

PRESS 2016 - COUNTRY FACTSHEETS

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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.

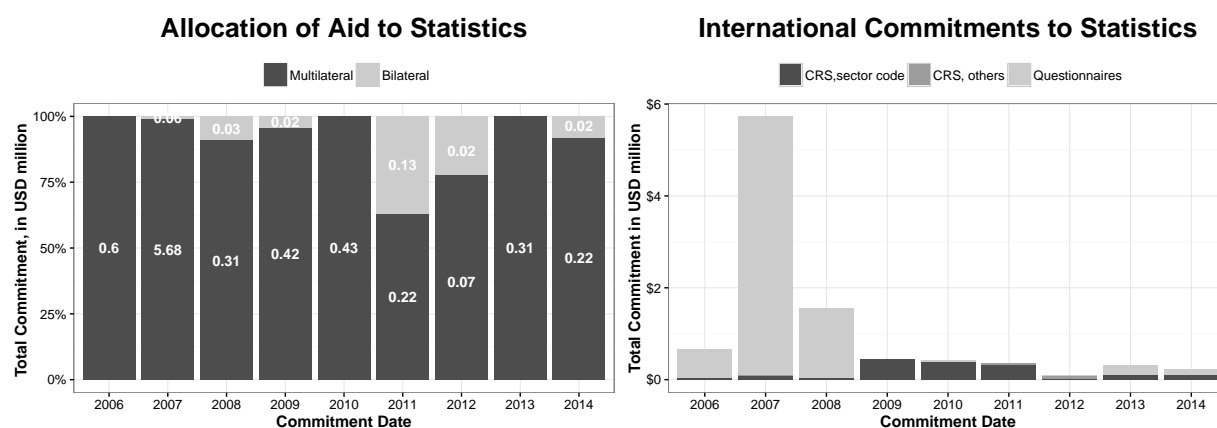


Fig1. Allocation of Aid to Statistics

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

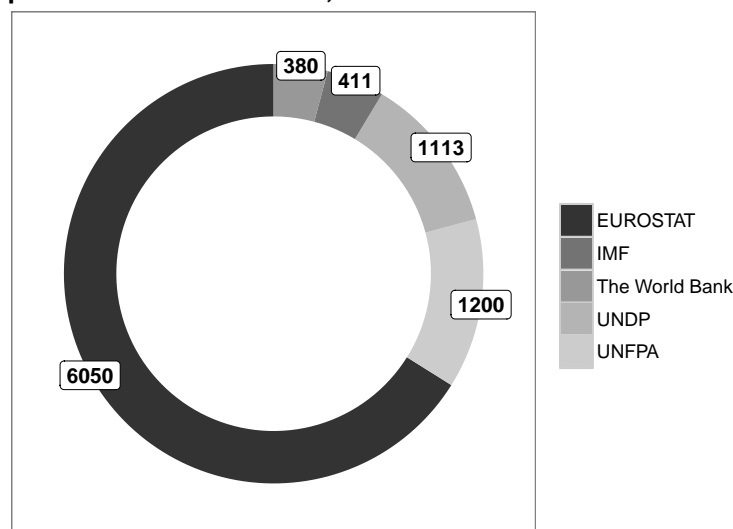


Fig3. Top 5 Donors

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
EUROSTAT	Capacity Building in Economic Planning Phase 2 (CBEP II)	5088	Grant	2007
EUROSTAT	CAPACITY BUILDING IN ECONOMIC PLANNING - TA TO THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF STATISTICS	562	Grant	2006
EUROSTAT	TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION FACILITY III	288	Grant	2008
EUROSTAT	Poverty Reduction Budget Support phase II - Rapid Assessment of status of implementation of and future support needs to implement the National Strategy for the Development of Statistics	112	Grant	2013
Germany	STATISTICAL CAPACITY BUILDING	55	Grant	2007
Germany	STATISTICAL TRAINING MANAGEMENT FOR IMPROVED POLICY DEVELOPMENT IN CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN AFRICA	81	Grant	2011
HMN	Strengthening of Health Information Systems	50	Grant	2006
IMF	Technical Assistance	163		2007
IMF	Statistics Department: Technical Assistance	34		2010
IMF	Statistics Department: Technical Assistance	10		2012
IMF	Statistics Department: Technical Assistance	80		2013

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IMF	Statistics Department: Technical Assistance	124		2014
Japan	TC AGGREGATED ACTIVITIES	24	Grant	2008
Japan	STATISTICAL CAPACITY BUILDING	18	Grant	2009
Japan	STATISTICAL CAPACITY BUILDING	44	Grant	2011
Japan	TC AGGREGATED ACTIVITIES	14	Grant	2012
Japan	TC AGGREGATED ACTIVITIES	13	Grant	2014
The World Bank	Private Sector Competitiveness and Economic Diversification	380	Loan/credit	2007
UNDP	JOINT UNCT AND DEVELOPMENT PAR	419	Grant	2009
UNDP	JOINT UNCT AND DEVELOPMENT PAR	375	Grant	2010
UNDP	SUPPORT TO STATISTICAL SYSTEM	191	Grant	2011
UNDP	ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT	33	Grant	2012
UNDP	STATISTICS AND M&E	95	Grant	2014
UNFPA	Increased Capacity for data	1200	Grant	2008
UNICEF	DEVINFO DBASE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE	21	Grant	2006
UNICEF	DEVINFO DBASE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE	26	Grant	2007
UNICEF	GENERATION OF DISAGGREGATED DATA	17	Grant	2010
UNICEF	SITUATION ASSESSMENT AND ANALYSIS (SITAN) AND MDG MONITORING	20	Grant	2011
UNICEF	SITUATION ASSESSMENT AND ANALYSIS (SITAN) AND MDG MONITORING	24	Grant	2012
UNICEF	IR7.2 NATIONAL M & E SYSTEM SUPPORTED	12	Grant	2013
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