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MDG Initiative in Asia and the Pacific:

- § Catalytic support to country action plan implementation
- § Policy research and strategizing support
- § Data Component



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MDG Initiative in Asia and the Pacific: Data Component

- § Data availability
- § Project Design



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Data Availability by Country

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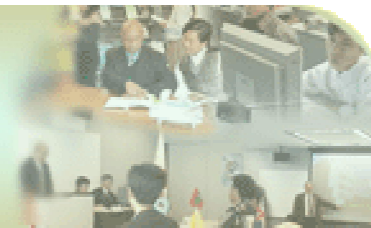
Reference for indicators: <http://millenniumindicators.un.org>

Basic source of data: Wall chart prepared by the Statistics Division of UNESCAP on 'Data availability for tracking progress towards the MDGs in Asia & Pacific.'

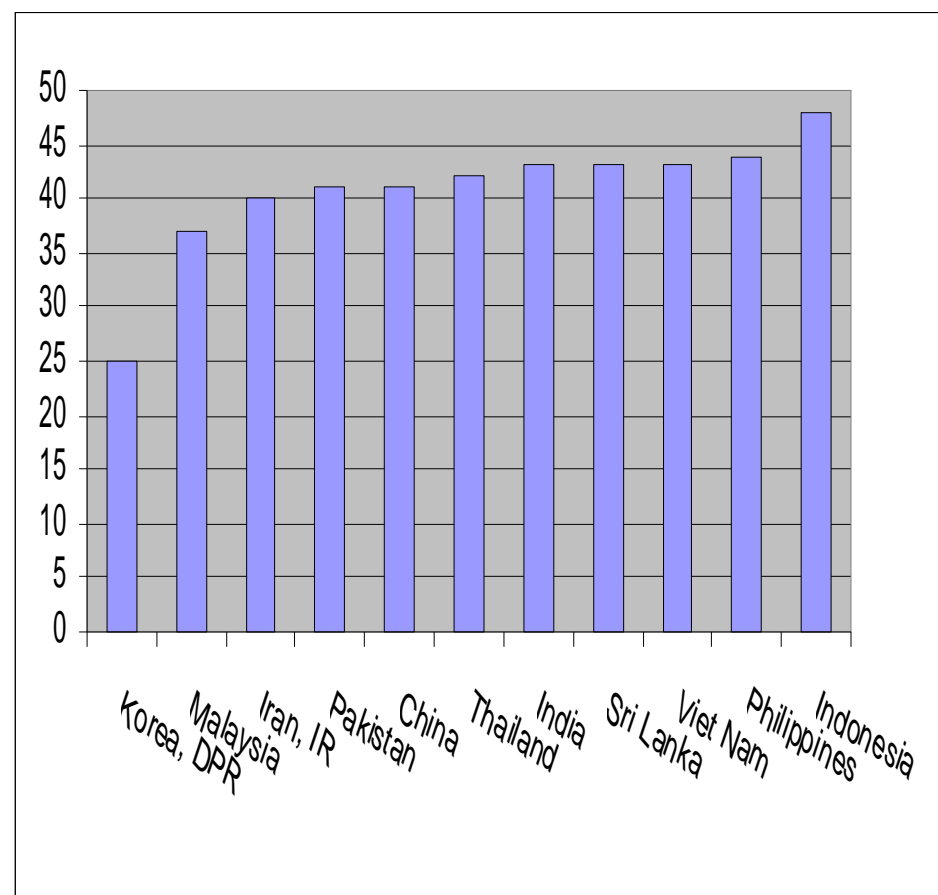
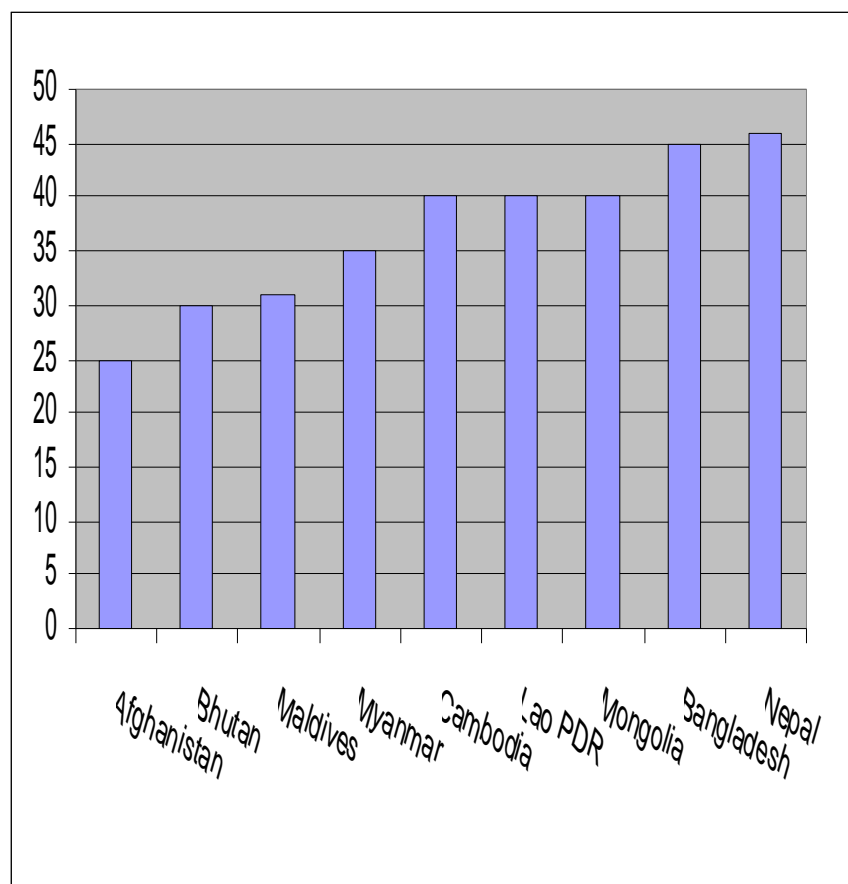


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Data Availability by Country





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Data Availability by Goal/Indicator, 1990 - 2002

- § Availability
 - § All countries in region
 - § By indicator
- § Measurement issues
- § Disaggregation issues



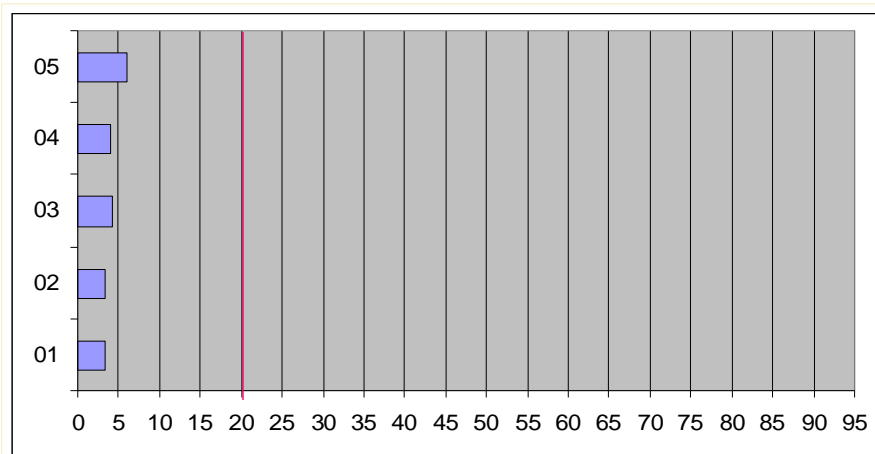
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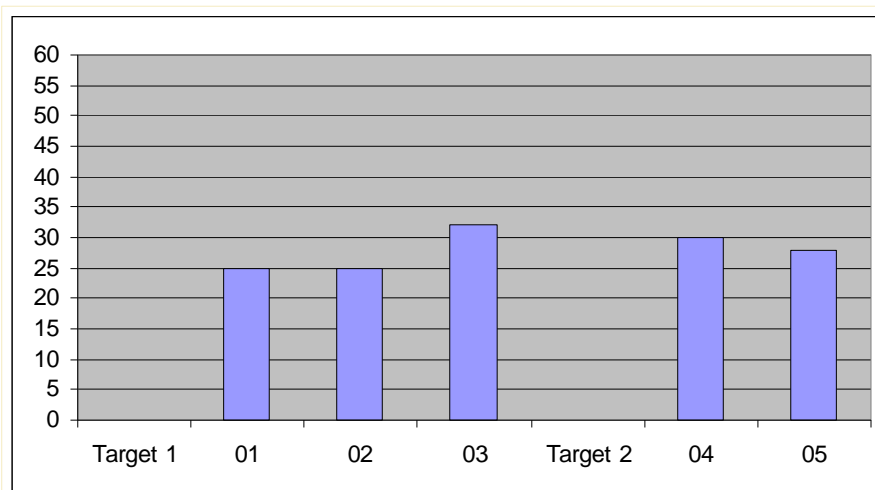
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Goal: Eradicate Extreme Poverty & Hunger



