

General Bureau of Statistics (GBS)

Suriname's experience with Gender statistics



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Definition of Gender Statistics

Gender statistics are statistics that try to reflect adequately the disparities between women and men in all relevant areas of life.



While we work, we always have to keep in mind the attributes of Good Statistics

1. **Relevance** (they meet the needs & priorities expressed by (current and potential) users – mind you this does not mean the NSO has to do everything the users want.
2. **Accuracy** (the degree to which the information correctly describes the phenomena it was designed to measure/ ***Note: If the process is not random the focus is on reliability***)
3. **Timeliness** (the delay between the end of the reference period, and the date of availability)
4. **Punctuality** (difference between actual date and pre-established date)
5. **Accessibility and Interpretability** (conditions of physical access and Meta data)
6. **Comparability** (use of accepted international Standards and guidelines)
7. **Coherence** (No inconsistencies allowed)
8. **Comprehensiveness** (All that is intended to be covered should be covered)

Gender indicators

- **Gender Indicators** are statistics that have **specific relevance** for *particular policy areas* and may be used to *formulate policy*, but also to *monitor policy* and hence conclude whether policy has been *successful or not*.



Prior to Gender Statistics in Suriname

History ... 1

- 1999 Regional Statistical Offices and Close Liaison between United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) and Statistics Department of the Caricom Secretariat prepared activities that were undertaken to initiate the project:

“CARICOM Programme on Strengthening Capacity in the compilation of Social/Gender and Environment Statistics and Indicators in the CARICOM Region”

Prior to Gender Statistics in Suriname

History ... 2

- 2000 the Standing Committee of Caribbean Statisticians (SCCS) had a project proposal of the same name which was endorsed
- Beginning of a successful project :
“Social & Gender Statistics and Environment Statistics”**(ICT Statistics was added at a later stage)**
- **Gender Assessment: CARICOM – Capacity- Building in Statistics, ISTAT & IDB in 2019 helped GBS to evaluate and improve the publication**



Gender Statistics in Suriname

- Suriname is considered a best practice country in the CARICOM Region regarding the production and dissemination of Gender Statistics, producing a publication in all odd years.
- Publications: **2002, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017 & 2019**
- **New Publication (10th) ETA:**
4th Quarter 2021



Overview of Publications

**Geselecteerde
GENDERSTATISTIEKEN
SURINAME**

2000 - 2001

**Selected
GENDER STATISTICS
SURINAME**

Suriname in Cijfers no 197-2002 / 01
Algemeen Bureau voor de Statistiek

April 2002
Prijs per exemplaar Sf. 10.000,-

2005

**Geselecteerde
GENDERSTATISTIEKEN
SURINAME**

**Selected
GENDER STATISTICS
SURINAME**

Suriname in Cijfers no 218-2005 / 07
Algemeen Bureau voor de Statistiek

December 2005
Prijs per exemplaar Srd. 25

2007

**Geselecteerde
GENDERSTATISTIEKEN
SURINAME**

**Selected
GENDER STATISTICS
SURINAME**

Suriname in Cijfers no 238-2007 / 07
Algemeen Bureau voor de Statistiek

November 2007
Prijs per exemplaar Srd. 25

2009

**Geselecteerde
GENDERSTATISTIEKEN
SURINAME**

**Selected
GENDER STATISTICS
SURINAME**

Suriname in Cijfers no 265-2009 / 12
Algemeen Bureau voor de Statistiek

December 2009
Prijs per exemplaar Srd. 25

**Geselecteerde
GENDERSTATISTIEKEN**

2000 - 2001

2007

2009

2005

2011

**Selected
GENDER STATISTICS**

Suriname in Cijfers no 279-2011 / 07
Algemeen Bureau voor de Statistiek

November 2011
Prijs per exemplaar Srd. 30

**Geselecteerde
GENDERSTATISTIEKEN**

**Selected
GENDER STATISTICS**

Suriname in Cijfers no 295-2013 / 06
Algemeen Bureau voor de Statistiek

September 2013
Prijs per exemplaar Srd. 30

**Geselecteerde
GENDERSTATISTIEKEN**

**Selected
GENDER STATISTICS**

2015

Suriname in Cijfers no 318-2015 / 08
Algemeen Bureau voor de Statistiek

November 2015
Prijs per exemplaar Srd. 30

**Geselecteerde Statistieken
over Vrouwen en Mannen
in Suriname 2017**

**Selected Statistics
about Women and Men
in Suriname 2017**

Suriname in Cijfers no 333-2017 / 07
Algemeen Bureau voor de Statistiek

November 2017
Prijs per exemplaar Srd. 30

Overview of Publications & Publication Download



Downloads:

Publications

<https://statistics-suriname.org/en/genderstatistics/>

Metadata / Indicators

<https://statistics-suriname.org/en/metadata/scientific-research-and-planning-division/>

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Gender Statistics
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NR	Title	Content	Link	Category
	Selected Statistics about women and men 2017	Education, Population and Health, Labor, Employment and Unemployment, Crime, Public Governance, Social Protection.	download	Gender
	Selected Statistics about women and men 2019	Education, Population and Health, Labor, Employment and Unemployment, Crime, Public Governance, Social Protection.	download	Gender

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GBS Publications containing Social & Gender Statistics and Indicators

- Selected Statistics about Women and Men in Suriname (Formerly, “Selected Gender Statistics”, Published every odd year)
- Census
- Statistical Yearbook, published annually
- Households in Suriname (Published every 2 years)
- Traffic and Transport Statistics (Published every two years)
- Demographic Data (Published every two years)

It is **‘Social Data’** broken down by sex.

