation on statistics production processes in the selected countries, analysing their coverage and level of detail.
- (iv) Analyse metadata generation and management in the statistics production processes of selected countries, identifying good practices and challenges.
- (v) Address the implications of using artificial intelligence tools to generate and manage documentation.
- (vi) Examine the regional context, explore a variety of innovations and good practices in the use of digital tools and media (such as videos and podcasts) and determine whether they can be considered metadata for producing statistics.
- (vii) Develop a technical manual with clear and practical recommendations for metadata documentation and management in the production of statistics, tailored to the particular characteristics of countries of the region.
- (viii) Foster the dissemination and adoption of the technical manual by national statistical offices in the region, through webinars, workshops and other media.

#### 4. Workplan

Activity	Start date	End date	Progress (Percentages)	Remarks
Preparation and deployment of a survey to gauge the status of implementing and documenting GSBPM in ECLAC member States	January 2024	May 2024	100	Target achieved
Identification and selection of ECLAC member States for the study using the GSBPM implementation criteria	May 2024	June 2024	100	Target achieved
Circulation of the GSBPM instrument for identifying implementation and documentation to ECLAC member States	September 2024	September 2024	100	Instrument circulated and observations received
Review and analysis of the generation and management of metadata in the statistics production processes of the countries selected	July 2024	September 2024	100	Research finalized, taking into account elements published on websites of participating national statistical institutions
Interviews and consultations with the national statistical offices of the countries selected to obtain detailed information	October 2024	January 2025	60	Behind schedule owing to lack of response from national statistical offices; feedback shared with Conference secretariat to improve coordination
Analysis of the results of the study and extraction of good practices and recommendations	January 2025	March 2025	60	Compilation of all national statistical office results and completion of activity expected between late March and early April 2025
Preparation of the technical manual in collaboration with experts from the national statistical offices and other relevant stakeholders	April 2025	July 2025	0	Not started
Review and approval of the technical manual by the national statistical offices and other experts in statistics from the region	August 2025	September 2025	0	Not started

## VI. MANUAL ON THE INTEGRATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE DATA ON CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

### 1. Coordinating countries

Chile: National Institute of Statistics (INE)

Uruguay: National Institute of Statistics (INE)

### 2. Technical secretariats

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

Statistics Division of ECLAC

### 3. Objectives

#### (a) General objective

Strengthen the quality of administrative data and their use in following up on the 2030 Agenda and designing public policies to safeguard the rights of children and adolescents in the region.

#### (b) Specific objectives

- (i) Prepare a manual with guidelines on the statistical use of administrative records on children and adolescents, including linking and integrating data across sectors.
- (ii) Establish a conceptual framework for a mature statistics system that is based on integrated administrative data on children.
- (iii) Develop a set of technical case studies of the region, including technical support.
- (iv) Develop strategies and technical guidance for the four areas identified as problematic (scope, governance, data issues, and information technology and other issues).

### 4. Workplan

Activity	Start date	End date	Progress (Percentages)	Remarks
Identification of resources	January 2024	March 2024	100	Resources secured, including a UNICEF-funded consultant to carry out activities related to use of administrative records for statistical purposes; terms of reference, including roles and responsibilities, drafted and approved by all working group members
Preparation and dissemination of workplan	January 2024	March 2024	100	Biennial workplan prepared in collaboration with members; three working group meetings held, with representation from 11 countries, to draft workplan, establish deadlines, prepare annotated index and determine next steps for case studies

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Start date</b>	<b>End date</b>	<b>Progress (Percentages)</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Case study selection	April 2024	June 2024	100	Criterion defined for selection of case studies; call for proposals sent to working group members in April 2024; results of selection process shared in late July 2024
Case studies and consultations	April 2024	June 2025	90	Consultations on case studies nearing conclusion; final review will fall to national statistical offices
Literature review	April 2024	June 2025	100	Literature review and drafting of related document sections completed
Contributions of experts	April 2024	June 2025	40	Expert consultations in progress
Completion of case studies and manual	April 2025	September 2025	0	-
Dissemination workshop	July 2025	September 2025	0	-

## VII. TOOLS FOR MAINSTREAMING THE GENDER PERSPECTIVE IN STATISTICAL PRODUCTION PROCESSES

### 1. Coordinating country

Mexico: National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI)

### 2. Technical secretariats

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC

Statistics Division of ECLAC

### 3. Objectives

#### (a) General objective

Apply the guidelines for mainstreaming the gender perspective to the phases of the statistical process by documenting good practices, measures, strategies and cases implemented by national statistical offices and institutions producing and using statistics in the region, through an online interactive toolkit, with documents, visual content and testimonies.

