

GENDER STATISTICS AND INDICATORS

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Why gender statistics?

- ◆ Statistics on the situation of women and men are needed to:
 - Formulate policies
 - Monitor changes
 - Inform the public
 - Eliminate gender-based stereotypes

Gender issues

- ◆ All aspects of women and men's lives that reflect their different opportunities, access to resources and needs

UN's Role

- ◆ Platform of Action from Beijing
- ◆ UNDESA *World's Women 2000*
- ◆ UNECE *Women and Men in NA and Europe:2000*
- ◆ UNSD *Handbook or producing NSR on women and men*

What is an indicator?

- ◆ A figure, a fact, an opinion or perception that point at a specific issue or direction
- ◆ Evidence of where we stand and where we are going in relation to specified targets and goals

Main types of indicators

- ◆ Quantitative indicators
- ◆ Non-quantitative indicators

Kinds of indicators

- ◆ Percentages/proportions
- ◆ Rates
- ◆ Ratios
- ◆ Indices
- ◆ Absolute numbers

What is a gender indicator?

- ◆ An indicator that uses quantitative or qualitative information to give insight into gender issues and capture gender-related changes in society