

PRESS 2008

PARTNER REPORT ON SUPPORT TO STATISTICS - PRESS





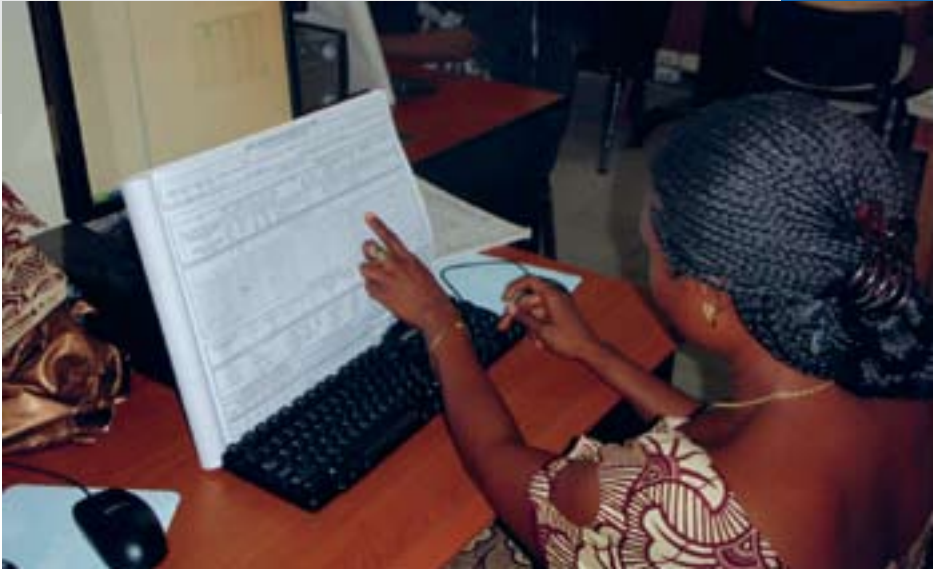
BETTER STATISTICS FOR A BETTER WORLD

Better statistics lead to better government policies.

Developing countries increasingly recognise this fact. So, too, do the international agencies that aid them. Both know that development projects benefit significantly if supported by reliable statistics.

But reliable statistics depend on the ability of developing countries to produce and use them. A number of initiatives are now under way to bring about improvements in this field.

The Partner Report on Support to Statistics [PRESS] provides a snapshot of ongoing statistical support, answering the questions of who, what, where, and how much?



KEY FINDINGS OF PRESS 2008

The first PRESS round covered active commitments of support to statistics in developing countries over the period 2006-08.

The exercise reported on the activities of 45 donor partners in 119 recipient countries.

- Aid in this field amounted to an estimated USD 550 million.
- Sub-Saharan Africa received more than half – about USD 310 million.
- The European Commission, World Bank and the United Kingdom gave nearly three-quarters of the total.
- Financial support to statistics represented 5 cents for every USD 100 of overall bilateral grants in 2006.
- The 15 countries receiving most (See map p. 8-9) each received more than USD 5 million.
- For these countries, this aid represented less than 0.1% of their Gross Domestic Product.



WHY PRESS?

Better collaboration between everyone involved, avoiding duplication of effort, and responding to a country's needs – these are now widely recognised as necessary to strengthen statistical development in the developing world.

Better collaboration leads to...

- More efficient statistical systems, and
- More effective use of donor aid.

The overview of support to statistics that PRESS provides is a crucial first step towards this collaboration.



PRESS – THE BACKGROUND

PRESS is in line with...

- **The Marrakech Action Plan for Statistics, 2004.** This promoted the strengthening of statistical capacity-building in the developing world, including National Strategies for the Development of Statistics (NSDS).
- **The Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, 2005.** This advocated strong commitment to harmonise and align all aid provided by international donors.
- **The Hanoi Round Table on Managing Development Results, 2007.** This produced a strategy to increase support for strengthening statistical capacity in developing countries.

PARIS21 designed the Partner Report on Support to Statistics to encourage better collaboration among all those involved in improving statistics in developing countries.



PRESS AIMS TO...

- Learn what development partners are doing in the statistical field and identify countries or areas of statistics in need of more support.
- Offer this information to financial and technical partners responsible for giving aid and to countries receiving it.
- Raise the profile of statistics within the overall context of aid to developing countries.

PRESS OFFERS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION...

- Current and planned statistical activities of partners involved in improving statistics in the developing world.
- Statistical areas being supported.
- The period covered by each activity.
- The amount of money committed.



PRESS OBTAINS THIS INFORMATION FROM...

- OECD's Creditor Reporting System for bilateral members.
- Questionnaires sent to all other partners requesting basic data on current and planned statistical activities in specific countries, regions, and institutions.
- Websites and specific requests to partners.

COUNTRIES COVERED BY PRESS...

