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ABSTRACT

The flow of information to and from its citizens is the life-blood of a healthy democracy and economy. Accurate and reliable statistics provide the foundation upon which development progress is measured. An efficient statistical system plays a vital role, by producing and presenting demographic and economic statistics as the basis for decision-making, social debate and research.

Developing countries face a number of difficulties in providing statistics that meet these criteria. Most developing countries need more skilled workers, domain expertise, ICT infrastructure, guidance and budget before they can increase the quality of their statistics. Under investment in national statistical systems constrains activities and fewer resources are made available for statistical production and quality control.

SAS is working with various partner organizations to help developing nations quickly strengthen critical statistical systems and improve the quality of nationally owned and produced data. This is accomplished by building partnerships with international organizations, multilateral development banks, other NGOs and developing countries in support of the achievement of the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals.

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