Overcoming Gender Data Gaps in CARICOM: SDG Targets 5.2 and 5.4

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- Commenced in 2014: Initial engagements with the CARICOM Regional Statistics Programme on Gender Data gaps on GBV and the development of the Gender Equality Indicators to support national assessments of progress on the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, CEDAW and SDGs.

- Further strengthened by Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2016 between the CARICOM Secretariat and UN Women on Human Security and Statistics.

- Underpinned by the CARICOM Regional Strategy for the Development of Statistics: Gender Mainstreaming is a key Driver, with the CARICOM Gender Equality Indicators as a main tool to monitor progress.
CARICOM Gender Equality Indicators

- 2016 to 2018: Pilots Undertaken in Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica and Suriname


Closing the CARICOM Gender Data Gap on SDG Target 5.2

National Prevalence Surveys on Gender Based Violence
From zero to five

- 2016 – Jamaica Survey
- 2017 – Trinidad & Tobago Survey
- 2018 – Suriname, Grenada and Guyana Surveys
National Prevalence Surveys on Gender Based Violence

- Jamaica (UN Women/IDB/STATIN):
  - No published qualitative report.

- Trinidad & Tobago (IDB Financed the Field Work and Survey Report publication; UN Women Financed the Summary Survey Report and the Qualitative Research Report Publications):

- Suriname (Fully IDB Financed)
  - No summary or qualitative research reports.

- Guyana (UN Women, IDB, UNDP and USAID and Guyana Bureau of Statistics Joint Collaboration)

- Grenada (UN Women, Caribbean Development Bank and Grenada Central Statistical Office): Reports to be launched on 18 August 2020
Further Analytical Work and Knowledge Products

• “Caribbean Experiences with Collecting Data on Violence against Women and Girls” Compendium KP that includes:
  • Experiences of conducting the survey in the 5 CARICOM Countries
  • Technical Guidance Document on the survey methodology, guidelines and protocols
  • Adapted Survey questionnaires, and training tools for field workers

• Research Brief “Intimate Partner Violence in Five CARICOM Countries”:
  Includes a multi-variate analysis and findings from the five national prevalence surveys and to be published by September 2020
  • Data Visualization Platform to be launched on 18 August 2020
  • Data Anonymization Training and Capacity Building on VAWG Survey Data to commence in September/October 2020 in collaboration with ECLAC
Closing the CARICOM Gender Data Gap on SDG Target 5.4

Measuring SDG 5.4.1 through the Census
Key Actions

• Establishment of a Regional (CARICOM) Advisory Group on the Measurement of Unpaid Care and Domestic Women in CARICOM – 2019


2019 Review of Stylized and Diary Based Approaches: Results and Recommendations for a CARICOM Approach

• Stylized questions produce less accurate estimates than diaries. Available evidence suggests that stylized questions may produce over-estimates of the time spent on unpaid care work.

• However, overall patterns produced are sufficiently similar for stylized and diary approaches for the former to be useable and useful.

• In the UNRISD project on the Political and Social Economy of Care, Gonzales (2010) was able to provide detailed, credible analysis of time use in Nicaragua using a stylized survey. Her analysis was comparable with that done in six other countries that had diary-based time-use surveys.

• Informed by the above UN Women MCO-Caribbean proposed 1 question with four responses (see page 6 of the following Guidance Document for the questions: https://caribbean.unwomen.org/en/materials/publications/2019/10/producing-sdg-indicator-541-basic-guide-for-caricom-national-statistics-offices

• The CARICOM Regional Statistics Programme has adapted the above question for inclusion in an “Optional Module” to include in the 2020 Census Round. Grenada, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Guyana, Suriname and Trinidad & Tobago have agreed to pilot the “Optional Module”. 
UN Women’s Support to the OECS

• Reviewing the CARICOM Common Census Questionnaire with a recommendation on where to include the questions.

• Hands-on technical support to one OECS country with pre-testing the refined questions.

• Hands-on technical support to one OECS country to pilot test the proposed questions.

• Preparing a draft training manual for census enumerators and supervisors on the proposed questions on unpaid care work.

• Finalising a technical package of documents to include a training manual for census enumerators and supervisors on the proposed questions; and an updated CARICOM Common Census Questionnaire with the refined questions on unpaid care work included.
Thank you