#### (b) Specific objectives

- (i) Compile experiences, examples and good practices in the region of gender mainstreaming and intersectionality in statistical production.
- (ii) Roll out a set of interactive tools that will enable the countries of the region to make optimal use of data on gender mainstreaming in statistical production.
- (iii) Strengthen the directions and guidance in the *Guidelines for mainstreaming the gender perspective in statistical production*.

### 4. Workplan

Activity	Start date	End date	Progress (Percentages)	Remarks
Endorsement of the focal points of member countries of the working group	September 2023	October 2023	100	-
Compilation of successful experiences and good practices identified in the <i>Guidelines for mainstreaming the gender perspective in statistical production</i>	October 2023	December 2023	100	-
Formation of the working group and preparation of the combined proposal on the components and structure of the toolkit	January 2024	March 2024	100	Working group formed; work started on proposal for toolkit content; working group decided to hold monthly consultations on integration of good practices by phase, in order to comment on and discuss tools

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Start date</b>	<b>End date</b>	<b>Progress (Percentages)</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
New consultation to be conducted, to identify other good practices for mainstreaming the gender perspective in statistical production processes in the countries of the region	February 2024	May 2024	100	Working group decided to hold 10 virtual meetings to carry out consultations; data on good practices with respect to each phase of <i>Guidelines</i> were collected over one month; information compiled in a shared resource was reviewed at next meeting; information gathered on eight phases of official statistical production (identification of needs, design, construction, data collection, processing, analysis, dissemination and evaluation)
Progress on the design and development of the digital platform or portal for the toolkit	May 2024	July 2024	100	Good practices compiled from the <i>Guidelines</i> and country consultations were integrated; the toolkit platform was designed
Consultation with the member countries of the Statistical Conference of the Americas on the draft toolkit	August 2024	September 2024	100	Review of inputs by phase of statistical production carried out with countries to continue to improve material for inclusion in toolkit
Incorporation of comments	October 2024	November 2024	100	Incorporation of material on good implementation practices for statistical production phases continued; compilation of comments and observations on toolkit design and structure completed
Revisions to development of the proposed toolkit and the interactive online version	December 2024	January 2025	100	Practices and material for eight phases integrated; material revised and refined
Consolidation and preparation of material for inclusion in the toolkit	February 2025	April 2025	25	Efforts under way to consolidate and prepare material shared by member countries and organizations for inclusion in the toolkit
Creation and launch of the toolkit online	April 2025	May 2025	10	Efforts under way to prepare interactive version of toolkit
Deployment of the toolkit in the website's test environment	June 2025	July 2025	0	Approval of interactive online version for later scale-up
Availability of the interactive toolkit online for national statistical offices of the region and other institutions and organizations that produce information	August 2025	August 2025	0	Release of toolkit

## VIII. GUIDELINES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AN INTEGRATED SYSTEM OF WELL-BEING INDICATORS

### 1. Coordinating country

Argentina: National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INDEC)

### 2. Technical secretariat

Statistics Division of ECLAC

### 3. Objectives

#### (a) General objective

Prepare regional guidelines for construction of integrated systems of well-being indicators, enabling the combination of different types of data sources in the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, as part of a multidimensional approach.

#### (b) Specific objectives

- (i) Develop a definition of well-being for Latin America and the Caribbean, using the study *How's Life in Latin America?: Measuring Well-being for Policy Making* as a reference.
- (ii) Analyse the sources of data (censuses, surveys and administrative records) available in the countries of the region for measuring well-being, considering the progress made by the working groups of the Statistical Conference of the Americas.
- (iii) Select a minimum set of standardized indicators that are aligned with the prepared definition of well-being and that allow each country to incorporate its particularities.
- (iv) Systematize guidelines for reading the system of well-being indicators.

