

# The World Bank Group supports the data revolution for sustainable development

The Addis Accord acknowledges the need for data improvements, and the importance of enhancing country systems that produce, disseminate and use data. To achieve improvements, the Accord calls for increased financial and technical support and calls for stakeholders – international organizations, member states, civil society, foundations and the private sector – to work together in innovative partnerships to maximize their impact. The World Bank Group (WBG) will support this Accord by *funding smarter and working smarter*. The WBG will support improvements to country systems by building on what works, ensuring country policy priorities determine where additional support is targeted, and by helping to maximize the value of what data is collected by making it accessible and usable. Today, the WBG announces the first set of initiatives that will help improve development data.

## Scaling up support for Civil Registration and Vital Statistics

The WBG is committed to the goal of universal civil registration of births, deaths and other vital events, including reporting cause of death, and access to legal proof of registration for all individuals by 2030. The WBG is committed to working with development partners to assist countries in achieving the intermediate target of 80% birth registration coverage by 2020 as outlined in the Global Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Scaling Up Investment Plan (2015-2024)<sup>1</sup>. Additionally, a Global Financing Facility is being launched, with US\$100 million committed to supporting Civil Registration and Vital Statistics strengthening.



## Funding to fill key development data gaps for social and economic indicators

Countries have indicated that more support is urgently needed to fund surveys to fill data gaps and measure sustainable development progress. As a first step, the WBG and the United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID) are in the final stages of agreeing on additional funding that would allow 10-15 countries to sustainably produce better surveys underlying poverty and key economic indicators. Given the urgency to fill data gaps, this support will target activities over the next eighteen months in countries demonstrating their commitment to pursue evidence-based decisions and their capacity to absorb funding efficiently. This support will be provided through the WBG's Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity Building (TFSCB)<sup>2</sup>, which has been funding countries to improve their statistics for over a decade.

## Fostering innovations in development data production and use

The WBG is working to establish a Trust Fund for Innovations in Development Data (TFIDD)<sup>3</sup> to promote a common funding source for innovations in data production and use. The TFIDD would primarily fund scalable or replicable innovations in technology and innovations in approaches (such as new partnerships) to improve data on the ground. Consultations are in the early stages, but the TFIDD will aim to raise US\$100 million over five years to provide this support.

## Deepening partnership with other multilateral institutions

As part of the WBG's commitment to working smarter, the institution joins the International Monetary Fund, United Nations, and other Multilateral Development Banks in deepening their collaboration to improve information for the post-2015 agenda. These institutions' commitment builds on their joint April 2013 Memorandum of Understanding to improve their partnership in statistical activities.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <http://bit.ly/1wngH8K>

<sup>2</sup> <http://bit.ly/1J4Ei13>

<sup>3</sup> <http://bit.ly/1JPtGJh>

<sup>4</sup> <http://bit.ly/1Tlqvdt>

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