§ % availability [✓] of indicator [✓] for **all** countries/areas, 1990-2002.

§ Red line at 20% - arbitrary benchmark for inadequacy.



§ Number [✓] of countries having one or more values of indicator [✓]

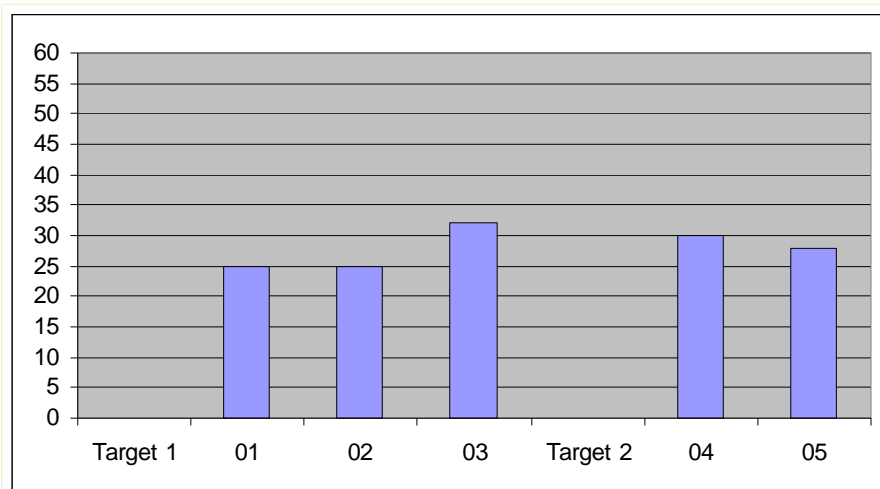
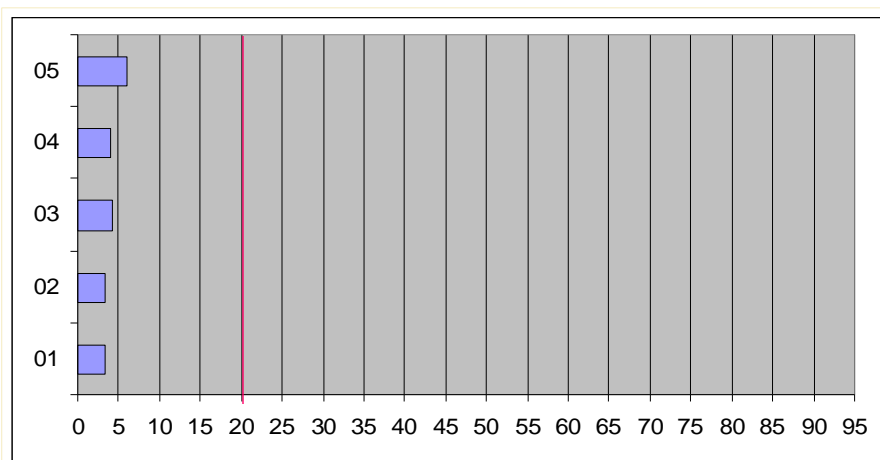


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Goal: Eradicate Extreme Poverty & Hunger



- § Needs minimum specs for comparable poverty line/standard
- § Requires household & expenditure survey
- § Requires PPP estimates
- § Needs nutrition component in household survey
- § Consider small area estimation



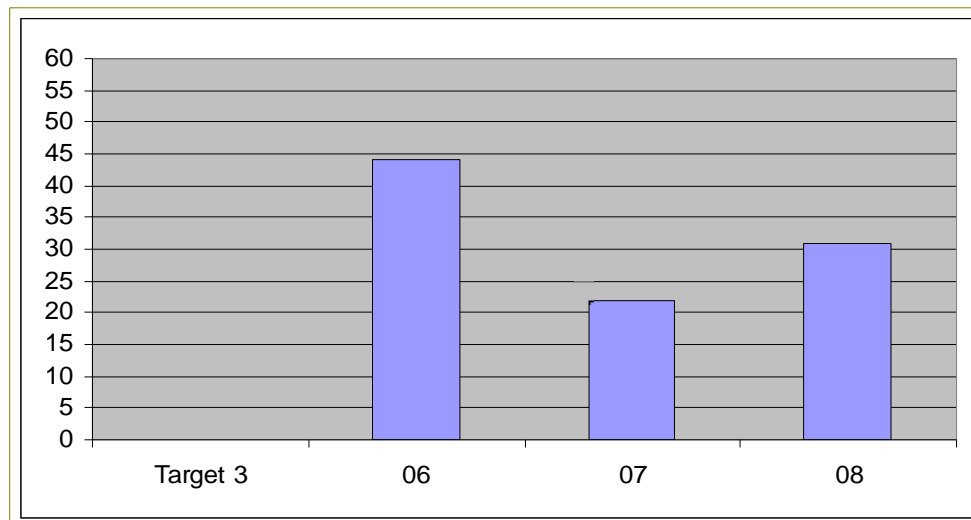
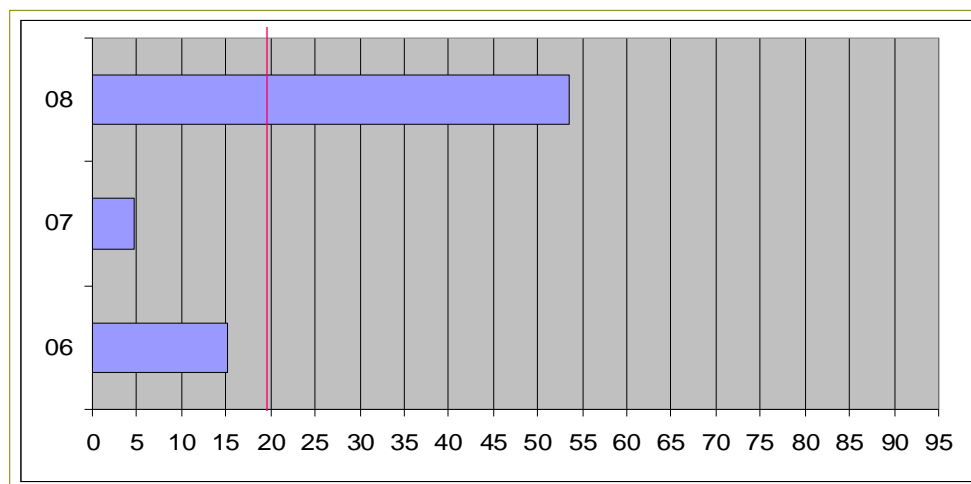
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Goal: Achieve Universal Primary Education

- § Needs education component in household survey
- § Improve recording systems in education ministry
- § Consider small area estimation