### 4. Workplan

Activity	Start date	End date	Progress (Percentages)	Remarks
Discussion on definitions of the dimensions of well-being and development of a shared glossary	January 2024	March 2024	90	Glossary pending
Analysis of the literature and statistical background in the region	April 2024	May 2024	100	-
Preparation and dissemination of a diagnostic survey and systematization of results	February 2024	March 2024	100	-
Sharing of content and criteria for selecting indicators and dimensions of the "Material conditions" pillar	May 2024	August 2024	100	"Housing", "Employment" and "Income" dimensions completed

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Start date</b>	<b>End date</b>	<b>Progress (Percentages)</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Preparation of an annotated index	June 2024	June 2024	100	-
Progress update	August 2024	August 2024	100	-
Sharing of content and criteria for selecting indicators and dimensions of the “Quality of life” pillar	September 2024	May 2025	66	Work undertaken on “Education and skills”, “Health” and “Work-life balance” dimensions
Second progress update on preparation of output	March 2025	March 2025	0	-
Sharing of content and criteria for selecting indicators and dimensions of the “Sustainability” pillar	June 2025	August 2025	0	-
Assessment of progress and final meeting of the working group	September 2025	September 2025	0	-
Preparation of the final document through a collaborative process	April 2025	October 2025	0	-

## **IX. PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR PRODUCTION OF HARMONIZED STATISTICS ON FORCED DISPLACEMENT AND MIGRATION**

### **1. Coordinating country**

Honduras: National Institute of Statistics (INE)

### **2. Technical secretariats**

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE)-Population Division of ECLAC  
Statistics Division of ECLAC

### **3. Objectives**

#### **(a) General objective**

Strengthen the capacities of national statistical offices in Latin America and the Caribbean to adopt and implement the recommendations of the Expert Group on Refugee, Internally Displaced Persons and Statelessness Statistics as a complement to the existing framework for statistics on migration, internal mobility and transit.

#### **(b) Specific objectives**

- (i) Build specialized expertise in national statistical offices and improve inter-agency coordination for the production of statistics on internally displaced persons, refugees and stateless persons, on the basis of international recommendations and frameworks.
- (ii) Prepare an assessment for Latin America and the Caribbean on the availability of data sources and on statistical capacities for the implementation of the Expert Group's recommendations, to complement the existing framework for migration, internal mobility and transit statistics.
- (iii) Prepare a guide that includes good practices and operating guidelines for Latin America and the Caribbean for the implementation of the International Recommendations on Internally Displaced Persons Statistics, the International Recommendations on Refugee Statistics and the International Recommendations on Statelessness Statistics.

#### 4. Workplan

Activity	Start date	End date	Progress (Percentages)	Remarks
Preparation of a document that systematizes and compares the existing international recommendations and instruments on migration and internally displaced persons, refugees and stateless persons	January 2024	May 2024	95	Document completed by working group members (Joint Internally Displaced Person Profiling Service, ECLAC, UNHCR), shared with working group for approval on 20 January 2025 and presented at working group meeting on 7 February; group comments to be integrated in final version  Title: “Comparative analysis and systematization of recommendations of international instruments on migration, forced displacement, sanctuary and statelessness”
Creation and use of a data-gathering tool for national statistical offices to obtain detailed information on the processes carried out to implement recommendations and other practices relating to the production of statistics on internally displaced persons, refugees and stateless persons, which would complement the progress made in statistics on internal migration and transit	June 2024	November 2024	100	Completed; tool developed by technical secretariat (led by UNHCR) and revised by other group members (Joint Internally Displaced Person Profiling Service, Central American Statistical Commission of the Central American Integration System, ECLAC, national statistical office of Honduras); tool shared in October 2024 with the 12 national statistical offices in the working group, of which 10 submitted their responses; preliminary findings presented to national statistical offices at online meeting, where participants reflected on exercise’s relevance for the offices
Assessment of the practices of national statistical offices in the region relating to processes developed for the production of statistics on internally displaced persons, refugees and stateless persons, to complement the progress made in statistics on internal migration and transit	November 2024	March 2025	95	Document completed; analysis of information provided through tool by 10 national statistical offices under way; document circulated to working group for approval on 20 January 2025 and presented at working group meeting on 7 February; comments to be integrated in final version  Title: “Analysis of assessment findings on national statistical office capacities in Latin America and the Caribbean to produce information on migration, internal displacement and sanctuary”
Development of a guide with good practices and operating guidelines for the implementation in the region of the recommendations of the Expert Group, to complement the statistical framework for migration and the use of information sources in the region (censuses, administrative records and surveys)	March 2025	July 2025	20	Work on guide's general structural undertaken in January 2025; three subgroups formed at first working group meeting, on 7 February 2025, with all national statistical offices engaged in preparing guide content; 14 national statistical offices participated in working group's online meeting in February; work will continue in coming months to complete first draft

