

National Strategy for
the Development of

GENDER
Statistics (NSDGS)

2025 - 2030



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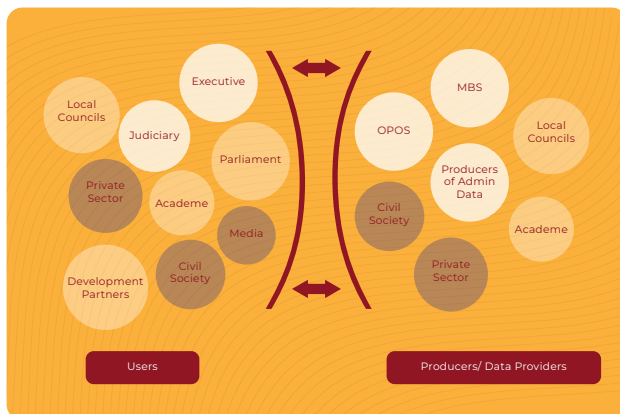
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Why an NSDGS in addition to a gender-responsive NSDS?



The NSDGS builds on the strong gender focus of the NSDS 2021 – 2030, considering new policy priorities and their data demands--

1. Strengthening the enabling environment for gender data needs and raising awareness
2. Enhancing availability and accessibility of gender data and statistics
3. Supporting gendered implementation and monitoring of development priorities and promoting accountability
4. International and National Reporting Commitments and Obligations



Where do we want to be for gender data and statistics?

Vision

Gender statistics for better lives.

High-quality data and statistics for informed, gender-responsive, inclusive and accountable decision-making by all parties and as a public good serving the population of Maldives

IMPACT

Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment

Better decisions and stronger accountability at all levels of government and the state for attaining gender equality and women's empowerment for women and men of the Maldives

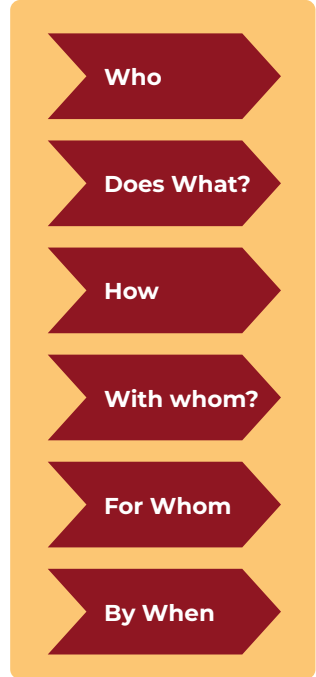
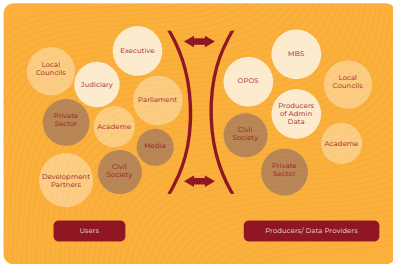
Outcome

Increased effective and efficient use of gender data and statistics produced by the Maldives Statistical System (MSS) and the gender data ecosystem for a spectrum of users according to their needs

How do we get there?

Achieving Expected Results





The Strategic Areas

1. Coordination and Leadership of Gender Data and Statistics
2. Innovation and Modernization for Gender Data and Statistics
3. Core Gender Statistics and Statistical Programmes
4. Dissemination and Use of Gender Data and Statistics
5. Multi-stakeholder Partnerships for Gender Data and Statistics
6. Statistical Infrastructure and Capacity D
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The Six Strategic Objectives and the Strategic Initiatives of the NSDGS

Strategic Objective 1: On Coordination and Leadership for Gender Data and Statistics

Proper legislative and institutional systems are established, ensuring the effective functioning of the gender data ecosystem. This results in reliable, high-quality, timely, and trusted official statistics that are increasingly used for gender-responsive, evidence-based decision-making at both national and local levels.

1- Strategic Initiatives:

1-1 Implement the 2021 Maldives Statistics Act and related regulations as per the regulatory framework such that these ***mandate endorsement and implementation of an NSDGS in conjunction with the NSDS***

1-2 Establish effective mechanisms to produce, disseminate and facilitate the ***use of gender statistics as a public good to support evidence-based, gender-responsive decision-making***

1-3 Assign a designated Gender Statistics Focal Person in each Ministry or Government Agency with well-defined core functions that create an enabling environment for the collection, production and use of gender data and statistics

1-4 Formulate and implement a national quality assurance framework (NQAF) for the MSS that ***mainstreams gender-responsiveness as a quality dimension***

Strategic Objective 2: On Innovation and Modernization for gender data and statistics

Integrated national and local data systems with adequate financing and investments have been established. These systems draw from a comprehensive range of data sources and utilize new technologies and innovative solutions to **close existing gender data gaps**. Additionally, they **enhance the sharing, dissemination, and use of gender data and statistics**.

