Experience of Jordan on Improving Migration Data

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Background of Migration Trends in Jordan

- The geographic location of Jordan made it a gateway to many population movements, whether in times of peace or conflict.
- Jordan has been traditionally receiving and sending migrants. During the second half of the previous century, Jordan have received more than three million people, and witnessed the leave of about a million.
Importance of Migration Statistics

• The high importance of migration data encouraged DOS and international organizations to further develop migration data in terms of size, age groups, and trends. The aim is to contribute to making the right decisions and necessary measures to tackle and organize this phenomenon.

• The country can also direct investment projects, services and infrastructure to the right direction.
Population growth in Jordan During the period 1950-2015

Source: General Population and Housing Censuses for the said years
## Population of Jordan by Nationality - Census of 2015

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• DOS developed a National Statistical Strategy (NSA) to achieve a balance between the data demand and data supply (producers).

• The strategy covered 12 national institutions, in the first phase 2018-2022.

• For the implementation of the NSA new directorates were created, one for Data Management and another for SDGs.
Framework for Data and Indicators Flow

1. Statistical Surveys and Censuses
   Department of Statistics

2. Civil Registry
   Department of Civil Status and Passports

3. Business Register
   Ministry of Industry and Trade

4. Indicators of sustainable development

5. Other administrative records
   Partner institutions

6. Capacity building in accordance with international standards

7. National Database

8. Economic and social indicators

9. Technical Support

10. Department of Statistics
    - Department of Data Management
    - SDG Unit
    - Statistical Training Center

11. International Institutions

12. Framework for Data and Indicators Flow
Efforts to Enhance Immigration Statistics in Jordan

- DOS provides immigration data through surveys, censuses, and administrative records.

- DOS implemented the International Immigration Survey in 2014 in cooperation with the European Union and the Mideast, also a new one will be implemented in which we will add new questions that will help obtaining new indicators on migration for the sustainable development goals.
UNSD/ Project to Improve Immigration statistics in Jordan

- DOS and UNSD work to improve and enhance immigration data.
- Assess the capacity of national institutions producing migration data.
- Enhance the capacity of the staff of concerned institutions in terms of definitions and methodologies of SDGs.
- Develop an electronic data portal for SDGs and immigration on the website of DOS.
DOS and UNICEF are currently working on a project to strengthen national data on child migration and movements, in cooperation with all immigration data producing partners.

A local immigration expert has been appointed to undertake this project.

The Expected Outcomes:

- Supporting the capacity building of the staff on software methods, applications and modern analytical techniques
- Create a data platform for disseminating and analyzing immigration data to support the decision-makers.
- Publish immigration data through all available methods.
- Work on analyzing immigration data as a big data project.
Thank you