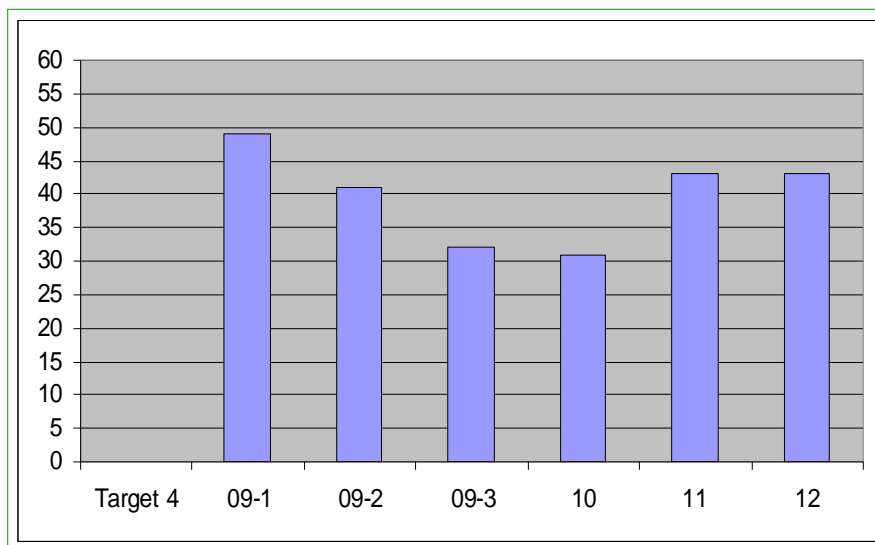
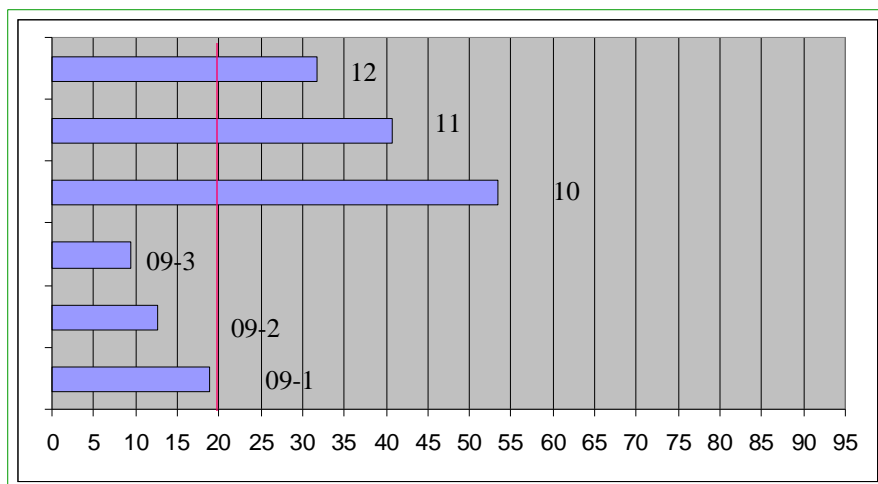


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Goal: Promote Gender Equality & Empower Women



- § Improve recording systems in education ministry
- § Continue incorporating gender component in data systems



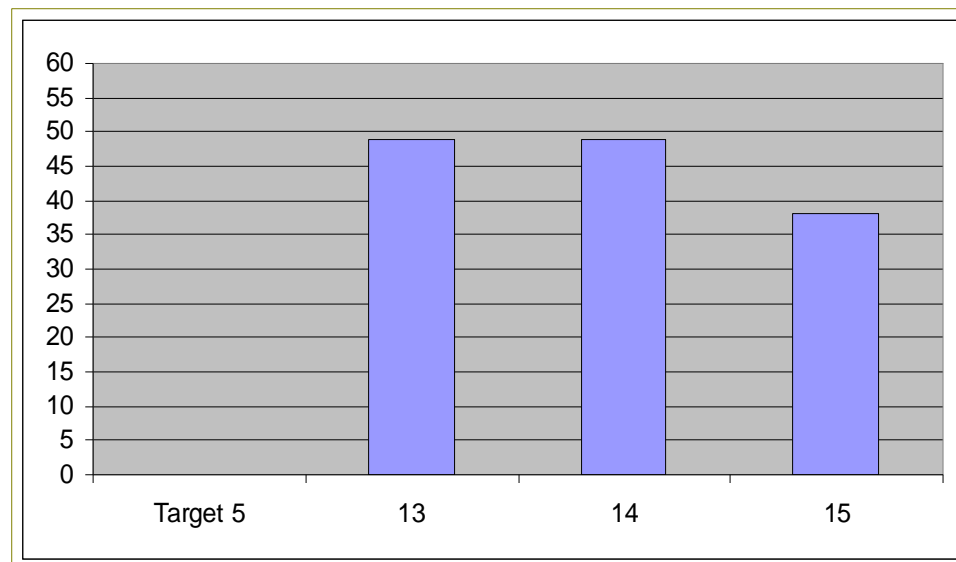
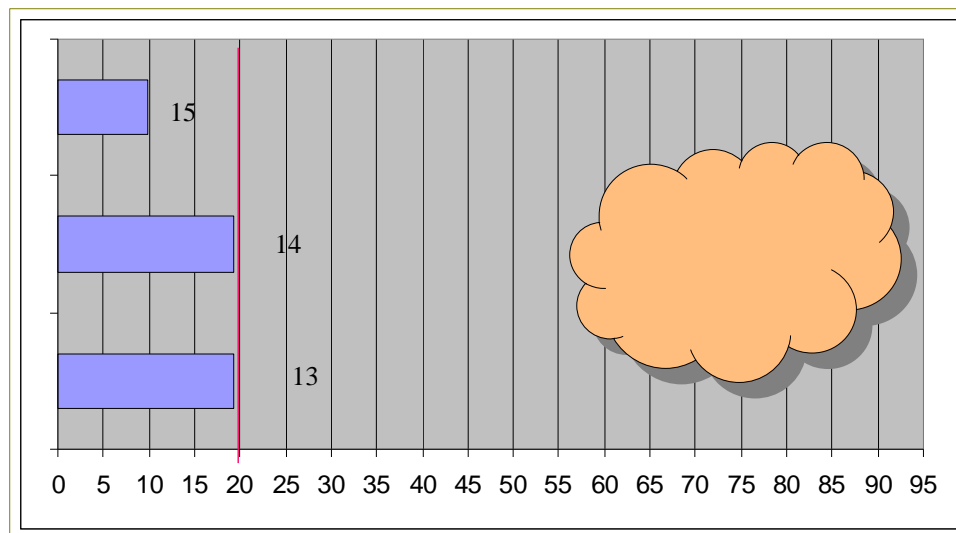
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Goal: Reduce Child Mortality

