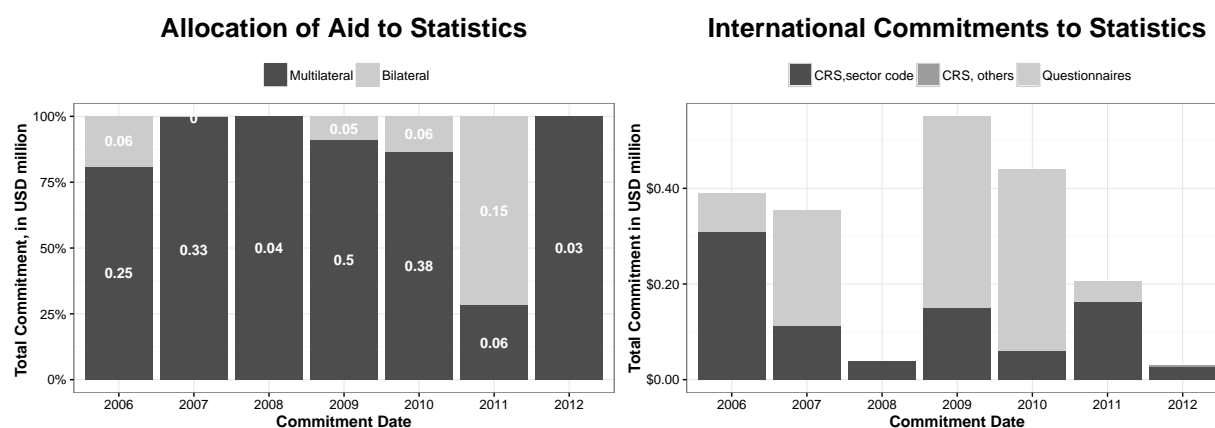


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## Syrian Arab Republic

The PRESS exercise is conducted annually to report on trends across time in support to statistics. The 2016 PRESS uses newly available data from an annual donor survey and the Creditor Reporting System (CRS) round of 2014 to update figures on aid to statistics for 2006 to 2013 (previously reported in the 2015 PRESS) and report new figures for commitments in 2014. The new 2014 figures are expected to be adjusted upwards to the levels of previous years 2011-2013 as additional projects for 2014 will be reported later this year. All findings should therefore be interpreted with this caveat in mind.



**Fig1. Allocation of Aid to Statistics**

Multilateral<sup>1</sup>, country-specific assistance remains globally the most popular means through which donors channel support to countries. Considering all recipients reported in the PRESS, support from multilateral bodies accounted for less than 50% of total aid to statistics in 2009-2010 but increased to approximately 70% in 2011 and 2012, respectively. However, the shares of country-specific<sup>2</sup> aid diminished slightly between 2012 and 2014.

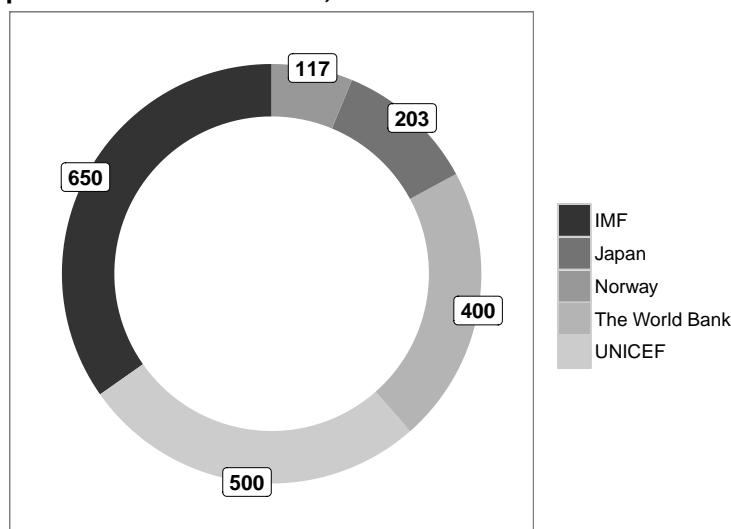
**Fig2. International Commitments to Statistics**

Support to statistics remains globally low. Considering all recipients reported in the PRESS, total 2014 commitments to statistical development of about USD 470 million show a 20% decrease from previous years 2011 and 2013. The decrease in commitments in 2014 led to a drop in the share of ODA dedicated to statistics from 0.31% in 2012 and 2013 to 0.25% in 2014. This should, however, not be interpreted as a general trend because commitments often span multiple years and fluctuations in annual figures are therefore common

<sup>1</sup>Multilateral support in this context refers to support coming from multilateral institutions.

<sup>2</sup>Country-specific assistance refers to projects for which there is a single country recipient.

**Top Five Donors 2006–2014, in USD thousands**



**Fig3. Top 5 Donors**

A large share of global support to statistics continues to come from a very small number of providers. The top five providers of development co-operation in statistics for all countries reported in the PRESS (European Commission/EUROSTAT; The World Bank; IMF; FAO; Canada) provided 72% of total commitments in 2014. While Canada is strongly engaged in country-specific aid to statistics, the United Kingdom and Norway are among the top donors for unallocated commitments. Country-Specific commitments accounted for approximately 74% (USD 350 million) in 2014.

This table displays all projects whose Financing Amount is at least 10 000 USD.

**Table 1: List of Projects 2010-2014 (USD thousands)**

Provider	Projects	Amount	Type	Date
<b>HMN</b>	Strengthening of Health Information Systems	80	Grant	2006
<b>IMF</b>	Technical Assistance	227		2007
<b>IMF</b>	Statistics Department: Technical Assistance	380		2010
<b>IMF</b>	Statistics Department: Technical Assistance	43		2011
<b>Japan</b>	TC AGGREGATED ACTIVITIES	57	Grant	2006
<b>Japan</b>	STATISTICAL CAPACITY BUILDING	50	Grant	2009
<b>Japan</b>	TC AGGREGATED ACTIVITIES	60	Grant	2010
<b>Japan</b>	STATISTICAL CAPACITY BUILDING	31	Grant	2011
<b>Norway</b>	COOPERATION BETWEEN STATISTICS NORWAY (SSB) AND CENTRAL BUREAU OF STATIS	117	Grant	2011
<b>The World Bank</b>	Syria: Capacity Building for Business Surveys and Economic Analysis	400	Grant	2009
<b>UNDP</b>	STATISTICAL CAPACITY BUILDING	38	Grant	2006

Provider	Projects	Amount	Type	Date
<b>UNFPA</b>	Support in Data Collection - Population, Gender and Sexual and Reproductive Health Data for Development	13	Grant	2007
<b>UNICEF</b>	MICS SURVEYS	185	Grant	2006
<b>UNICEF</b>	CP RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS	14	Grant	2006
<b>UNICEF</b>	SITAN	71	Grant	2007
<b>UNICEF</b>	MICS SURVEYS	10	Grant	2007
<b>UNICEF</b>	MICS SURVEYS	20	Grant	2008
<b>UNICEF</b>	SUPPORT TO DHS AND OTHER HOUSEHOLD SURVEYS	100	Grant	2009
<b>UNICEF</b>	SUPPORT TO MICS, DHS AND OTHER DATA COLLECTION SYSTEMS AND THEIR ANALYSES	20	Grant	2012
<b>UNICEF</b>	OUTPUT 5.2: SITUATION OF CHILDREN	10	Grant	2011

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