

# ***Expert Group Meeting on Short Term Statistics 16-18 Feb 2016***

Economic And Social Commission For Western Asia

## **Overview of the ESCWA Project on Short -Term Statistics**



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# Background:



- **A need for high quality data on short term statistics has substantially increased after the last global financial and economic crises.**
- **To respond to this need three international conferences have been organized (2009 & 2011).**
- **A template of 12 Sets of short-term statistics with around 65 to 67 indicators has been identified.**
- **At regional level, ESCWA has prepared a desk study on Short-Term Economic Indicators for the Arab Region, 2013 (1)**
- **ESCWA acquired funds to implement a project on strengthening the capacity of national statistical systems to produce and disseminate the short term statistics.**

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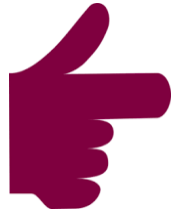
(1) <https://www.unescwa.org/publications/study-short-term-economic-indicators-arab-region>

# Project Facts:

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| <b>Project Title:</b>        | <b>“Strengthening the Statistical Capacity of ESCWA Member Countries in Producing and Disseminating Short-term Statistics for Sustainable Growth”</b> |
| <b>Timeframe</b>             | <b>2014-2017</b>  |
| <b>Executing Entity</b>      | <b>UNESCWA</b>  |
| <b>Cooperating Agencies</b>  | <b>DESA/UNSD, ECA, ESCAP, IMF/ METAC</b>  |
| <b>Beneficiary Countries</b> | <b>Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Qatar &amp; Tunisia.</b>  |

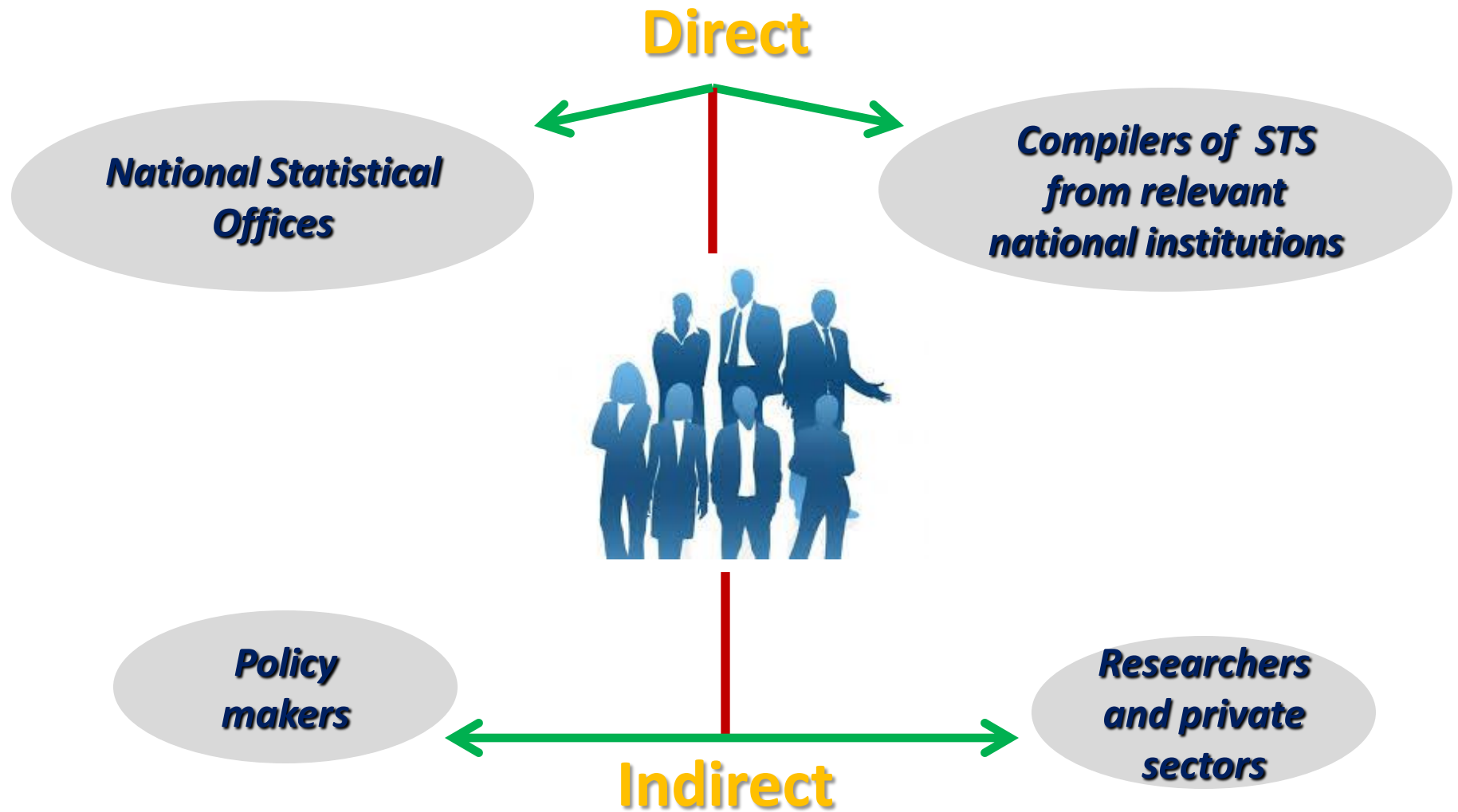


# Project general objective:



*“The Objective of the project is to strengthen the statistical capacity of governments in ESCWA member countries to produce and disseminate priority short-term statistics in order to support decision makers’ ability to anticipate, design, and implement policies necessary to ensure inclusive, equitable and sustainable development”.*

# Project beneficiaries:



# Project Activities



ACTIVITIES

**Evaluation and Sustainability**

**Building Capacity Programme**

**Producing a guidance publication  
& Developing IT tool kit**

**Expert Group Meeting**

**Needs Assessment Review**

# Project Strategy:

- **Adopt a set of core short-term Statistics.**
- **Adapt the activities to the level of development of the National Statistical systems in the member countries.**
- **Strengthen Coordination.**
- **Support timely response to economic and financial crises.**





# Expected accomplishments:

- ❑ Consensus on a regional and sub-regional set of core short-term statistics according to economic priority.
- ❑ Improved capacities of governments in beneficiary member countries on methods to collect, produce, estimate and disseminate short-term statistics according to international standards.
- ❑ Increased use of short-term statistics for monitoring economic development and progress by policy makers, the business community, research institutions and other users of statistics.





# Activities timetable and progress made:

| Activities   | 2014-2015 |    |    |    |    | 2016 |    |    |    | 2017 |    |    |    |
|--|-----------|----|----|----|----|------|----|----|----|------|----|----|----|
|  | Q4        | Q5 | Q6 | Q7 | Q8 | Q1   | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1   | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
| Conducting needs assessment survey                                     |           |    |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |
| Organizing an expert group meeting                                     |           |    |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |
| Producing a guidance publication                                       |           |    |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |
| Developing a tool kit  |           |    |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |
| Organizing 3 capacity building workshops one regional & 2 sub-regional |           |    |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |
| Providing advisory services  |           |    |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |
| Organizing interregional study tours for officials from m/c            |           |    |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |
| Organizing a regional meeting for sharing lessons                      |           |    |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |

**Thank You**

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