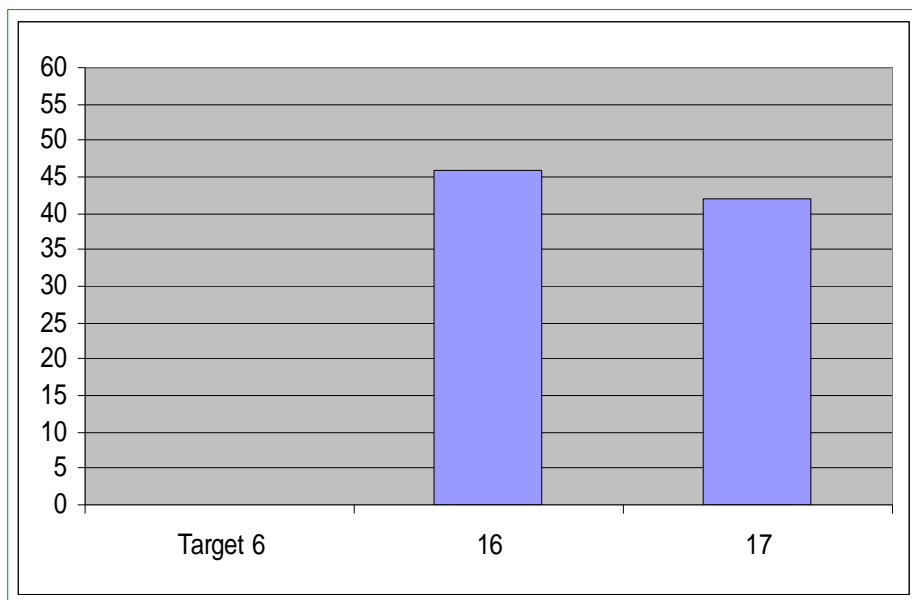
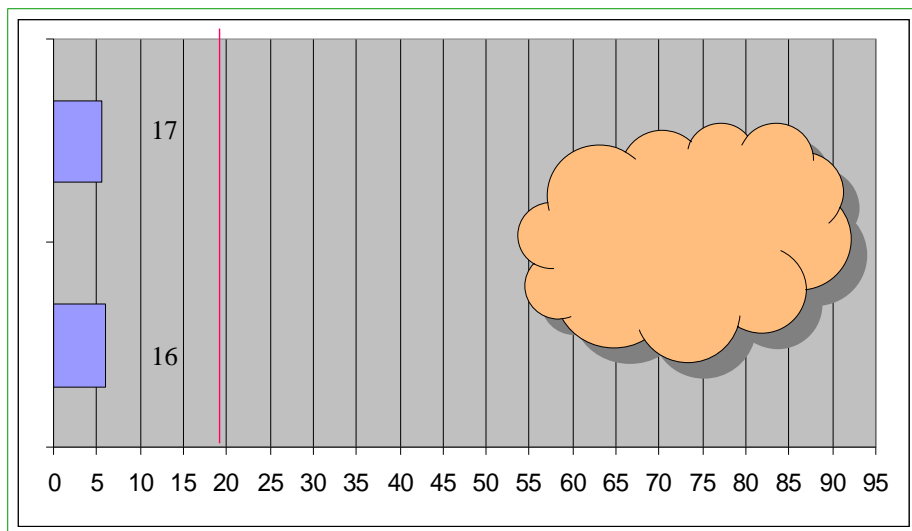
- § Requires health & mortality component in household surveys
- § Improve civil registration systems
- § Consider small area estimation.





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Goal: Improve Maternal Health

- § Requires health & mortality component in household surveys
- § Improve registration of deaths by causes
- § Consider small area estimation



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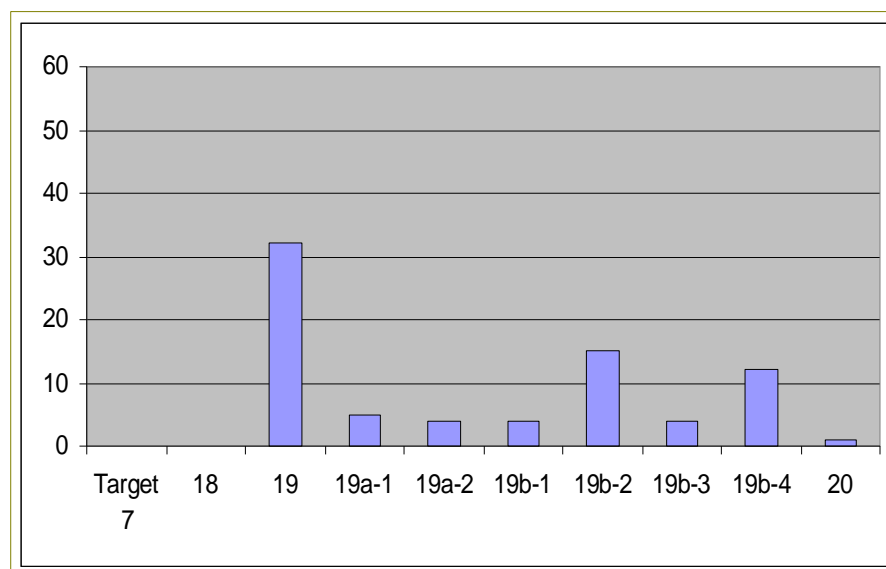
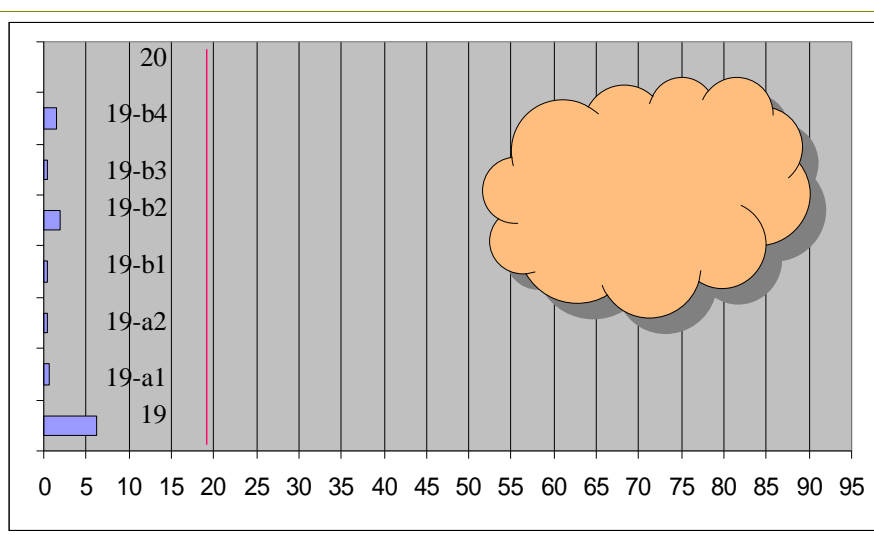
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Goal: Combat HIV/AIDS

§ Needs area-specific
epidemiological survey

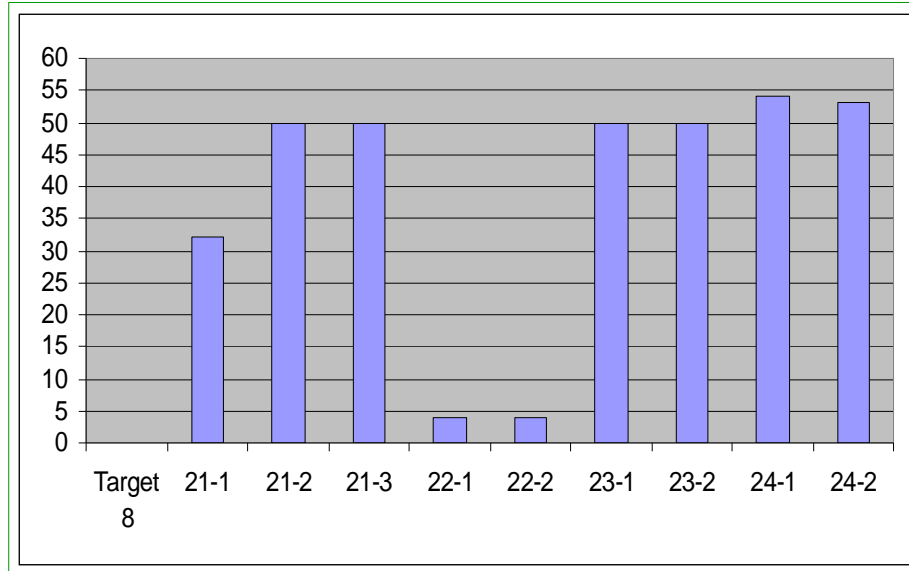
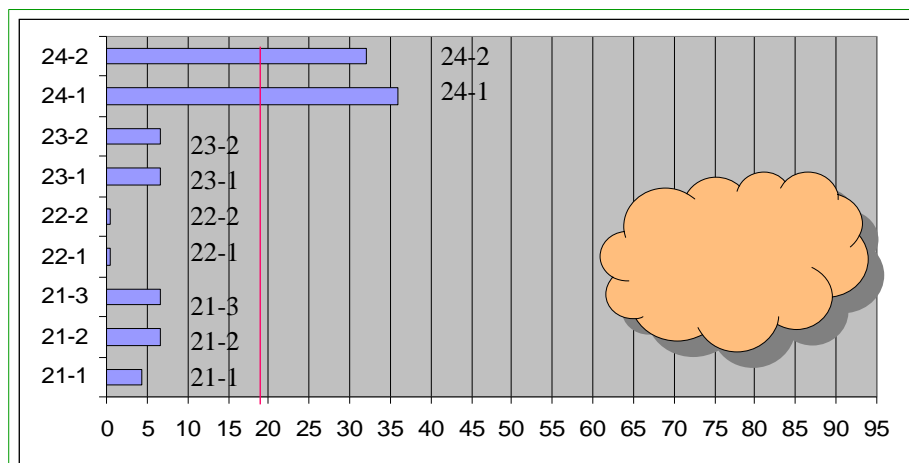
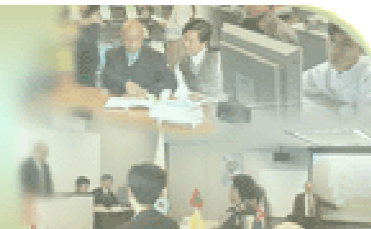
- Rapid assessment
- Network sampling





