

# PARIS21 Secretariat

## Accelerated Data Program (ADP)

DGF 401012-04

### Final Report

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#### BACKGROUND

Since April 2006, the Accelerated Data Program has been implemented as a satellite program of the PARIS21 Secretariat at OECD. The ADP is supported by the World Bank MAPS Development Grant Facility (DGF).

A grant of US\$2m was allocated for year 2012 under the Grant Agreement DGF 401012-04. The grant was signed on 26 March 2012, with a closing date on 31 December 2012. The closing date was extended to 31 December 2013.

This final report is submitted in accordance with the Framework for Cooperation (Section 3.1 of the Grant Agreement DGF 401012-04). It covers the full grant period.

Progress and results on this grant have been reported through the required semi-annual reports on 30 June 2012, 31 December 2012, 30 June 2013 and 31 December 2013.

#### GRANT OBJECTIVES

The overall objectives of the grant (as set out in the grant agreement) were to provide policy makers and other stakeholders with better data and analysis for policy design, monitoring, and evaluation. The grant agreement stated that these objectives should be obtained by the implementation of the following activities:

- Building capacity and implementing international good practices for survey data archiving.
- Launching or upgrading on-line data cataloging systems.
- Establishing national microdata dissemination policies.
- Continue the documentation of population and housing censuses, as well as agricultural censuses.
- Harmonization and improvement of survey methods and practices.
- Commissioning an independent evaluation of ADP.

## DELIVERABLES SUMMARY

| Item | Description of Deliverable  | Status          | Comments   |
|------|---|-----------------|--|
| 1    | Additional countries participating in ADP: 10 additional countries will have joined ADP | Below target    | - 69 participating countries<br>- Worked with 7 additional countries through partnerships<br>- Negotiations underway with 4 additional countries |
| 2    | 50 on-line survey catalogs established by end-2012                                      | Exceeded target | 55 national agencies in 51 countries:<br><a href="http://adp.ihnsn.org/survey-catalogs">http://adp.ihnsn.org/survey-catalogs</a>                 |
| 3    | National data dissemination policy developed and adopted in 6 countries                 | Exceeded target | Policies developed in 7 additional countries   |
| 4    | Anonymized microdatasets created in 4 national agencies                                 | Below target    | No work carried out with agencies, but desk work covering a larger number of countries has started, with a view to prepare support to countries  |
| 5    | National question bank developed and published by two countries.                        | Below target    | This is based on the old version of the Question Bank. The new application is currently being revised in light of some necessary changes.        |
| 6    | Pool of certified ADP trainers available in all regions where ADP is active             | Met Target      | 3 Regional Train the Trainers events   |
| 7    | Outreach and advocacy program targeting the research community                          | Met Target      | 5 Microdata Outreach Workshops   |

## DELIVERABLES DETAILS (PRIMARY ACTIVITIES)

### ➤ 1. Country participation

In accordance with the strategy adopted over the current and previous programs, activities focused mainly on making existing survey data more easily accessible to users.

At the start of the 2012 grant, the following 67 countries were already participating in the ADP:

|              |             |            |           |              |
|--------------|-------------|------------|-----------|--------------|
| Afghanistan  | Ecuador     | Kenya      | Nepal     | Sierra Leone |
| Angola       | El Salvador | Kyrgyzstan | Nicaragua | South Sudan  |
| Argentina    | Egypt       | Lao PDR    | Niger     | Sri Lanka    |
| Bhutan       | Ethiopia    | Lesotho    | Nigeria   | Tajikistan   |
| Bolivia      | Gambia      | Liberia    | Panama    | Tanzania     |
| Burkina Faso | Georgia     | Malawi     | Palestine | Togo         |

|                |               |            |              |           |
|----------------|---------------|------------|--------------|-----------|
| Burundi        | Ghana         | Mali       | Paraguay     | Tunisia   |
| Cambodia       | Guatemala     | Mauritania | Peru         | Uganda    |
| Cameroon       | Guinea        | Mauritius  | Philippines  | Uruguay   |
| Cape Verde     | Guinea Bissau | Mexico     | Russian Fed. | Vanuatu   |
| Colombia       | Honduras      | Mongolia   | Rwanda       | Venezuela |
| Costa Rica     | India         | Morocco    | Samoa        | Vietnam   |
| Côte d'Ivoire  | Indonesia     | Mozambique | Senegal      | Zambia    |
| Dominican Rep. | Jordan        |            |              |           |

At the end of the 2012 grant, activities had been completed and/or were undergoing in 69 countries also including:

- Belize
- Namibia

We also worked with various partners in approaching countries. This included some country implementation through the African Development Bank:

- Comoros
- Congo
- Sao Tomé

Through our partnership with SPC in the Pacific, the following countries also have been introduced to the program:

- Fiji
- Kiribati
- Solomon Islands
- Federated States of Micronesia

At the end of the grant, negotiations were started with the following countries:

- Benin
- Botswana
- Brazil
- Papua New Guinea

## ➤ 2. On-line survey catalogs

Easy access to past and on-going surveys metadata — and microdata for some countries — was maintained through the NSOs' websites and NADA portals. At the end of the grant period, 55 national agencies in 51 countries maintained a NADA system. This is in line with the target set in the grant agreement (50 catalogs). National staff were also trained on the National Data Archive (NADA) application for on-line dissemination of survey and census metadata and microdata through technical assistance missions and through 4 regional training workshops where 57 staff were trained.

