

PARIS21 Secretariat

Accelerated Data Program (ADP)

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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\$2.0m was allocated for year 2007 under the Grant Agreement DGF 401007-04. The grant was signed on 29 March 2007, with a closing date on 31 December 2007. The closing date was extended to 30 June 2008 as per the amendment signed on 10 December 2007.

This final report is submitted in accordance with the Framework for Cooperation (Section 5.1 of the Grant Agreement DGF 401007-04). It covers the full grant period.

Progress and results on this grant have been reported through the required semi-annual reports on 30 June 2007, 31 December 2007 and 30 June 2008.

It should be underlined that the DGF has a one-year grant period, and therefore its implementation is challenging. The extensions of the closing dates give some overlap in the consecutive grants' operation periods, as follows:

	2006 First Half	2006 Second Half	2007 First Half	2007 Second Half	2008 First Half	2008 Second Half	2009 First Half	2009 Second Half
ADP 2006								
ADP 2007								
ADP 2008								
ADP 2009								

GRANT OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the grant (as set out in the grant agreement) were to (i) test the ability of national statistical systems to respond to emerging data needs, (ii) assist countries that do not have a coherent long-term survey program to improve the planning and financing of data collection activities, (iii) build national capacity in micro-data preservation, analysis and dissemination, and (v) generate updated estimates of key indicators by collecting new data.

The grant agreement stated that these objectives should be obtained by the implementation of the three following tasks:

- Task 1: make existing survey microdata more widely and easily accessible
- Task 2: assess the quality of existing surveys, with a particular focus on the relevance, reliability and comparability of the data
- Task 3: co-finance the implementation of data collection activities

ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN AND RESULTS OBTAINED

Country participation

The program initially planned to implement the 3 Tasks in a limited number of countries. However, in accordance with the strategy discussed with the World Bank, it was decided that the 2007 program of activities would focus mainly (although not exclusively) on Task 1. It was also decided that this change in the scope of the project could be compensated by a larger geographic coverage, though the focus should be on Sub-Saharan Africa.

At the start of the 2007 grant, the following 7 countries were already actively participating in the ADP: Cameroon, DR Congo, Ethiopia, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Uganda.

At the end of the 2007 grant, activities had been completed and/or were undergoing in the following 37 countries:

Argentina	Dominica	Honduras	Mexico	Senegal
Bangladesh	Ethiopia	Indonesia	Mongolia	Sri Lanka
Bolivia	Fiji	Kenya	Mozambique	Swaziland
Botswana (*)	Gambia (The)	Lao PDR	Namibia (*)	Tunisia
Burkina Faso	Ghana	Lesotho (*)	Niger	Uganda
Cameroon	Guatemala	Liberia	Nigeria	Uruguay
Costa Rica	Haiti	Mali	Peru	Vietnam
			Philippines	Yemen

** in partnership with a TFSCB project.*

Country level activities and outputs included:

Task 1 results:

- National survey inventories completed (most of the countries above)
- Past surveys datasets recovered (ex: DR Congo)
- National staff trained on the IHSN Microdata Management Toolkit and on microdata management best practices (most of the countries above, more than 200 staff from more than 30 national institutions)
- National staff trained on the National Data Archive (NADA) application (Uganda, Ethiopia, Nigeria, etc.)
- Past and on-going surveys documented and archived (most of the countries above)
- Past and on-going surveys metadata — and microdata for some countries (Nigeria, Mali) — freely accessible on the web and on other digital support (Uganda, Ethiopia, Nigeria)
- National Microdata Dissemination Policies initiated (Cameroon, Uganda, etc.)
- Relevant sections of the National Strategies for the Development of Statistics improved (when design process underway – ex: Cameroon) or implemented (when NSDS under implementation – ex: Mali, Uganda, Burkina Faso, etc.)

Task 2 results

- Work program for improving the availability and consistency of indicators on education in Cameroon developed with UNESCO/UIS, NSO Cameroon and the 5 Cameroonian line ministries involved in education

Task 3 results

- Household survey completed in Niger, with data entry in the field and innovations in data quality management (ENBC)
- Congo DRC: 1-2-3 survey data analyzed and reports published

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

Global level activities and outputs included:

- Partnerships with other agencies interested in contributing to ADP established (AFRISTAT, ESCAP, FAO, Inter-American Development Bank, UNICEF, and others).
- Guidelines produced and implemented for countries, partner agencies and consultants participating in ADP implementation.
- ADP website developed and launched: www.surveynetwork.org/adp
- 1st issue of the ADP Newsletter published and disseminated (Arabic, English, French and Spanish)
- Web-based Light Information System on the ADP (LISA) developed and launched.
- Support to UNICEF in the documentation and dissemination of MICS 2005/06 surveys in all MICS participating countries. More than 20 countries in Africa, in Central and Eastern Europe, in the Commonwealth of Independent States and in Latin America and the Caribbean — most of them not formally ADP countries — successfully completed the task.

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

USE OF THE FUNDS

87 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 2007 and 31 December 2007. A final financial report was submitted at the end of the grant period. The grant budget (USD 2 million) was used as follows:

Project staff and auxiliaries	147,363
Intellectual services	353,866
Missions	633,901
Conference, room rental, reception expenses	137,028
Printing and translation	9,724
Hardware, software, IT costs, supplies	231,197
Central services and other	14,546
Grant administration	50,000
Total expenditure	1,577,627
Balance (unspent)	422,373

Note on the unspent funds:

USD 200,000 were committed for the co-financing of a 1-2-3 survey in Haiti (the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank were co-sponsors). These funds could not be spent due to delays in the survey that were caused by severe natural hazards in Haiti. About USD 220,000 were also committed to the co-financing of the Liberia Population Census, especially for data processing. These funds could not be spent because of administrative issues in the disbursement and procurement procedures. The unspent balance was returned to the donor on April 2009.