



Report of the OIC-StatCom Secretariat on the Implementation of the Resolutions of the 8th Session of OIC-StatCom

1 Statistical Capacity Building Programme and Other Activities

As per the Resolution #1 of the 8th Session of OIC-StatCom, the Secretariat took the necessary actions to send reminders to NSOs of OIC countries, which have not yet done so, to complete the Statistical Capacity Building Programme (StatCaB) Biennial Survey 2020-2021 for better identification of the statistical needs and capacities in OIC countries.

In connection with the resolutions of the 34th Session of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation (COMCEC) in November 2018, the Secretariat added a section in the questionnaire to identify the needs and capacities of OIC countries regarding the production of SDG indicators with Tier I and II status.

The Secretariat circulated the questionnaire in January 2019 (also accessible online at <http://www.oicstatcom.org/statcab.php> in 3 official OIC languages) to both the National Statistical Offices (NSOs) and other constituents of the National Statistical Systems (NSSs), due to their data production role on SDGs. As of December 2019, the Secretariat received questionnaire responses from 33 NSOs¹, 8 ministries (Benin and Turkey), 2 public agencies (Benin and Djibouti), and 2 central banks (Nigeria and Turkey) of the OIC countries.

During the period between 28 October 2019 – 27 September 2020, *1 online training course, 1 online consultative meeting and 1 international meeting* totalling *3 statistical activities* were conducted by the Secretariat (Table 1). Around 120 participants from 19 OIC countries and 3 international organisations took part in the statistical activities provided by 2 OIC countries and 2 international organisations.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, previously planned statistical activities need to be postponed as per the request received from the member countries. The Secretariat continues to propose new online StatCaB activities to the NSOs of OIC countries to contribute to their efforts in strengthening statistical capacities in these difficult times due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

¹ 23 NSOs of OIC countries (Albania, Bahrain, Cameroon, Chad, Comoros, Djibouti, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Libya, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Mozambique, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Yemen) have not yet communicated their survey responses. To increase the response rate, the Secretariat sends regular reminders to these OIC countries.



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Table 1. Statistical Activities in the Period from 28 October 2019 – 27 September 2020

No	Subject	Date	Presenters	Participated by	Venue
1	Follow-up Meeting of the OIC Statistical Commission	5 March 2020	SESRIC, CDC, CDC Foundation	Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Cameroon, Gambia, Indonesia, Libya, Malaysia, Morocco, Mozambique, Oman, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, and Uzbekistan, AITRS, GCC-STAT, UNSD	New York, USA
2	Online Training Course on 'Transport Statistics'	21-24 July 2020	Senegal	Benin	Virtual
3	Online Consultative Meeting on SDG 4 Indicators	27-29 July 2020	Turkey	Qatar	Virtual

2 Integration of the 'Tobacco Questions for Surveys (TQS)' into the National Surveys in OIC Countries

Between the 8th Session of OIC-StatCom and 27 September 2020, 1 OIC country (*Chad*) fully completed the project which increased the number of countries with project completion status to 13 (Table 2). As per the Resolution #2 of the 8th Session of OIC-StatCom, the Secretariat approached 5 new countries (Afghanistan, Iraq, Jordan, Morocco, and Yemen) to integrate TQS into their on-going national surveys. Afghanistan and Palestine have indicated their interests to integrate all TQS questions to Afghanistan's Demographic and Health Survey (DHS) and Palestine's Multiple Indicators Cluster Surveys (MICS) VI, respectively. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the implementation of TQS integration in both Afghanistan and Palestine needs to be postponed and timeline needs to be updated accordingly.

Besides, SESRIC also approached 5 OIC countries (Algeria, Benin, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, and Somalia) to integrate the TQS-Youth questions into their ongoing national youth surveys. Among the 5 countries that are being approached, Malaysia has shown their interest to integrate TQS-youth questions to Global School-based Student Health Survey (GSHS) in 2022. The Secretariat is in contact with the Institute of Public Health (IPH) of Malaysia and waiting for their further update concerning the integration of TQS-Youth to GSHS (Table 3).