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Goal: Combat Malaria & Other Major Diseases

§ Requires area-specific epidemiological survey

- Rapid assessment
- Network sampling



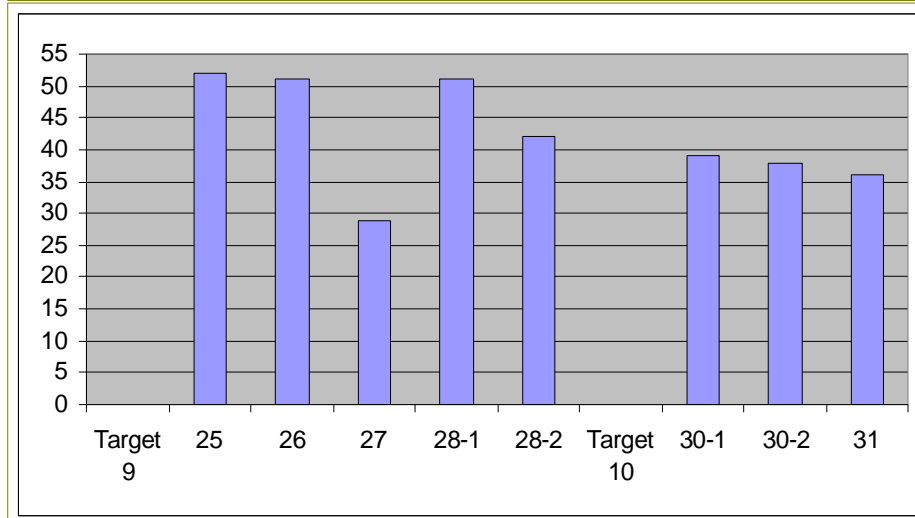
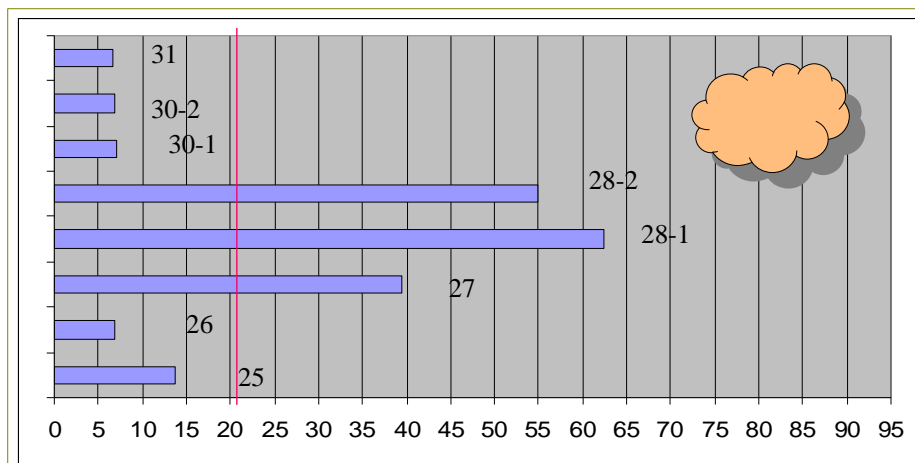
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Goal: Ensure Environmental Sustainability

- § Requires water, sanitation, habitat component in household surveys
- § Needs improvement in recording by energy/environment ministry
- § Consider small area estimation.



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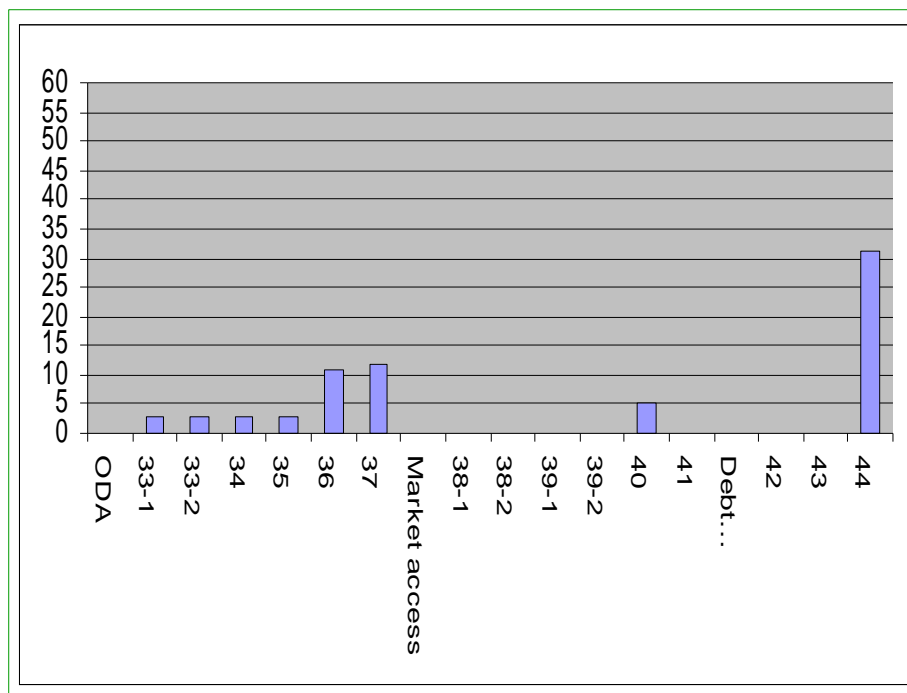
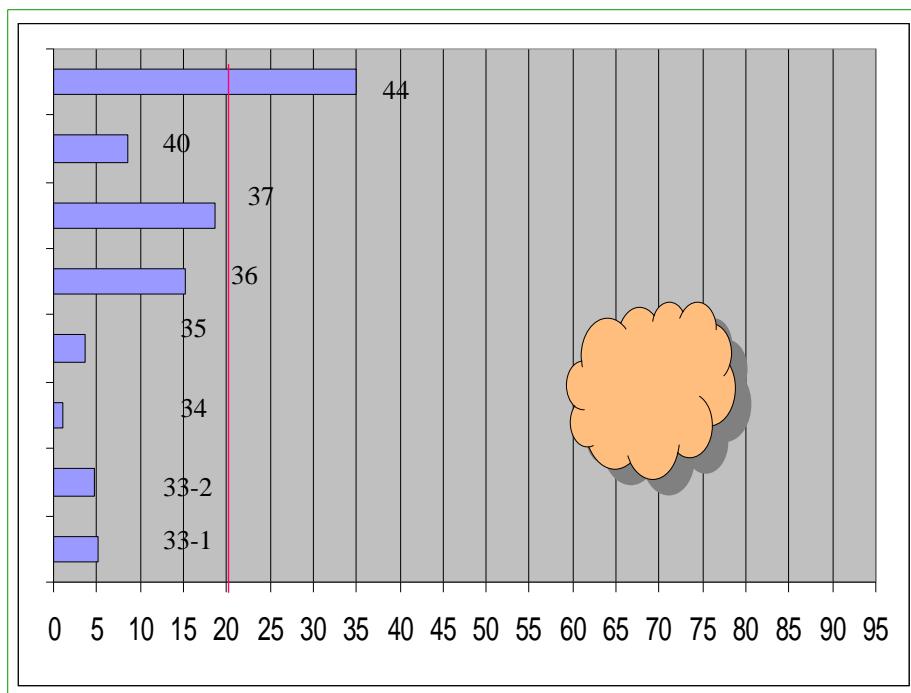


