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Ongoing activities

- The Steering Group on population and housing censuses is updating its information repository on the 2020 round of the population and housing censuses in the UNECE member countries with changes related to COVID-19.
- The Steering Group on migration statistics created a page on the statistical response to COVID-19 in the National Statistical Offices of selected countries represented in the Steering Group, with reference in particular to the collection, processing and reporting of data on migration.
- UNECE conducted a study of the practices of national statistical offices in adapting to the COVID-19 crisis situation their household surveys that are used for poverty measurement. Available in English and Russian.

Upcoming

- The Group of Experts on Population and Housing Statistics will hold online meetings on 29 September (focus on countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia) and 30 September-1 October (all UNECE region), with a focus on census operations in the context of the Covid pandemic. Call for abstracts and registration details here.
- The Steering Group on gender statistics, in partnership with UN Women, is preparing a proposal to develop a minimum set of questions data producers might add to household surveys such as household budget and expenditure surveys or labour force surveys, to measure the differential impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on women and men. A concept note will be publicly available soon.

Country Experiences

- The United Kingdom’s Office for National Statistics published this article (20 April 2020) on how they are adapting methods, sources and outputs for labour market statistics.
- The United Kingdom’s Office for National Statistics survey-based statistics on the social impacts of the Coronavirus.
- Experiences of three Latin American countries, including CES member Mexico, were presented in a video conference convened on 15 April by the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the national statistical office of Chile (INE) in Spanish.
Do you have questions or want to share your experience? Let us know in the comments below.

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