Indicator Data matrix

#	Topic	2000/ 2001	2005	2007	2009	2011	2013	2015	2017	2019
1	Education	10	15	15	16	16	15	16	24	74
2/3	Population & Health	8	8	8	13	13	20	22	11	X
2	Population									13
3	Health									14
4	Employment & Unemployment	9	8	21	19	16	16	16	16	18
5	Crime	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	7	8
6	Public Governance	2	2	2	2	2	2	5	7	10
7	Social Protection	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	1
8	Miscellaneous	5	-	2	4	2	1	2	2	4
9	Annex	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	X
	Total	37	37	52	58	53	58	67	75	12142

Timeline to produce Gender statistics publication (every two years)

		Planned Period	Actual Period (most of the time)
1.	Preparations	Jan – Feb	Jan – Feb
2.	Data collection	Feb – April	Feb – June / July
3.	Data processing	Feb – June	Feb – June / July / Aug
4.	Lay out & Finalizing	June – July	August / September
5.	Feedback from Management	July- August	September
6.	Feedback Process	August – September	October
7.	Dissemination	September	November / December

Main Topics - 2019

- Education
- Population
- Health
- Labor, Employment & Unemployment
- Crime
- Public Governance
- Social Protection



Data Sources

#	Topic	Data sources
1	Education	Ministry of Education, Anton de Kom University of Suriname, Academy of Arts, Polytechnic College, Training College for Teachers of Vocational Schools, Ministry of Labour The General Bureau of Statistics/GBS (Tertiary education)
2	Population	Census (2004, 2012) Population Statistics Section of GBS, Civil Registry Office
3	Health	Ministry of Health, Bureau for Public Health (BOG), National Aids Program (NAP)
4	Labor, Employment & Unemployment	Ministry of Labor, Household Surveys (quarterly) Census (2004, 2012)
5	Crime	Ministry of Justice and Police, Bureau Gender Affairs Suriname
6	Public Governance	Government website, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Regional Development,
7	Social Protection	Ministry of Social Affairs and Housing

Analysis

- The subject "**Analysis by a National Statistics Office**" is still controversial, since the border between statistical analysis and policy analysis can easily be crossed
- Since 2019 GBS has included a brief analysis

Gender & SDG



- Gender is crosscutting
- Start data collection on SDG Goal 5 and all the indicators
- We asked all the data sources during the Gender assesment with ISTAT and CARICOM what SDG data they were collecting and that data we tried to put in our publication
- Since 2017 Suriname is part of the CARICOM Technical Working Group on SDGs who worked on the CARICOM Core set on SDGs.
- GBS staff also went to Regional and International workshops regarding data collection for the SDGs
- The MICS 6 data provides a good baseline for some of the SDGs (MICS 6 fieldwork conducted during 2018)