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Goal: Develop Global Partnership for Development



Targets 12-15



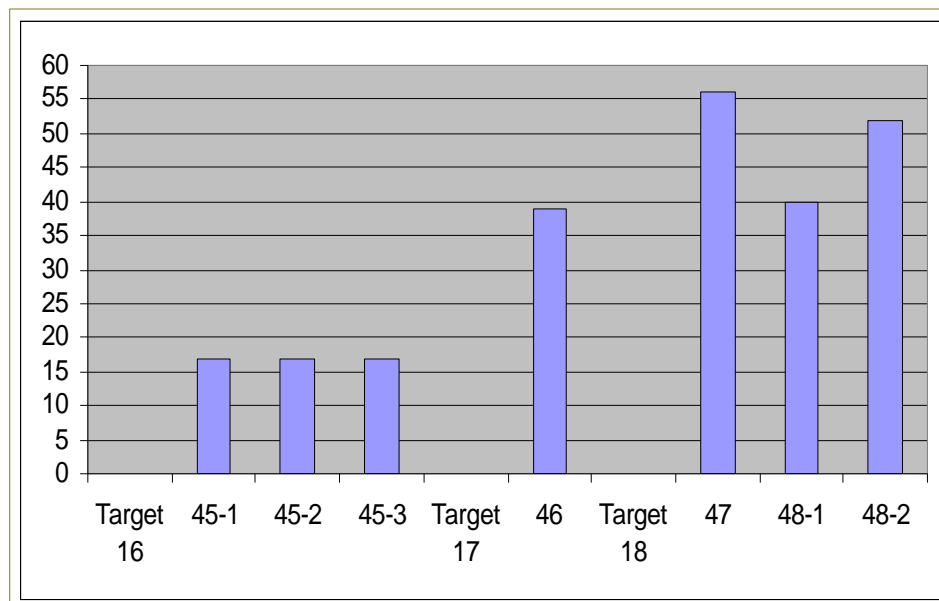
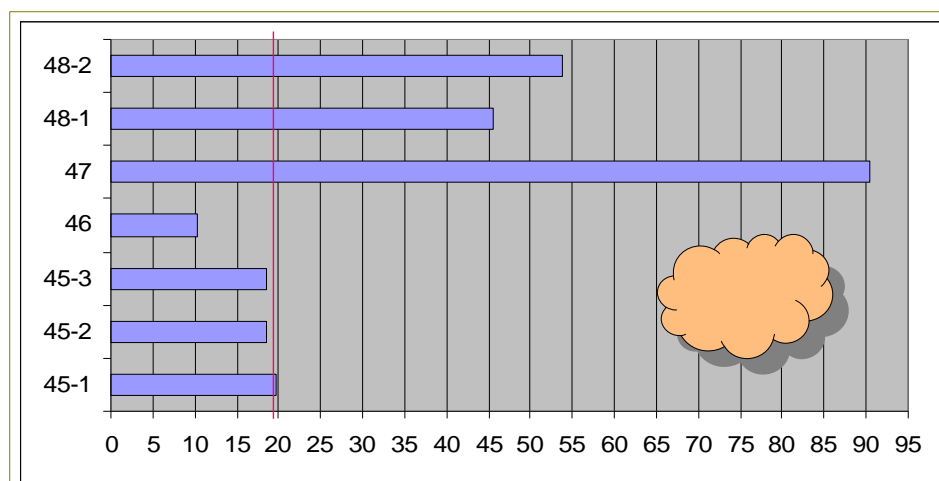
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Goal: Develop Global Partnership for Development

- § Continue improvement of labour force surveys
- § Requires health & mortality component in household surveys
- § Consider small area estimation.



Summary: Closing Some of the Gaps



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short-term

- small area estimation
- area-specific epidemiological survey (thru rapid assessment, MICS-type, etc.)
- reprocessing of census/survey files

short- to medium-term

- improvement of labour force surveys and/or household & expenditure survey, & censuses
- minimum specs for comparable poverty line/standard
- PPP estimates
- nutrition, education, water, sanitation, habitat, health & mortality component in household survey
- gender component in data systems

medium-term

- improvement of civil registration systems
- improvement of data systems in education and energy/environment ministry



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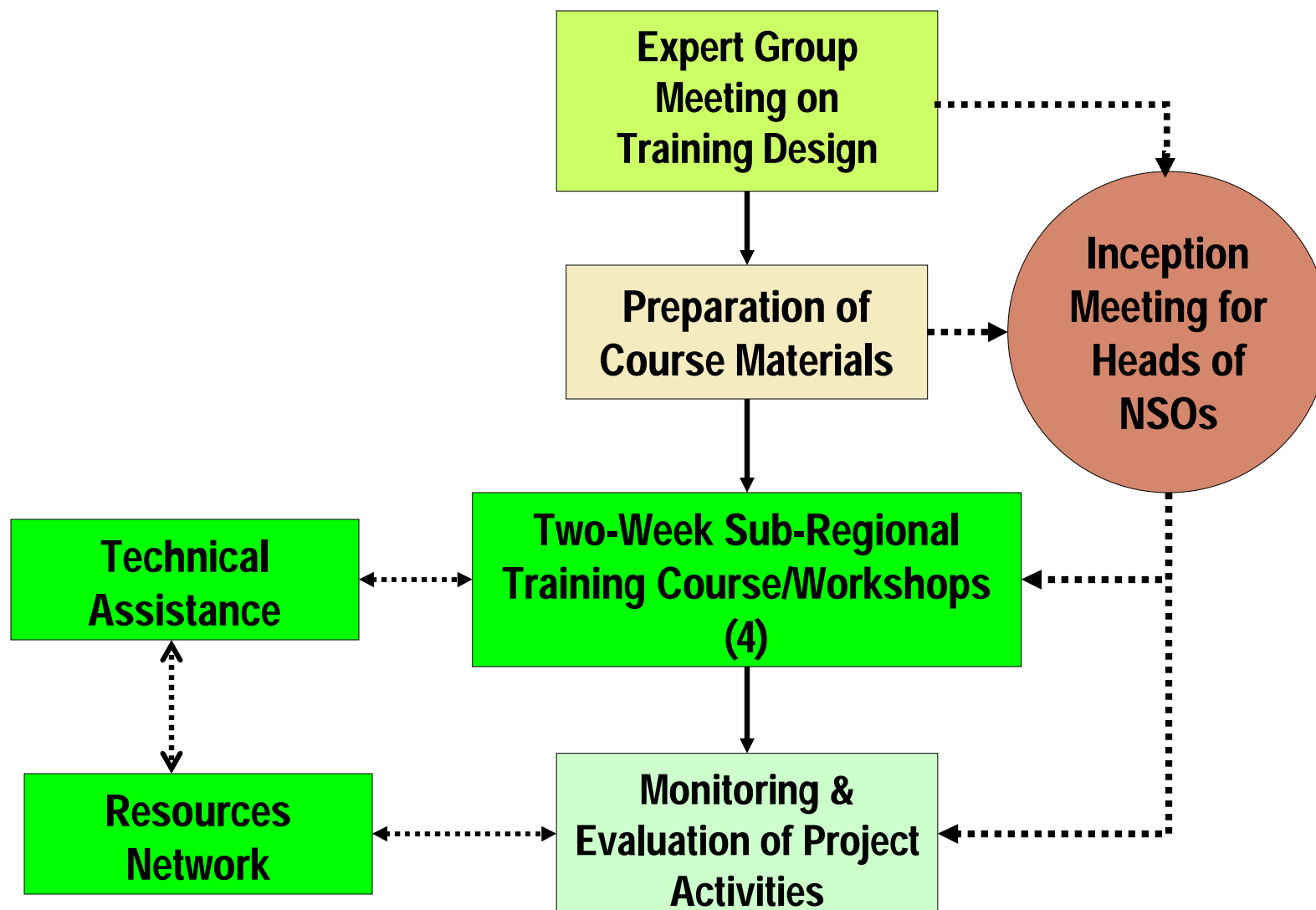
Project Design: Modes of Intervention