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Start date</b>	<b>End date</b>	<b>Progress (Percentages)</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Consultations and approval of the guide	July 2025	September 2025	0	Not started; pending progress on guide content
Hybrid seminars to support the adoption and implementation of the Expert Group's recommendations	July 2025	September 2025	15	Planning of webinars under way with Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data and Knowledge Transfer Network to present two outputs completed thus far (activities 1 and 3 of workplan)

## **X. ANALYSIS OF MEASUREMENT OF DEPENDENT CONTRACTORS AND THE INFORMAL ECONOMY**

### **1. Coordinating countries**

Chile: National Institute of Statistics (INE)

Mexico: National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI)

### **2. Technical secretariats**

International Labour Organization (ILO)

Statistics Division of ECLAC

### **3. Objectives**

#### **(a) General objective**

Document progress in the measurement of dependent contractors and the informal economy and its impact in the region.

#### **(b) Specific objectives**

- (i) Document progress in the conceptual and methodological harmonization of labour statistics on dependent contractors within the framework of the ILO international standards adopted by the twentieth International Conference of Labour Statisticians (2018) relating to statistics on work relationships and in particular on dependent contractors.
- (ii) Study and document the effects on the labour informality indicators published by the countries of the region when they incorporate the new recommendations on informal economy statistics to be adopted by the twenty-first International Conference of Labour Statisticians (2023).
- (iii) Document, by holding online workshops, good practices in the region with regard to new dimensions of analysis or emerging labour statistics issues that have been prioritized, and labour migration, telework, remote work and digital platform statistics.
- (iv) Provide opportunities to disseminate the working group's progress, through virtual meetings, regional workshops and other activities.
- (v) Contribute to gender equality by identifying the impact of statistical standards for work relationships and labour informality on the analysis of gender gaps in the labour market.
- (vi) Prepare a technical document compiling regional progress in the measurement of dependent contractors and the impact of the twenty-first International Conference of Labour Statisticians on labour informality indicators, as a reference for countries.

#### 4. Workplan

Activity	Start date	End date	Progress (Percentages)	Remarks	
<b>Activity 1: Establishment of the working group</b>					
Establishment of the working group	Activity 1.1: Endorsement of the focal points of member countries of the working group	January 2024	February 2024	100	-
<b>Activity 2: Follow-up of the adoption of the recommendations of the twentieth International Conference of Labour Statisticians in the measurement of the 2018 International Classification of Status in Employment (ICSE-18) in Latin American and Caribbean countries</b>					
Progress on the adoption of the latest recommendations for statistics on work relationships, in particular in the identification of dependent contractors	Activity 2.1: Preparation of a regional consultation	June 2024	July 2024	100	Activity focused mainly on specific examples of strategies used to identify dependent contractors
	Activity 2.2: A regional consultation among member countries	August 2024	November 2024	100	-
	Activity 2.3: Preparation of a regional assessment document	February 2025	March 2025	40	Coordinating country in charge of activity 2.1 is preparing document
	Activity 2.4: Dissemination of the regional assessment document through an online workshop	April 2025	April 2025	0	Participation of all member countries and recording of workshop for upload to Knowledge Transfer Network repository
<b>Activity 3: Impact of the twenty-first International Conference of Labour Statisticians on the measurement of labour informality in Latin American and Caribbean countries</b>					
Study and documentation of its impact on the labour informality indicators published by countries, incorporating future recommendations on informal economy statistics	Activity 3.1: Preparation of a regional consultation	January 2025	February 2025	100	Guide on documentation of impact of twenty-first International Conference of Labour Statisticians prepared
	Activity 3.2: A regional consultation among member countries	March 2025	April 2025	20	Countries have one month to complete the consultation and will be given time to address specific queries
	Activity 3.3: Preparation of a regional assessment document	May 2025	July 2025	0	Preparation by coordinating country of regional assessment document with results of member country consultations
	Activity 3.4: Dissemination of the regional assessment document through an online workshop	August 2025	September 2025	0	Presentation by coordinating country of general report on assessment results, and selection of two or three countries to share experiences