The Secretariat together with the project partners introduced the TQS Youth to the NSOs of OIC countries during the Follow-up Meeting of the OIC-StatCom held on 5 March 2020 as a side event of the 51st Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission in New York, USA (<https://www.sesric.org/event-detail.php?id=2302>). Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the



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Orientation Workshop on TQS-Youth planned to be held in September 2020 had to be postponed to 2021 based on the feedback received from the project partners.

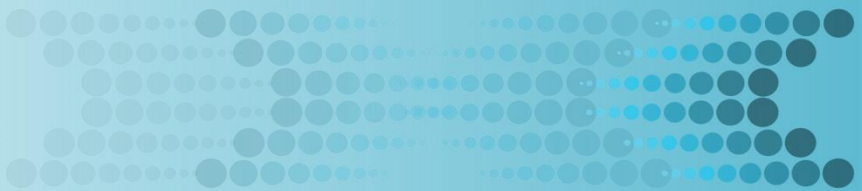
As a follow-up to the planned scope of work for 2019-2020, a web-based data repository with data from TQS-integrated surveys from OIC member countries has been made available in OIC-StatCom webpage and could be accessed through <http://www.oicstatcom.org/tqs.php>.

Table 2. TQS Integration Status (as of August 2020)

No.	Country	Status	Survey
1	Azerbaijan	Completed	National Household and Budget Survey
2	Chad	Completed	4 th Survey on the Household Living Conditions & Poverty
3	Cote d'Ivoire	Completed	National Survey on the Situation of Employment and the Informal Sector (ENSESI)
4	Egypt	Completed	National Labour Force Survey
5	Gambia	Completed	Integrated Household Survey
6	Indonesia	Completed	National Socio-Economic Survey (SUSENAS)
7	Mauritania	Completed	Multiple Indicators Cluster Surveys (MICS)
8	Mali	Completed	Modular and Continuous Household
9	Niger	Completed	Human Trafficking Survey
10	Senegal	Completed	Continuous Demographic & Health Survey (C-DHS)
11	Sierra Leone	Completed	Tobacco Use Behavioural Survey (TUBS)
12	Tajikistan	Completed	Household Survey on Standard of Living
13	Togo	Completed	FinScope Consumer Survey
14	Cameroon	Signed MoA	National Demographic and Health Survey (EDSC-5)
15	Afghanistan	In Progress	Demographic and Health Survey (DHS)
16	Palestine	In Progress	Multiple Indicators Cluster Surveys (MICS) VI
17	Iraq	In Progress	Still in the process of negotiating
18	Jordan	In Progress	Still in the process of negotiating
19	Yemen	In Progress	Still in the process of negotiating

Table 3. TQS-Youth Integration Status (as of August 2020)

No.	Country	Status	Survey
1	Algeria	In Progress	Still in the process of negotiating
2	Benin	In Progress	Still in the process of negotiating
3	Kazakhstan	In Progress	Still in the process of negotiating
4	Malaysia	In Progress	Still in the process of negotiating
5	Somalia	In Progress	Still in the process of negotiating



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3 OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision 2030 and Five-Year Programme of Action 2021-2025

As per the Resolution #4 of the 8th Session of OIC-StatCom, the Secretariat took the necessary actions to finalise the OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision 2030 in consultation with the Department of Statistics of Malaysia (DOSM) as the Co-Chair of the Working Group. The Strategic Vision of the OIC-StatCom for 2030 has been prepared based on the responses received from the previously circulated survey and the feedback received during the 8th Session of OIC-StatCom.

The Strategic Vision Document acts as a reference document for the OIC-StatCom in formulating its Programmes of Action for both 2021-2025 and 2026-2030 to facilitate the statistical cooperation and collaboration endeavours and contribute to the efforts of the NSOs of OIC member countries towards addressing the challenges facing their national statistical systems (NSSs). In order to monitor the achievement of each key action designed in accordance with the Strategic Area and Strategic Objectives, Key Performance Indicators were introduced in the Programme of Action.

