



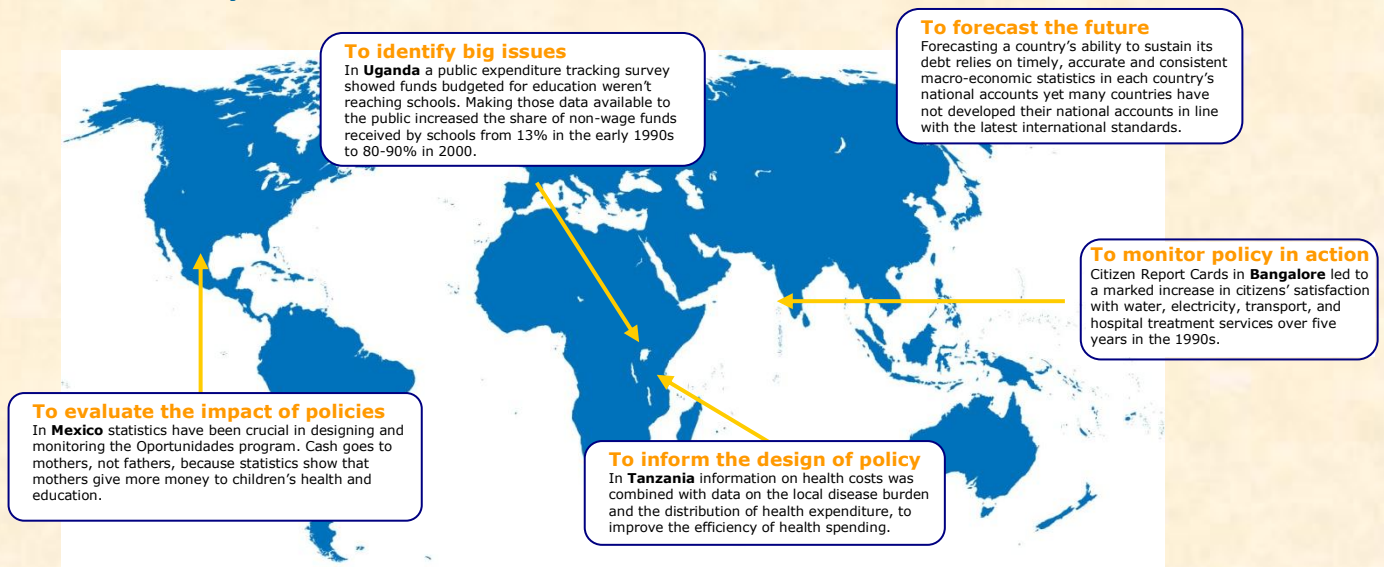
Statistics for Results Facility

A New Approach to Improving Statistical Systems

Why is a new Facility being created?

Good, reliable statistics are essential for measuring progress in reaching development goals. They help governments improve their policies and investments, and to be **accountable** to their parliament and citizens. Despite some improvement, many developing countries continue to have weak statistical systems and mechanisms for **measuring results**. Several important initiatives over the last decade, such as the Marrakech Action Plan for Statistics, the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21) and country-level National Strategies for the Development of Statistics, have attempted to build statistical capacity. However, implementation of these strategies has been uneven and donor efforts have not always been well coordinated. In response, the new Statistics for Results Facility aims to address these issues, in accordance with the **Paris Declaration Principles**.

Why do we need statistics?



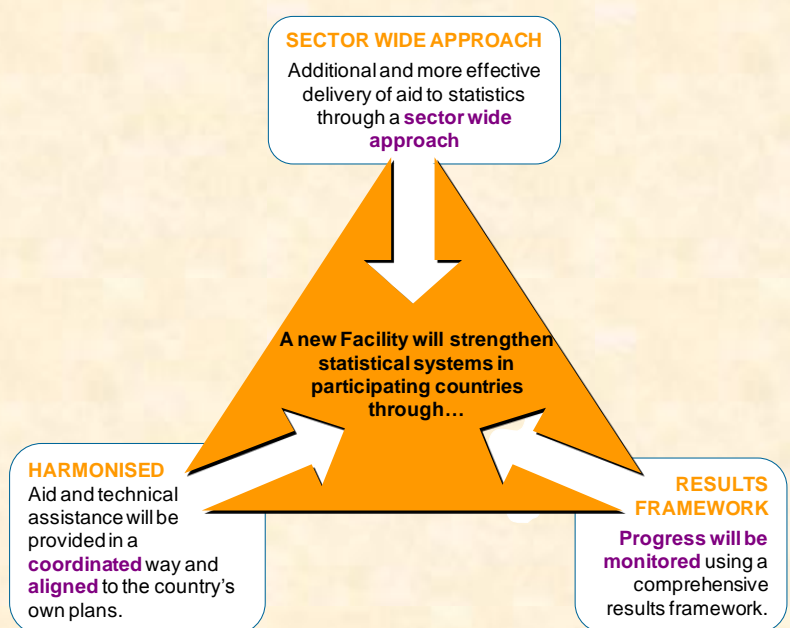
Description

The new Statistics for Results Facility will accelerate the strengthening of statistical systems in participating countries. The Facility aims to build capacity to **manage for development results**. This will be accomplished by **aligning** national development plans and Poverty Reduction Strategies more closely with statistical efforts, facilitating the implementation of **country-owned** statistical improvement plans.

