



COLOMBIA ACTION PLAN Data Disaggregation Task Team

INTRODUCTION

The National Administrative Department of Statistics (DANE) is in charge of planning, compilation, analysis and dissemination of official statistics of Colombia and is the coordinator for the national statistical system (NSS). DANE seeks to strengthen the statistical capacities in the country and therefore to reduce the gaps in statistical information. With this purpose, the NSS issued the National Statistic Plan –NSP (2017-2022)¹. It recognizes the need to improve the production and dissemination of Statistics in the National Statistics System (NSS), and to achieve this goal count on specific objectives, strategies, actions, and goals.

The main objective of the NSP is to establish the statistics (new and existing) that the country demands for the next five years, assuring quality of the data. The objective four of the NSP is to improve and increase the statistical information to satisfy the country needs, including those related to international commitments as the SDG Indicators. In this sense, disaggregation of information is a fundamental step to fill data gaps and measure inequalities of specific population groups.

The NSP has 9 strategies aimed to achieve the objectives. The fourth strategy refers to the production and dissemination of official statistics with differential and intersectional approaches. This strategy allows an adequate SDG monitoring to reach the goal of “leaving no one behind” and supports the Agenda 2030. In particular, DANE has already moved forward with a successful experience of the application of a gender approach for improving the statistical information availability. This approach focused and obtained concrete results in the internal (DANE’s) statistical operations..

¹ Available in <https://www.dane.gov.co/index.php/plan-estadistico-nacional-pen>

Hence, based on all of the above and from his experience and lessons learned, DANE formulates the current Action Plan, focused on population with disabilities. The challenge now, is to systematically include the approach of disaggregated data in the current surveys and the quality of the reported information of DANE. The action plan proposed here would be an important strategy to integrate the needs of data on disability in the production of statistics for it to be analyzed and used for policy makers. To proceed with the implementation of the Action Plan, DANE will perform a diagnosis about the disabled population data available at DANE, and the international requirements and concepts. As a result, we expect this process to be performed in other existing sources of information (surveys, administrative registers, and so on) as to better diagnose the current capacity of Colombia to provide specific information suitable for the user and response to the compromises.

Current work and commitments

DANE has been focusing on gender-disaggregated data. Gender mainstreaming in national statistics implies that gender issues are systematically taken into account through all stages of data production and the production of all official statistics (UNSD Gender Statistics Manual, 2013). By the resolution 1567 of 2015, Colombian National Statistics Office try to encourage the statistical information sources who collect data about people in order to produce and publish statistics on different themes, which reflect gender roles. Therefore, diagnosis of gender mainstreaming in statistical operations and advocacy departments of the organizational structure have been made.

DANE is aware of the importance of producing information at the sub-national level, disaggregated by population groups, as well as the importance of guaranteeing its quality. DANE has identified SDG indicators that require disaggregated data such as disability, gender, age and ethnicity. Some of these indicators are reported at the national level, so it is important to evaluate the feasibility of obtaining disaggregated data from different sources of statistics such as surveys and administrative registers.

What is new or different?

As National Statistical Plan mention, some actions are needed to fill information gaps. To be part of the Inclusive Data Charter may encourage the use of administrative records and strengthen this administrative source just as social surveys. The entities belonging to the national statistical system will be involved, which means to move forward in the implementation of strategies to disaggregate the statistical information. A roadmap will allow interested actors to get involved and follow up on the action plan.

Plan

DANE considers carrying out an action plan that is feasible and coherent according to the needs of the country, the main actions to be carried out in the short medium and long term in order to meet the objectives set.

Objective: to produce and disseminate statistics with differential and intersectional approaches, disable population oriented, to strength the country capacities in the SDG Indicators measurement					
Specific objectives	Actions	ST	MT	LT	In charge
1. Diagnose disability data collected by the different statistics sources in National Statistic System.	Review and analyses the population and housing census information		x		DANE
	Review information available on statistic surveys	x			DANE
	Review information available on administrative registers	x			DANE
2. Strengthen statistical capacities in National Statistical System, trough Integrating questions in social surveys to obtain disaggregated data by disability and using administrative records (keeping in mind quality of data).	Review of statistical and non-statistical literature to identify information needs	x			DANE
	Standardization of concepts and adopt or adapt classifications to ensure comparability		x		DANE
	Strengthen of statistic surveys and administrative registers, considering census outcomes		x		DANE / NSS
3. Create awareness of the importance of data disaggregation in the decision making process.	Advice from international experts to integrate disability in current surveys		x		DANE / NSS
	Use of administrative registers to calculate new indicators			x	DANE

4. Publish reports	Collect data from different sources of NSS			x	DANE
	Development of reports			x	DANE / NSS

Note: ST Short term, MT Medium Term, LT Long Term.