Activity	Start date	End date	Progress (Percentages)	Remarks	
<b>Activity 4: Good practices in the measurement of new dimensions of analysis</b>					
Documentation of countries' good practices in the measurement of statistics on labour migration, telework or remote work and digital platforms, through regional online workshops	Activity 4.1: Online workshop on labour migration statistics	April 2024	April 2024	100	Participation of all member countries and recording of workshop for upload to Knowledge Transfer Network repository
	Activity 4.2: Online workshop on telework or remote work statistics	August 2024	August 2024	100	
	Activity 4.3: Online workshop on digital platforms	June 2025	June 2025	0	Preparation of documents by one of workshop's coordinating countries for incorporation into technical document to be prepared for biennium

## XI. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STRENGTHENING OFFICIAL ENVIRONMENTAL STATISTICS SYSTEMS

### 1. Coordinating country

Costa Rica: National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INEC)

### 2. Technical secretariats

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Statistics Division of ECLAC

### 3. Objectives

#### (a) General objective

Strengthen official environmental statistics systems, integrated into the national statistical systems of Latin American and Caribbean countries, through the preparation and dissemination of a document containing recommendations.

#### (b) Specific objectives

- (i) Contribute to updating the information on the status and governance of environmental statistics in the region.
- (ii) Identify countries' experiences in the implementation of good statistical practices to enhance the quality of environmental statistics.
- (iii) Recognize opportunities for collaboration to strengthen the capacities of national statistical offices in the generation, dissemination and systematization of statistics, indicators and environmental accounts, by sharing experiences and good statistical practices.

### 4. Workplan

Activity	Start date	End date	Progress (Percentages)	Remarks
Formalization of the working group	October 2023	March 2024	100	Country focal points confirmed; proposed workplan and its components presented; first online working group meeting held; annotated index prepared; Costa Rica confirmed as coordinator country at second meeting
Consideration and analysis of the findings of the evaluation of the status and governance of environmental statistics, by the Environment and Climate Change Statistics Unit of the Statistics Division of ECLAC	January 2024	July 2024	100	Presentation on main outcomes of survey on status of environmental statistics, indicators and accounts and climate change in region's countries delivered by Environment and Climate Change Statistics Unit of the Statistics Division of ECLAC at second meeting of working group

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Start date</b>	<b>End date</b>	<b>Progress (Percentages)</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Collection and systematization of information and experiences relating to countries' good statistical practices to strengthen environmental statistics	August 2024	February 2025	100	Information and experiences on countries' good statistical practices for strengthening environmental statistics collected and systematized, offering synthesis of at least one experience (e.g. good practice, identified challenge, success story or lesson learned) regarding capacity-building, innovations and improvements in environmental statistics
Compilation and systematization of collaboration opportunities for statistical capacity-building	March 2025	September 2025	0	To be carried out according to established schedule
Regional and national meetings and workshops to exchange experiences relating to countries' good statistical practices and to learn about opportunities for bilateral collaboration to strengthen environmental statistics	August 2024	September 2025	25	Conversations under way with countries and Knowledge Transfer Network regarding presentation of experiences through Network
Preparation of a document containing recommendations for strengthening official environmental statistics systems, integrated into the national statistical systems of Latin American and Caribbean countries	January 2024	September 2025	75	Document outline, annotated index and draft first chapter completed; country experiences and initial recommendations gathered for topics analysed; second chapter drafted, incorporating countries' good practices; cooperation needs and opportunities identified; first draft of recommendations for strengthening national environmental statistical systems completed
Regional and national meetings and workshops to draw up recommendations for strengthening official environmental statistics systems, integrated into the national statistical systems of Latin American and Caribbean countries	January 2024	September 2025	50	Three working group meetings held in 2024 (12 March, 25 April and 8 July) and one in 2025 (25 February); group participated in regional workshop on building gender, environmental and climate change indicators, held in Aguascalientes, Mexico, on 5 and 6 September 2024

## XII. ANALYSIS OF AREA FRAMES IN AGRICULTURAL SURVEYS

### 1. Coordinating countries

Brazil: Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE)

Ecuador: National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INEC)

### 2. Technical secretariats

Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Statistics Division of ECLAC

### 3. Objectives

#### (a) General objective

Evaluate the status of area frames for agricultural surveys in the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean.

#### (b) Specific objectives

- (i) Systematize the experiences of Latin America and the Caribbean in the development and use of multiple frames in agricultural surveys.
- (ii) Identify countries' common challenges.
- (iii) Propose methodologies and tools that can be adopted or created to facilitate the development, use and maintenance of multiple frames.
- (iv) Contribute to the use and improvement of area frames for agricultural surveys in Latin American and Caribbean countries.