- § Training: Statistical, including Institutional, Capacity Building
- § Technical Assistance



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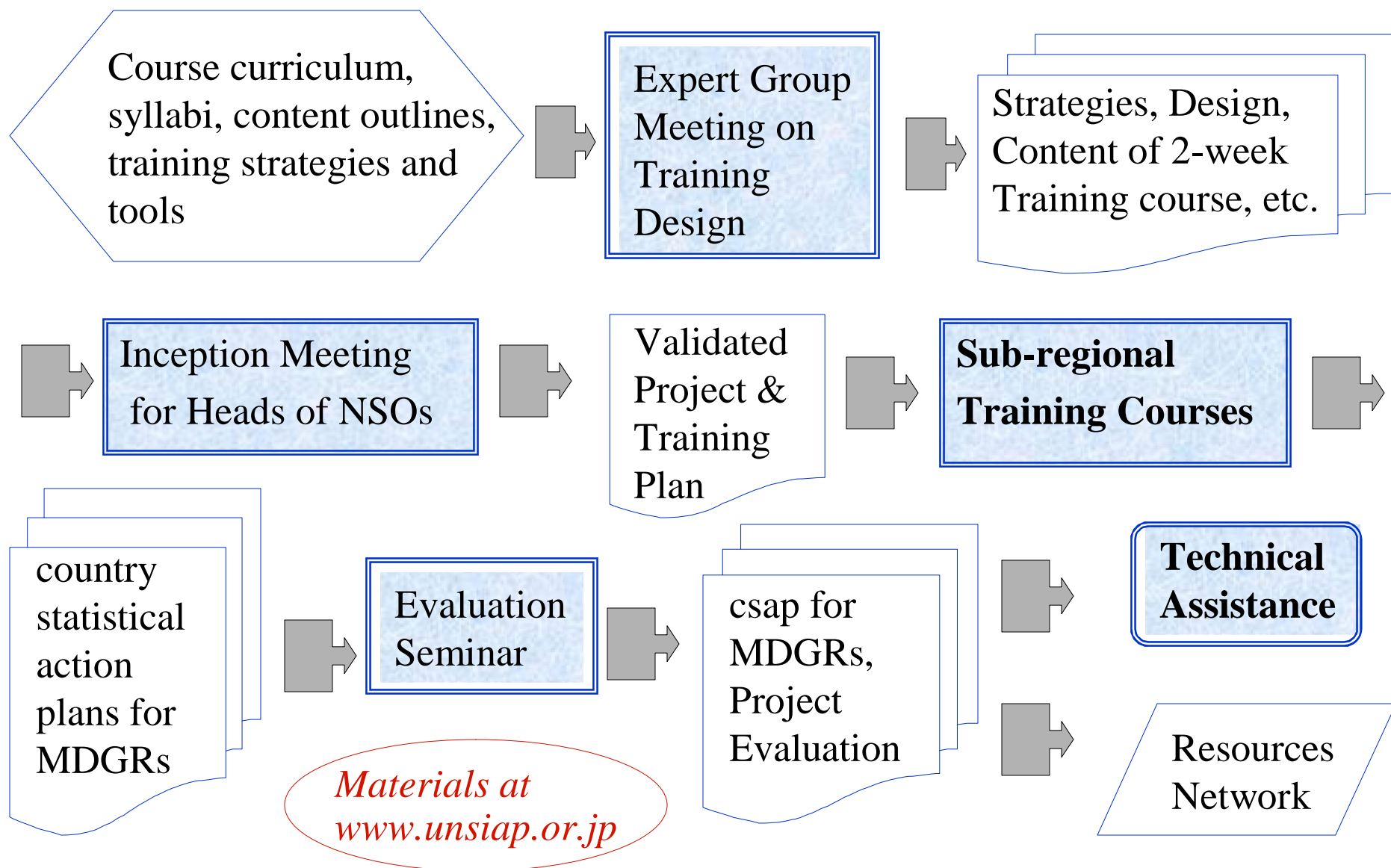




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Training: Sub-regional Workshops (1)

§ Country Participation: multi-disciplinary

- NSO middle/senior-level staff
- Staff from country focal point, if different from NSO
- [and UNDP MDG focal point]

§ Prior requirement for the Workshop: Country report on--

- Inventory of data for MDG indicators
- Tentative estimates for these indicators
- Proposed action plan to fill in data gaps



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Training: Sub-Regional Workshops (2)

Content Coverage

Ø MDGs:

- § Overview, Indicators- lectures/discussions
- § Reports – country experiences in producing MDGR

Ø Statistics for MDGs:

- § Databases, tabulations, compilation: DEVINFO
- § Analysis

Ø Addressing data gaps

- § Techniques: *Data issues*
- § Arrangements: *Institutional issues*
- § Firming up of proposed *action plans*



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Technical Assistance

§ Advisory missions to selected countries based on firmed-up country statistical action plans (csap) from sub-regional workshops and evaluation seminar.



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Reflection: Statistics & Development

- § Statistics derived from populations, thus provides distributions.
- § Problems of development refer to disparities, between groups, areas, sectors,...distributions...
- § Why then have distributions been described only thru averages? Should there not also be partner measures of variation, skewness, ranges, percentiles, quantiles, deciles, quartiles...?
 - ✓ Income, for example



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Training Priorities: Data Issues

- § More Data From Present Modalities
- § Some Data From 'Newer' Options



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Data Issues: More Data From Present Modalities

§ Opportunities in Censuses and Surveys

- Preparing for the next census round
- Re-processing recent census and survey results
- Small area estimation
- Re-design of surveys to incorporate new NHDR & MDG requirements

§ Administrative Data Processing

- Coordination of statistical activities (standards, methods, classifications) in whole government



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Data Issues: Some Data From 'Newer' Options

§ Opportunities in Censuses and Surveys

- Checking on use of rapid assessment methods in epidemiological surveys
- Considering 'non-trad' sampling methods
- Another 'MICS' for the MDGs

§ Technology transfer to Civil Society Organizations

- Advice to Community-based information systems



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Training Priorities: Institutional Issues

§ NSO Experience in NHDR Preparation

- difficult to attain sustainability of the MDG indicators without NSOs

§ Partnerships

- extremely difficult for NSOs to do it alone



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Institutional Issues: Inactive Participation of NSOs