On 8 July 2020, the OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision 2030 and the Five-Year Programme of Action for 2021-2025² were shared with the NSOs of OIC countries to be adopted during the 9th Session of OIC-StatCom to be held virtually on 28 September – 1 October 2020.

4 2020 Global Round of Population, Housing and Establishment Censuses

With reference to the Resolutions #5 and #6 of the 8th Session of OIC-StatCom, the Secretariat continues its support to the efforts of OIC countries by facilitating exchange of knowledge with the international organisations towards the successful implementation of the 2020 Global Round of Population, Housing and Establishment Censuses. In this regard, the 9th Session of OIC-StatCom will cover the theme of “Generating SDGs Indicators from Population, Housing, and Agriculture Census Data”.

5 Cooperation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

As per the Resolution #7 of the 8th Session of OIC-StatCom, the Secretariat submitted a project proposal on “Enhancing Food Security through National Balance Sheets” to COMCEC Project Funding and it was selected to be co-financed in the 2020 implementation period of the COMCEC Project Funding. In this sense, SESRIC will organise a Statistical Training on ‘Compilation & Analysis of National Food Balance Sheets (FBS) in OIC Countries’ in collaboration with FAO (the dates are yet to be determined due to the COVID-19 pandemic). Main objective of this training is to introduce the FAO's FBS methodology, newly developed FBS modules and imputation methodologies, country compilation tool, and drafting a work

² The Programme of Action for 2026-2030 will be identified and submitted for the approval of the 14th Session of the OIC-StatCom planned to be held in 2025.



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plan for the national compilation of the finalized FBS templates specifying the methodological, technical and organizational details, including list of commodities, data sources, and compilation and imputation methods. Official statisticians working either in the NSOs (agricultural statistics section) or the Ministries of Agriculture (statistical unit) of the OIC countries are to be invited to this training.

6 Labour Migration Statistics

With reference to the Resolution #8 of the 8th Session of OIC-StatCom, the Secretariat includes training and capacity building activities related to labour migration in the planned StatCaB activities for 2020.

7 Data Related Activities

Being the OIC institution mandated to collate, process and disseminate socio-economic statistics and information on and for the utilisation of the Member Countries, SESRIC – also in its capacity as the OIC-StatCom Secretariat – has continued to exert efforts to establish a new database on COVID-19 and increase the number of indicators hosted under its OIC Statistics (OICStat) Database since the 8th Session of OIC-StatCom.

Since the announcement of novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) as a pandemic by WHO in March 2020, SESRIC has started developing a database to provide statistics, visualized data, and cartographic representation through a two-dimensional map on the spread of the pandemic in the OIC member countries. On 9 April 2020, the “SESRIC COVID-19 Pandemic Database for OIC Member Countries” has been launched during the Extraordinary Meeting of the OIC Steering Committee on Health on COVID-19 Pandemic. The database has the objective of raising public awareness and offering policy makers with a tool to guide their ongoing efforts in their fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. The database hosts daily updated data concerning confirmed COVID-19 cases, deaths, and recovered patients in 56 OIC member countries dating back to 25 January 2020. This database uses the data provided by Johns Hopkins University Center for Systems Science and Engineering (JHU CSSE) and Worldometers website. The SESRIC COVID-19 Pandemic Database can be accessed through: https://www.sesric.org/sesric_covid_19.php

Being the first and only international official statistics repository on the OIC Member Countries, the OICStat Database is periodically maintained to ensure the dissemination of most up-to-date data through the inclusion of new categories and indicators on the OIC Member Countries. Since the 8th Session of OIC-StatCom, a new “Crime and Justice” category has been added to the OICStat Database. The addition of 354 new indicators in the OICStat Database since the 8th Session of OIC-StatCom has increased the total number of indicators to 1,134. The number of indicators under the Sustainable Development Goals category of the OICStat Database has seen the largest increase with 283 since the 8th Session of OIC-StatCom by reaching 497 indicators. OICStat is made available online in three official languages of the OIC (Arabic, English, and French) and can be accessed on: <https://www.sesric.org/oicstat.php>