- All International Development Association (IDA) borrower countries.
- Lower- to middle-income countries.
- Other African countries

THE 15 COUNTRIES RECEIVING THE BIGGEST AID IN STATISTICAL SUPPORT 2006-2008

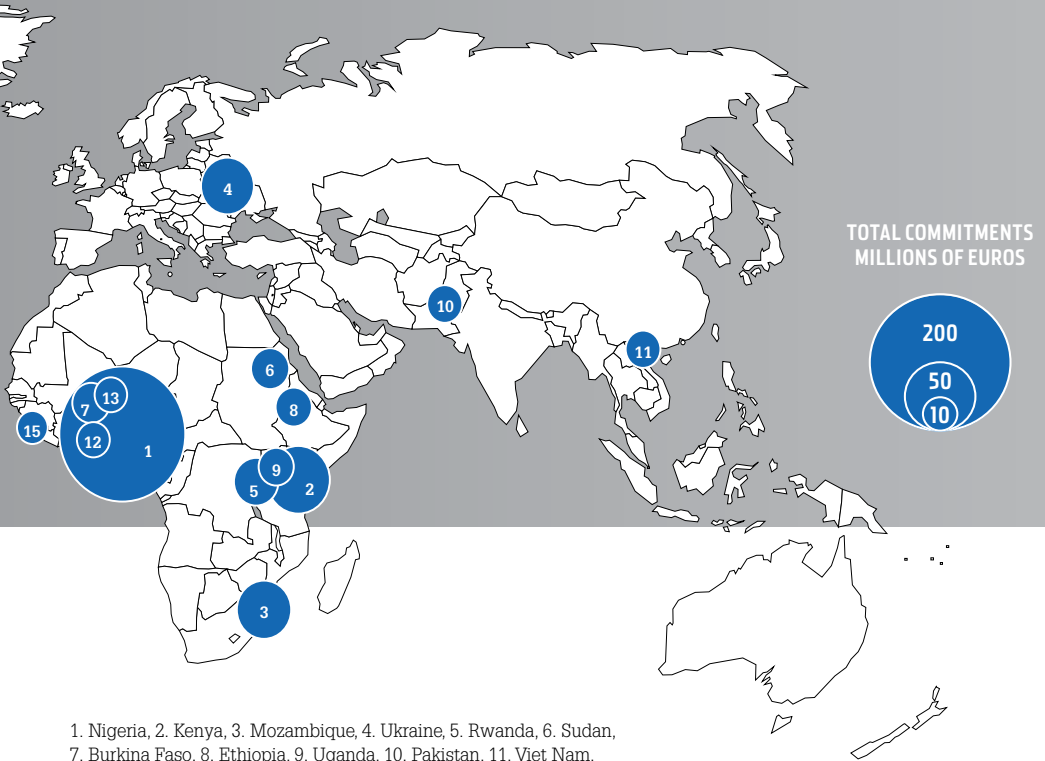


PARTNERS INCLUDED IN PRESS...

- Bilateral and multilateral financial and technical partners in the statistical field.
- Regional and sub-regional organisations involved in statistical development.

PRESS'S OUTPUTS...

- A two-volume annual report on its findings, comprising both synthesis and detail, distributed to partner and recipient countries.
- A directory of partners, updated annually.
- A database, representing an inventory of support to statistical activities in the developing world.

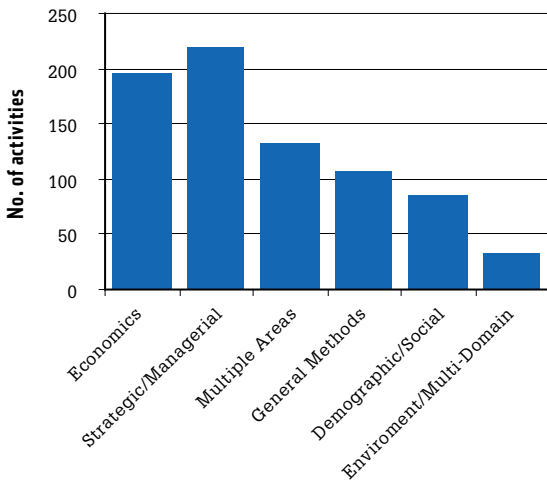
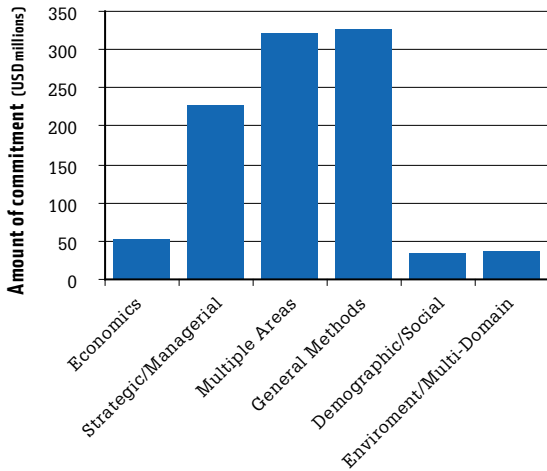


1. Nigeria, 2. Kenya, 3. Mozambique, 4. Ukraine, 5. Rwanda, 6. Sudan, 7. Burkina Faso, 8. Ethiopia, 9. Uganda, 10. Pakistan, 11. Viet Nam, 12. Ghana, 13. Niger, 14. Honduras, 15. Sierra Leone

PRESS INVOLVEMENT AT COUNTRY LEVEL...

As part of its support to NSDS processes, the PARIS21 Secretariat helps developing countries establish their own reporting on statistical support from aid partners – based on the PRESS system and as part of their financial strategy.

PRESS SHOWS HOW STATISTICAL AID IS TARGETED...





- Population censuses and household surveys receive extensive support – over one-quarter of total commitments.
- About two-thirds of the 78 IDA countries are implementing or designing an NSDS (as of September 2008).
- STATCAP projects supporting the implementation of NSDS are ongoing in Burkina Faso, Nigeria, Kenya, Tajikistan, and the Ukraine.
- Twinning technical assistance arrangements are underway or being planned in a number of countries

PRESS urges each partner to contribute to improved collaboration by:

- Monitoring its own support to statistics.
- Analysing its findings and producing its own report on statistical support.
- Basing the definition of its country programmes on PRESS findings and developing countries' financial and technical needs.



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