

PRESS 2016 - COUNTRY FACTSHEETS

Sri Lanka

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.

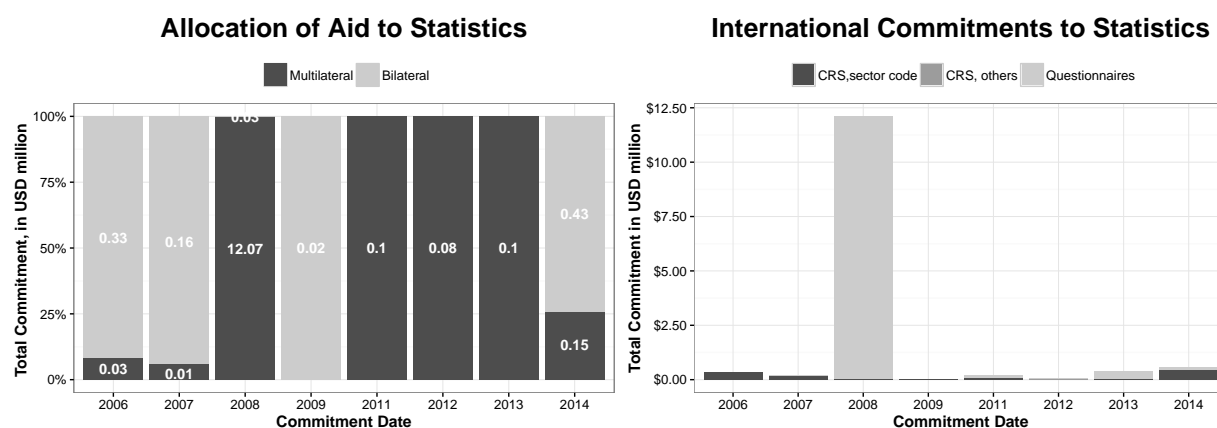


Fig1. Allocation of Aid to Statistics

Multilateral¹, 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-specific² 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

¹Multilateral support in this context refers to support coming from multilateral institutions.

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

Top Five Donors 2006–2014, in USD thousands

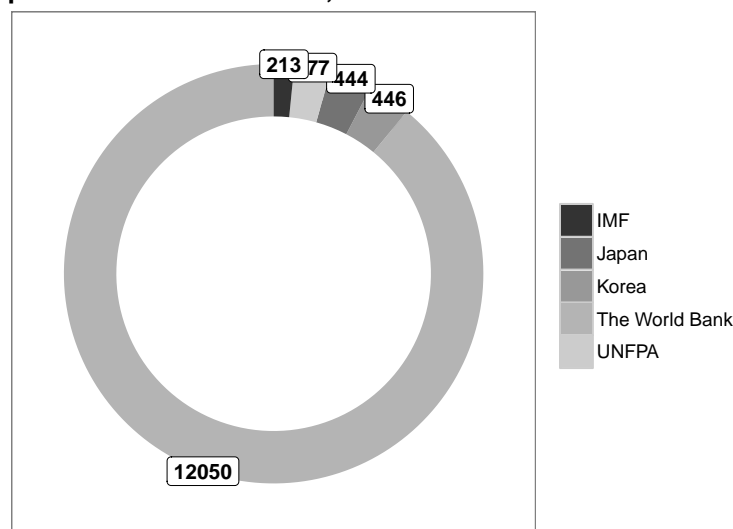


Fig3. Top 5 Donors

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
HMN	Strengthening of Health Information Systems	46	Grant	2007
IMF	Statistics Department: Technical Assistance	22		2012
IMF	Statistics Department: Technical Assistance	75		2013
IMF	Statistics Department: Technical Assistance	80		2014
IMF	Statistics Department: Training Activities (1)	36		2014
Japan	TC AGGREGATED ACTIVITIES	254	Grant	2006
Japan	TC AGGREGATED ACTIVITIES	150	Grant	2007
Japan	TC AGGREGATED ACTIVITIES	23	Grant	2008
Japan	STATISTICAL CAPACITY BUILDING	17	Grant	2009
Korea	STATISTICAL CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT FOR DCS OF SRI LANKA	411	Grant	2014
Korea	KOICA-ESCAP JOINT FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME ON GEOSPATIAL DATA MANAGEMENT FOR	22	Grant	2014
The World Bank	Public Sector Capacity Building Project	12050	Loan/credit	2008
UNDP	CAPACITY BUILDING FOR MDGS - D	96	Grant	2011
UNDP	CAPACITY BUILDING FOR MDGS - D	62	Grant	2012
UNDP	SUPP TO DEP.OF PROJ MGT&MONIT	37	Grant	2014

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UNFPA	A project to improve the collection, processing and analysis of 2011 population census	112	Grant	2011
UNFPA	Strengthened national capacity to deliver quality reproductive health services	105	Grant	2013
UNFPA	Support Department of Census and Statistics to analyze and disseminate the 2012 population census results and to prepare for the 2021 census	160	Grant	2013
UNICEF	NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEMS	18	Grant	2006
UNICEF	CP NATIONAL AND SUB-NATIONAL PLANS AND REPORTS	10	Grant	2008
UNICEF	3.2 SPPE-STRENGTHEN MONITOR & TRACKING	17	Grant	2013
United Kingdom	PROCUREMENT OF SERVICES	78	Grant	2006

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