Country	Number of NHDRs	Kind and Level of Involvement in the Compilation			
		Taking a lead	Institutionally involved	Doing most data processing	Data provider
Bangladesh	7	No	No	No	Yes
Bhutan	2	No	No	No	Yes
Cambodia	5	No	No	No	Yes
Indonesia	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Iran	2	No	No	No	Yes
Lao PDR	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Malaysia	2	No	No	No	Yes
Maldives	1	No	No	No	Yes
Mongolia	2	No	Yes	No	Yes
Myanmar	1	No	No	No	Yes
Nepal	2	No	Yes	No	Yes
Philippines	4	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sri Lanka	2	No	No	No	Yes
Thailand	2	No	No	No	Yes
Viet Nam	2	No	Yes	No	Yes



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Institutional Issues: NSOs & the NHDR

- § NSOs supplied most of the data for NHDRs but only few participated actively & directly in preparation
- § Revealed inadequacy of NSOs in terms of data gaps, irregularity in data collection, & insufficiency in budget allocation, manpower & knowledge base on NHDRs & MDG
- § Realized that participation of NSOs would both strengthen the quality of NHDR & MDG statistics & upgrade NSO capabilities

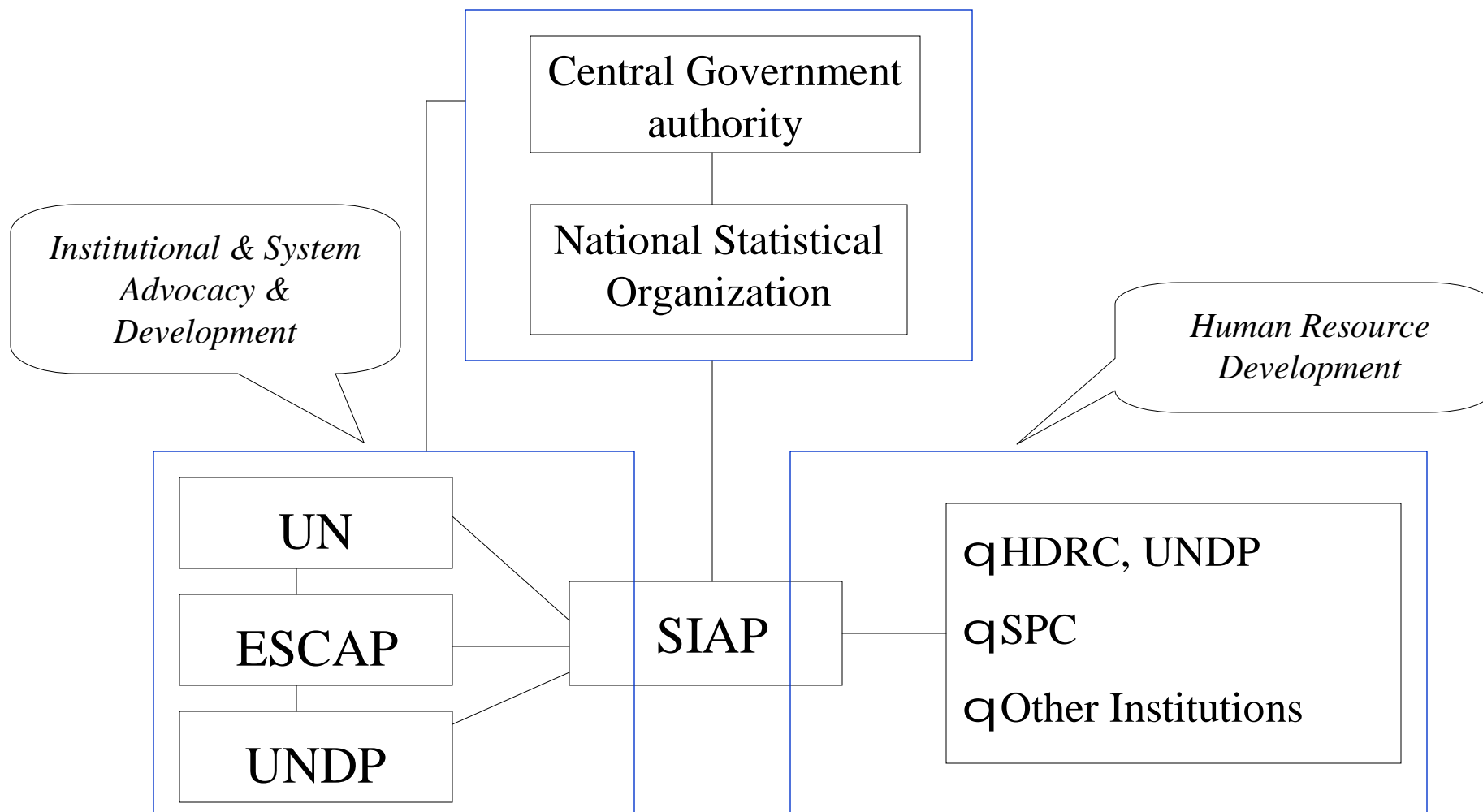


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Institutional Issues: Partnerships





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Aim: Statistical Capacity Building

§ Intention of these interventions à not only to improve availability of MDG indicators but also the very statistical system that produces these.

✓ e.g. Re-design of household surveys to accommodate MDG needs should strengthen its role in providing socio-economic information to policy and decision-makers on a sustained basis in the medium term.

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To strengthen the capability of national statistical systems in the region and to enhance statistical training capabilities and related activities at the country level through practically oriented training of official statisticians in order to produce timely and high-quality statistics that can be utilized for economic and social development planning.

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The email server of UNSIAP will be unavailable on Thursday 16th and Friday 17th September in the morning hours (Japan times). Please send your messages outside these hours.
During the period of 16th to 20th September UNSIAP staff will not be able to access their emails, which will lead to temporary discontinuities in their replies.

Area Focused Training Course in Collection and Analysis of Official Statistics for Central Asian Countries (26 July - 24 September 2004) officially opened on 26 July 2004.
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The Third Group Training Course in Analysis and Interpretation of Official Statistics (20 July - 17 September 2004) officially opened on 20 July 2004.
[The Third Group Training Course in Application of Information and Communications Technology to Statistical Processes \(10 May - 9 July 2004\) officially closed on 9 July 2004.](#)
[Farewell speech by course participant.\(pdf\)](#)
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[Course Curriculum](#)

Country Course on Database Development, Management and Maintenance, 9 August - 20 August, Colombo, Sri Lanka



[Location](#)

The Ninth Session of the Governing Board of SIAP in Chiba, Japan, 14 and 15 November 2003; report of the meeting.



Director's Prize for ICT 2004 awarded to Mr. Vasir Waseem from Maldives

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Building data/statistical capability for MDG monitoring and reporting

Project Background

Activities

EGM on Training Design for Upgrading Statistical Capabilities (September 2004)

Inception Workshop (December 2004)

Subregional Training Courses on Statistics for MDGs (January - December 2005)

Review and Evaluation Workshop (January 2006)

Technical Assistance

Resources

Roster of Experts

Documents

UNSIAP Expert Group Meeting on Training Design for Upgrading Statistical Capabilities on MDG Indicators

28 - 29 September 2004
Bangkok, Thailand

Objective and Expected Outputs of the Expert Group Meeting

Under the MDG Initiative in Asia and the Pacific UNSIAP will conduct a series of two-week sub-regional training course/workshops as the main vehicle for building data/statistical capability for the promotion and generation of quality and reliable data to monitor the progress of MDGs and contribute to accurate MDG national reports (MDGRs).

The Expert Group Meeting will solicit expert guidance on content, strategies and design for a two-week subregional training course/workshop on upgrading national statistical capabilities for producing MDG-related indicators.

The meeting will review and make recommendations to improve/revise proposals for the course curriculum/syllabus; topical outlines and session guides for contents of course materials; and training strategies and tools for the conduct of the course.

Documents for the Meeting

Information Note (.doc)

List of Participants (.doc)

Work Programme (.doc)

Papers Prepared for the Meeting

Report of the Meeting

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