Highlights

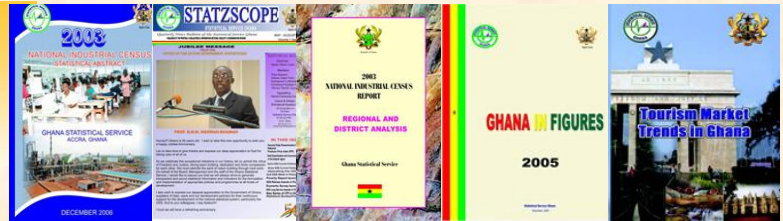
The Facility will strengthen national statistical partnerships to develop and implement agreed statistical improvement plans, incorporating several innovative methods:

- **A new way of working** – the Facility will promote better collaboration between donors and countries, in national partnerships.
- **A new Fund** – the Facility will provide grant funds to meet any financing gaps.





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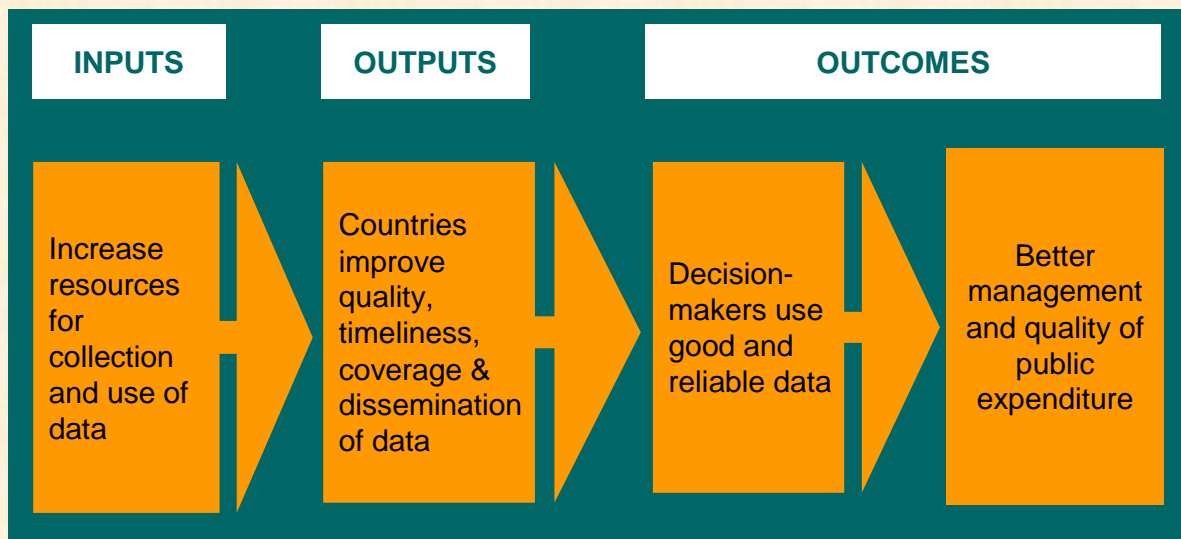


Ghana Case Study

Ghana recently announced their National Strategy for the Development of Statistics. The UK Department for International Development is appointing a donor statistician to assist Ghana in implementing this strategy and to help coordinate donor assistance. The new Statistics for Results Facility will help identify resources to support national partnership processes, as well as fill resource gaps as necessary to ensure the execution of the Ghana Statistical Service’s strategy.

Results

The Facility will aim to increase resources (finance, staff and training) dedicated to the collection and use of data. Results of this increase in resources will be improved quality, timeliness, coverage and dissemination of national statistical information and data. Decision makers will be able to use this information to improve the overall management and quality of public expenditure.



Next Steps

The SRF initiative, developed by the Netherlands, World Bank and the United Kingdom at the request of the PARIS21 partnership, will be piloted in around six countries over the next two to three years. Once these pilots are underway, the Facility will widen its scope to include other low income countries, provided the pilots demonstrate positive results. With the UK and the Netherlands currently the main contributors, the SRF plans to roll-out through the World Bank and other lead donors at the country level. Additional donor support will be needed both at the administrative level and at the country level, in the form of providing or coordinating financial and technical assistance.



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