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**World Bank lending
to help countries improve
statistical capacity**





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STATCAP is a lending program which aims to help developing countries strengthen national statistical systems. It addresses the need to improve the management of development processes and results, including the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. It also responds to the international call for an increase in financing and long-term support for statistical capacity building, set out in the Marrakech Action Plan for Statistics.

STATCAP is designed to make large-scale investments in statistical capacity easier and more effective. The cornerstone is the development of a comprehensive and integrated national action plan for improving statistical capacity, for instance, through a National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS), prepared through consultation with both data providers and data users. This approach promotes country ownership, and collaboration and coordination with development partners.

STATCAP is designed to be simple to initiate, plan and operate. The process begins with the preparation of an NSDS. Standard formats are available to develop implementation plans, to make project preparation simpler.

The strategy is expected to:

- Cover the entire national statistical system;
- Build on existing strategies, processes and capabilities;
- Evaluate the state of the statistical system, taking account of strengths and weaknesses;
- Set out a viable, technically sound and user-oriented medium-term work program with planned actions.

Countries can apply for a grant from the Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity Building (TFSCB) to finance this work.

It is possible for a STATCAP project to concentrate on improvements in one or more particular sectors, or to take a comprehensive approach, provided that they are developed within the framework of the NSDS.

STATCAP projects typically involve activities to improve:

- Institutional frameworks (policy, legal and regulatory frameworks);
- Human resources (training);
- Statistical infrastructure (statistical registers, sampling frames, classifications);
- Physical infrastructure and information and communication technology;
- Data collection;
- Analysis and dissemination.

Countries wishing to benefit from the STATCAP program are expected to demonstrate commitment and leadership, be willing to comply with good statistical practice, participate in global development and monitoring activities, and put in place appropriate and sustainable implementation arrangements.

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