2- Strategic Initiatives:

2-1 Initiate research on new areas needed to strengthen the collection, compilation, and dissemination **of gender data and statistics in the gender data ecosystem**

2-2 Facilitate data integration and automation of data exchange across the different stages of the statistical production process. Ensure that advancements in data integration techniques are applied to **enhance the production, availability, and use of gender data and indicators**

2-3 Facilitate the application of new technologies and new data sources into mainstream statistical activities **to increase the collection of gender data, compilation, communication and use of gender statistics**

2-4 Facilitate real-time sharing of data from statistical activities to enable MSS **to rapidly respond to gender-responsive data needs** in times of uncertainty when timely data are needed the most

Strategic Objective 3: On Core Gender Statistics and Statistical Programmes

A system of designated statistics is established, focusing on a core set of priority population, social, economic, and environmental statistics and **gender-responsive and inclusive indicators**. Specifically, the **core gender statistics and indicators** are detailed in the annual statistical program of the MSS that specifies the data collection mechanisms such as censuses, surveys, statistical registers, administrative data, and data sources (big data, geospatial data, citizen data). The **designated gender statistics** are comprehensive and disaggregated, enabling gendered, intersectional, and inclusive analyses. A critical feature of the system is that it ensures that **mainstreaming the gender perspective in the statistical processes is a data quality dimension** in the National Quality Assurance Framework.

3- Strategic Initiatives:

3-1 Ensure that **priority gender-responsive and inclusive statistics and indicators are included** in the system of designated statistics of the MSS

3-2 Strengthen **gender statistics and expand data on vulnerable populations** to ensure that no one is left behind

3-3 Enhance basic sources of primary data **for gender data and statistics** (censuses and key household surveys on population, demographic and health, agriculture, labor force, income and expenditure, economic and business)

3-4 Expand and enhance the use of administrative data for the compilation of **integrated and gender-responsive** population, social, economic and environmental statistics

3-5 Expand and strengthen the use of new data sources (citizen data, big data, geospatial data) for the compilation of **integrated and gender-responsive** population, social, economic and environmental statistics

3-6 Strengthen SNA, household production accounts, and other extended accounts to improve the ***measurement of unpaid work, women's contribution to the economy, and gender disparities in various areas***

3-7 Strengthen core areas of gender statistics provided by Other Producers of Official Statistics

3-8 Periodically review the status of gender data and statistics to identify issues and solutions to gaps, quality and use

Strategic Objective 4: On Dissemination and Use of Gender Data and Statistics

High-quality, **disaggregated, gender-responsive, and inclusive data** are readily available in user-friendly formats and accessible through means that facilitate the compilation of statistics for gendered, intersectional and inclusive analyses, which support evidence-based policymaking and the proper interpretation of the statistics and analyses.

4- Strategic Initiatives:

4-1 Establish user-producer forums and related mechanisms that facilitate the identification and fulfillment of **user needs on gender data and statistics**

4-2 Adopt policies for **dissemination, access, and use of gender data and statistics and storage of microdata**

4-3 Invest in technological infrastructure and develop innovative strategies to ensure **proper and better dissemination and use of gender data and statistics**

4-4 Strengthen and ensure **timely and better dissemination and use of gender data and statistics**

Strategic Objective 5: On Multi-stakeholder Partnerships for Gender Data and Statistics

Multi-stakeholder partnerships accelerate improved and strengthened data production, processing, analysis, sharing, dissemination and uptake of **gender data and statistics for policy and programmatic use**.

5- Strategic Initiatives:

5-1 Establish a well-functioning **multi-stakeholder coordination group for gender data and statistics** to facilitate dialogue and consultation between and among the **members of the gender data ecosystem** on matters related to the implementation of the **NSDGS**

5-2 Promote the **NSDGS** as a tool for creating, expanding and coordinating partnership initiatives that support the priorities of the Strategy

5-3 Facilitate participation of members of the **gender data ecosystem** in global and regional forums for technical exchange and consensus-building on solutions to issues on the **production and use of gender statistics relevant to Maldives**

Strategic Objective 6: On Statistical Infrastructure and Capacity Development

The awareness and requisite skills of the gender data ecosystem stakeholders are strengthened and expanded to match the capability requirements to undertake modernization and innovation in the ***production and promotion of gender data and statistics.***

5- Strategic Initiatives:

6-1 Establish a solid and effective institutional mechanism for statistical capacity development and research with qualified and experienced teaching and training professionals to design and implement regular training and skills development programmes and courses to train technical and professional staff of ***the gender data ecosystem and users of gender data and statistics***

6-2 Build partnerships with academia, global and regional statistics training institutions, and NSOs in other countries to ***support statistical capacity development and statistical education and training of the members of the gender data ecosystem and users of gender data and statistics***

6-3 Establish a core skills framework for official statisticians, conduct regular capacity development programs and implement career advancement through a professional statistical cadre system to ensure the MSS serves as a learning organization with qualified and experienced personnel to provide high-quality statistical services, ***where gender-responsiveness is mainstreamed.***

6-4 Provide ***users of gender data and statistics*** with opportunities for enhancing their statistical literacy and technical skills in ***using and interpreting gender statistics and indicators***



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