➤ **3. National data dissemination policies**

ADP continued to provide support to Angola, Cambodia, Georgia, Lao PDR, Mauritius and Rwanda in the development/approval of their National Microdata Dissemination Policies. These policies are always drafted by NSOs. ADP also supported an additional 7 countries in the development process: Bhutan, Costa Rica, Malawi, Mozambique, Sri Lanka, Uganda and Zambia. Formulating a policy continues to be a rather lengthy process as we are seeking the involvement of users and the necessary buy-in and guidance from the NSOs top management – which requires appropriate advocacy and change management. This is in line with the target set in the grant agreement (6 countries).

➤ **4. Anonymized microdatasets**

The demand for training and technical support in the area of microdata anonymization remains very high. The grant agreement targeted anonymized microdatasets created in at least 4 national agencies. However, due to on-going development and testing of the disclosure tools, this objective was not met. Although no work was carried out with agencies, desk work covering a larger number of countries has started, with a view to prepare support to countries. In addition, several practical exercises and guidelines are being developed. The tools are survey specific and these guidelines are required before country implementation. An improved version of the anonymization package has been published (package *sdMicro* version 4.2.0, and *sdMicroGUI* version 1.1.1, both available at <http://cran.us.r-project.org/>). The final version of the documents will be tested in regional workshops before implementing at country-level.

➤ **5. Question Bank application**

The grant agreement targeted the development and installation of “Question banks” in 2 countries. However, due to constraints in finalizing the final software only CSA Ethiopia was supported on this agenda. Documents on statistical methodological standards (including concepts, indicators and classifications) have been developed and finalized with direct involvement of major national statistical producers, under the leadership of CSA. These standards have been shared and communicated to all relevant stakeholders – producers and users. Their dissemination through a fully-fledged Question Bank has not yet been made possible as the application is not yet finalized. The application is currently being revised in light of some necessary changes.

➤ **6. ADP Trainers**

Three Regional, back-to-back Train the Trainers workshops were organized. Two were undertaken in Tunis, Tunisia and the other trained Latin American trainers in San José, Costa Rica. The three workshops

corresponded to key focal regions: Anglophone Africa (and Eastern Europe); Francophone Africa and Latin America. This Train the Trainers workshop on the IHSN Toolkit enhanced the capacity of the future trainers on the use of the Nesstar Publisher 4.0.9 and provided them with the technical and management skills needed to facilitate workshops. The participants also worked together and exchanged views and expertise in order to build an advanced community of practice and test standardized training materials. In the coming months, these useful comments and inputs will be incorporated in the final version of the modules and training materials.

In addition, the ADP has established a pool of trainers with specific knowledge of the on-line catalog (NADA) to carry-out technical assistance missions and further promote south-south cooperation.

## ➤ **7. Outreach and Advocacy**

The ADP established concept notes and programs to implement national-level Microdata Outreach Workshops to promote microdata and target the research community. These workshops are designed for data producers to promote users' awareness of data availability, increase their capacity to use data, while engaging users to improve the data production, management and dissemination process. The ADP organized 5 workshops in 3 countries: Sri Lanka, Cambodia and 3 in Rwanda.

### **Additional country level outputs:**

- Technical assistance provided to about 70 agencies in the countries above on microdata management. South-south technical assistance was promoted.
- National survey inventories completed.
- National and regional DDI production workshops organized to accelerate survey documentation by national staff and to train national staff on IHSN Microdata Management Toolkit and on microdata management best practices (in total about 400 staff trained and 38 production workshops).
- Surveys documented and archived (about 400 surveys).
- Support to Vanuatu continued for the design and implementation of an innovative household survey, in collaboration with SPC and the World Bank.

### **Global level activities and outputs included:**

- Oxford Policy Management Ltd conducted the independent evaluation of ADP and IHSN from January to June 2013. The IHSN Secretariat commented on the draft report of the independent evaluation of the ADP and the International Household Survey Network (IHSN) conducted by Oxford Policy Management Ltd. The final report was submitted on August 30, 2013. The report was shared with IHSN member agencies, and discussed in September 2013 at the IHSN Management Group meeting. The IHSN Management group prepared and circulated a draft response to the evaluators for finalization.

- Partnerships with other agencies interested in contributing to ADP continued (in addition to the core group at OECD/PARIS21 and the World Bank/DECDG: African Development Bank, Asian Development Bank, AFRISTAT, FAO, SPC, UNICEF and others).

Additional details are provided in the semi-annual progress reports.

## USE OF THE FUNDS

98 contracts were processed with individual consultants, private companies and public institutions. The terms of reference and the summary of the outputs delivered under each contract are available upon request at the PARIS21 Secretariat. Interim financial reports were submitted on 30 June 2012, 31 December 2012, 30 June 2013 and 31 December 2013. A separate final financial report is submitted with this report.

The grant budget (USD 2 million) was used as follows:

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|-----------------------|-----------|
| Project staff         | 588,211   |
| Intellectual services | 436,306   |
| Missions              | 545,167   |
| Hardware and software | 78,120    |
| Other costs           | 266,749   |
| Grant administration  | 85,447    |
| Total expenditure     | 2,000,000 |