



Guiding Principles of the FAO Statistics Division

Vision

In contributing to a world free from hunger and malnutrition, the Statistics Division of FAO serves as the foremost authoritative source of standards and methods as well as timely and reliable data on hunger, food and agriculture.

Mission

Our mission is to advance statistics on food and nutrition security, sustainable agriculture and rural development at national and international levels. In pursuing this mission:

- ✓ We develop, implement and promote international statistical standards, methods and tools in collecting, analysing and disseminating data.
- ✓ We work directly with countries to develop national statistical strategies, strengthen institutional and technical capacities and improve statistical systems to better design, monitor and evaluate policies and programmes.
- ✓ We ensure coordination of statistical programmes and activities within FAO and in partnership with national, regional and international stakeholders.
- ✓ We provide free and easy access to harmonized, reliable, timely and policy-relevant data and advocate their use for evidence-based decision making.

Values and principles

- ✓ We adhere to the highest professional standards in collecting, analysing and disseminating data, in line with the Principles Governing International Statistical Activities.
- ✓ We align our work and goals with strategies and priorities outlined by member countries, respecting the principles of the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, the Accra Agenda for Action, and the Dakar and Busan Declarations.
- ✓ We promote the adoption of international statistical standards set by FAO or other international organizations in close consultation with national statistical authorities.
- ✓ We work in partnership with the international development community to promote complementarities and synergies and to avoid duplication of efforts.
- ✓ We are quality driven, results-oriented and client-focused.
- ✓ We practice teamwork and value flexibility, transparency, accountability, gender equity, mutual respect and recognition.
- ✓ We promote and support the development of our staff, ensuring professional growth and enabling us to fulfil our mission.