

Session 8 – Group Exercise

Gender experts:

Scenario: You are in charge of the Government Department which is responsible for gender affairs in your country. So far, your department has not been able to monitor the situation of women/girls and men/boys in your country because of lack of data given that the last census was over 20 years and that the Statistics/Census Department has not conducted any relevant surveys from which your department can get the necessary data. Your Government has decided to conduct a population and housing census and the Statistics/Census Department has invited your office to a meeting which has been scheduled for data users to make requests for data that they would like to get from the census.

Census experts:

Scenario: You have invited several Government departments to learn about their data needs from the planned census. One of the invited departments is the one in charge of gender affairs.

Discussion:

Census experts: Ask for input from the gender affairs department in terms of what they need from the census

Gender experts: Express your needs regarding what relevant data your department wants collected
The census and gender experts discuss and negotiate and reach a compromise or do not reach a compromise in terms of the topics that will be included in the census

As a result of the discussion and negotiation between the Gender Department and the Statistics/Census Department:

- 1) Was the Gender Department able to convince the Statistics/Census Department to include all the topics on which the data on gender is needed? If not, what topics could not be included?
- 2) Did the Statistics/Census Department propose other alternative sources of data for topics that could not be included in the census? If so, which other sources were suggested?