Data Flow - ABS

Data Providers

- Government
- Enterprises
- Households

QUESTIONNAIRES



RESPONSE



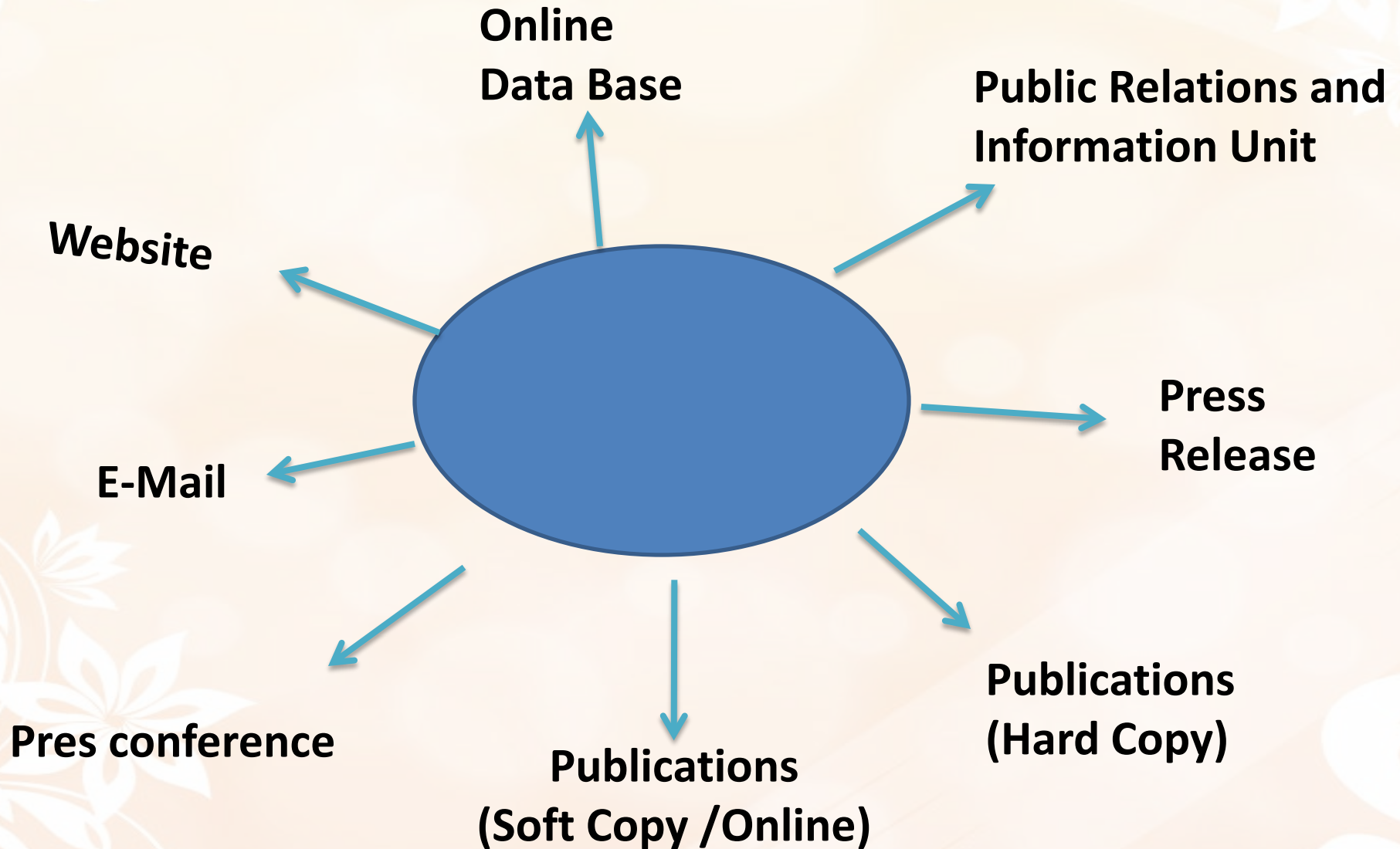
SURINAME

- Data Collection
- Data Processing
- Data Validation
- Publications

Data Users

- Students
- Scientists
- Researchers
- Unions
- Enterprises
- Government
- National Organizations
- International Organizations

Data Dissemination – ABS



Outcome / Main Achievements of Gender statistics publication by GBS

- Publication every odd year
- Expansion of the publication since it was first published
- Considered best practice in the CARICOM Region

Challenges / Data Concerns

- **Need for line ministries and agencies to work closely and collaborate with the NSO to ensure high quality data**
- Data mostly only available at National level
- Data availability from some sources by sex
- Data is not always collected in the same way so as to enable comparability
- People who are/were responsible don't work at the data department anymore / Staff turnover
- No access to micro data, only administrative data in table format
- More training needed in data collection for the SDG indicators for the NSO's and the ministries
- The NSO relies a lot on administrative data. Most of the SDG Indicators are not collected by any Ministries or the NSO. So there will be data gaps for some of these indicators.
- For some SDG indicators there is no data available and the standard surveys do not collect data to compile these indicators. A specialized Survey is needed to collect this data. Lack of financial and human resources makes it hard to have specialized surveys
- Although Suriname does not have a National Strategy for Development of Statistics (NSDS) yet, there is a good collaboration with GBS and the stakeholders of the government and the private sector and also with the UN agencies

2021: Proposals & Future Plan of Action within the GBS

- Because of the modest design of the publication, it is suitably named: Selected Gender Statistics / Selected Statistics about Women and Men in Suriname, but it is hoped that constructive criticism and continued stakeholders involvement will enable the GBS to keep improving it
- GBS tries, wherever possible and as much as possible, to collect and present all statistics, but often depends on various external institutes and organizations.
All these institutions and organizations must collect and tabulate their data as much as possible by sex.
- **Collect more SDG data**
- **Calculate more ratio's** for e.g. employment & unemployment rates together with House Hold Survey department
- Next publication → **Election 2020 Data**, Voters etc. by sex and district collaboration together with the Bureau Gender Affairs Suriname
- **10th publication planned for the 4th quarter of 2021**

Personal Experience

- There is not a specific department for gender statistics
- Only 1 person involved, with “haphazard” assistance
- That person also manages to work on other work area’s / projects / activities
- Personal Face to Face meetings with Data Sources are a good way to ‘Shop’ for available data that had not yet been published by the GBS (**currently COVID-19 problems**)
- **The CARICOM/ISTAT intervention to improve the publication was really a good assessment**
- 2021 publication will hopefully be better than the ninth

- H. G. Wells

“Statistical thinking will one day be as necessary for efficient citizenship as the ability to read and write”

Thank You



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