

**Thematic Working Group 1: Data on Migration and Remittance Flows**  
**Progress Report**  
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**1. Objectives**

- Enhancing the availability, accessibility and scope of data collection.
- Establishing and harmonizing data and quality standards
- Deepening the engagement of relevant stakeholders (data producers, data users, and institutions involved in collection and dissemination of data).

**2. Work Program Highlights**

- **Output 1.2:** *Tools, guidelines, methods and handbooks for improving quality and comparability of data prepared and made available.*
  - (1) Handbook 'Measuring International Migration and its Impact on Development – A Practical Guide.' A detailed concept note, table of contents, and template has been circulated.
  - (2) Mapping migration data available from various sources.
  - (3) Organize expert group meeting on innovative data practices.
- **Output 1.3:** *A strategic systematic approach to data collection implemented and complemented with training.*
  - (1) Pilot survey methodology on household surveys including the impacts of migration on the well-being of children, adolescents, elderly and women left behind.
  - (2) Assessing capacity-building needs, and provide training on the implementation of Balance of Payments Manual 6 framework.

**3. Key Findings and Lessons Learned**

The delivery of the handbook will depend on the active engagement and inputs from the members of the GMG.

Undertaking training and capacity building activities will require the identification of additional funding.

Progress on this agenda will depend on governments' willingness to carry out surveys and share data.

One emerging concern is that share of countries that are collecting sex-disaggregated data on migrant stocks has fallen from 78 percent in the 1990 census round, to 50 percent in the most recent census round in 2010.

**4. Outcomes**

Stakeholders will be better informed on migration and development, enabling more effective engagement in the governance of migration by having access to newly generated and synthesized knowledge.

**5. Synergies Across Thematic Working Groups and Cross-Cutting Themes**

- **Gender:** Inclusion of gender-disaggregated data.
- **Capacity building:** Capacity-building as a follow-up on handbooks.
- **Public Perceptions:** Improved data for outreach campaigns focusing on public perceptions.
- **Other TG's:** Improved data in most of the focus areas will facilitate improved policy-making.

## **6. Building Partnerships and Expanding the Thematic Working Groups and Cross-Cutting Themes**

- WG members: UN/DESA, IOM, ILO, UNICEF, World Bank.
- Collaboration with GMG members contributing to the handbook, as well as the OECD.

## **7. Next Steps**

- Draft handbook, August 2014; Expert meeting, September 2014; Final handbook, December 2014.
- Mapping migration data availability, September 2014.