### 4. Workplan

Activity	Start date	End date	Progress (Percentages)
First official meeting of the working group	November 2023	November 2023	100
Collection of information through virtual meetings and literature analysis	January 2024	June 2024	100
Proposal of the document structure	July 2024	September 2024	100
Circulation of draft	January 2025	March 2025	100
Sharing of draft with the advisory group on gender mainstreaming of the Statistical Conference of the Americas	January 2025	March 2025	100
Review of the draft, contributions, changes made by countries and formulation of recommendations	January 2025	March 2025	80
Online meeting of coordinating countries and technical secretariat	January 2025	March 2025	100
Meeting in Asunción	January 2025	March 2025	70

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Start date</b>	<b>End date</b>	<b>Progress</b> <i>(Percentages)</i>
Revisions, replies and corrections	January 2025	March 2025	50
Revised document	January 2025	March 2025	30
Circulation of final document	January 2025	March 2025	0
Adoption of final document	July 2025	September 2025	0
Presentation of final document	September 2025	September 2025	0
Final meeting of the working group	September 2025	September 2025	0

### XIII. REFERENCE GUIDE ON POLICE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS

#### 1. Coordinating country

Mexico: National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI)

#### 2. Technical secretariats

Centre of Excellence for Statistical Information on Government, Crime, Victimization and Justice (UNODC-INEGI Centre of Excellence)

Statistics Division of ECLAC

#### 3. Objectives

##### (a) General objective

Prepare guidance on the implementation of the *Guidelines for the Production of Statistical Data by the Police* of UNODC,<sup>1</sup> adapting them to the Latin American and Caribbean context, in order to establish a baseline for the improvement of administrative records produced by police institutions in the region.

##### (b) Specific objectives

- (i) Compare, on the basis of the *Guidelines*, the statistical information recorded by police institutions in Latin America and the Caribbean, how it is generated and produced (tools, mechanisms or recording formats), its periodicity and its use in decision-making.
- (ii) Generate baseline data in accordance with the dimensions of the guidelines: human, financial and physical resources, staff safety and well-being, criminal offences, arrest and detention, seizure operations, stop and search, public assembly, outreach, use of force and firearms, and professional conduct.
- (iii) Identify current practices in the region and foster technical cooperation for their improvement or adoption, particularly in the recording and classification of emergency calls, crimes, administrative offences, seizures and use of force.
- (iv) Mainstream the gender perspective in the statistics generated and data collected by police institutions.

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<sup>1</sup> UNODC (United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime), *Guidelines for the Production of Statistical Data by the Police*, Vienna, 2022.

#### 4. Workplan

Activity	Start date	End date	Progress (Percentages)	Remarks
Meeting of the working group to determine content	December 2023	December 2023	100	-
Preparation of and comments on the annotated index	December 2023	March 2024	100	-
First partial submission (annotated index)	March 2024	March 2024	100	-
Data collection and analysis	April 2024	October 2024	80	Questionnaire translated into English and Portuguese; guide translated into Portuguese; questionnaire circulated in Spanish, English and Portuguese to 33 countries, of which 9 returned completed questionnaires and 2 more are expected to do so; 4 questionnaires pending validation owing to inconsistencies in some sections; completed questionnaires analysed and validated; more than 15 meetings held with different countries to clarify national circumstances and facilitate questionnaire implementation; two rounds of questionnaire data processing and proposed statistical tables completed
Meeting to present preliminary findings	October 2024	October 2024	100	Quantity of data generated by questionnaire necessitated an additional meeting (held in November 2024) to present preliminary findings; two technical presentations delivered to analyse dimensions with lowest response rate (seizure operations and use of force) and to share thematic scope of proposed guide and one country's experience with records and statistical use; two sets of good practices presented; preliminary institutional challenges identified; preliminary list of recommendations prepared
Drafting of and comments on the document	October 2024	March 2025	60	Second draft in progress
Second partial submission (draft)	March 2025	March 2025	60	Circulation to working group for comments and feedback planned for 14 March; efforts under way to compile working group results and progress on a good practices document (not a regional standard)
Follow-up meeting of the working group	April 2025	April 2025	20	Provisional agenda for April meeting prepared; matters for discussion identified for at least three additional meetings
Drafting of and comments on the final version of the document	April 2025	June 2025	0	-
Final submission (final version)	July 2025	July 2025	0	-