

Statistics Division

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The Virtual Library



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United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

What themes are covered?

The Virtual Library currently comprises nine themes:

- [National Statistical Systems](#)
- [Health](#)
- [Gender](#)
- [Millennium Development Goals](#)
- [Population](#)
- [Societal Progress](#)
- [Statistical Literacy](#)
- [Youth](#)
- [ICT](#)

Under each theme, users will find valuable resources from national, regional and international sources. Themes are classified into twelve sections.

The first two sections provide a review of the theme's *background* along with related *resolutions and international declarations*.

A compilation of important *standards and methods* including pertinent *reports and meetings* are available and can be downloaded for free.

Under each theme, links to *databases and software* are provided, in addition to carefully selected *good practices* from around the world.

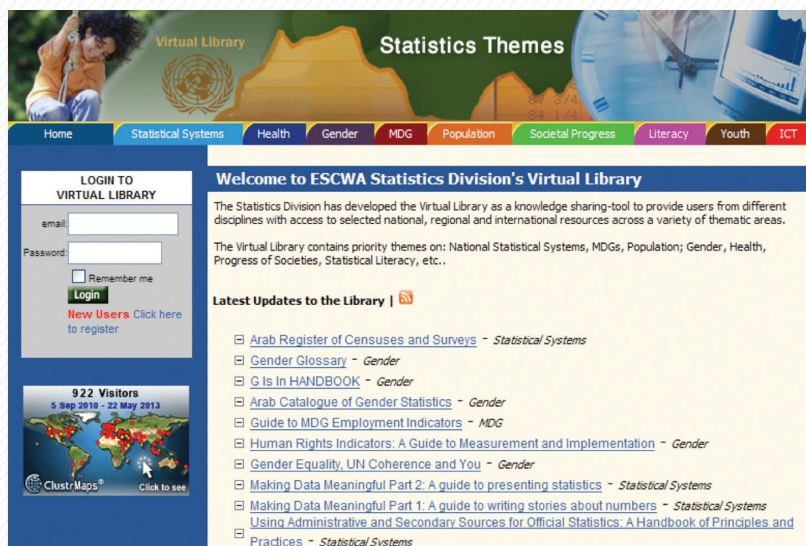
The *training material* and *e-learning* sections provide users with various tools for capacity-building.

News and media tools related to global, regional and national events are also updated regularly.

Links, networks and contact information for main users, producers and focal points in each area are available to facilitate networking.

| MDG | Standards and Methods |
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| Sections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Introduction and Background ■ Resolutions and International Declarations ■ Standards and Methods ■ Reports ■ Meetings and Workshops ■ Projects ■ Databases and Softwares ■ Best Practice ■ Training Material ■ News and Media Tools ■ E-Learning ■ Networking ■ Links/Contacts | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊕ MDG Framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▢ The Official UN Site for MDG Indicators MDG Framework ▢ English Arabic ⊕ Handbooks on MDG Indicators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▢ Handbook for Monitoring MDGs [English] [French] [Arabic] MDG Metadata ▢ All Metadata (Printable) ▢ Guide to MDG Employment Indicators ⊕ Guidelines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▢ A Practical Plan to Achieve the Millennium Development Goals ▢ Road Map Guidelines ▢ [English] [Arabic] ▢ The UN and the MDGs: A Core Strategy ▢ 10 Key Recommendations ▢ The HDI tree ⊕ FAQ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▢ MDG FAQs ⊕ Handbooks on Localizing MDGs at National Level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▢ How-to-Guide to Localizing the MDGs ▢ Toolkit for Localizing the MDGs |

The Virtual Library of the ESCWA Statistics Division is a knowledge-sharing tool. It provides users from different disciplines with access to selected national, regional and international resources across a variety of thematic areas.



How do I access the Virtual Library?

The Virtual Library can be easily accessed through the ESCWA Statistics Division home page:

<http://www.escwa.-stat.org>

Or directly through the Virtual Library home page:

<http://www.escwa.un.org/divisions/scu/themes/index.asp>

Registration for first-time users is required, as it provides useful feedback to ESCWA on the types of visitors, their geographic locations and disciplines.

Who is the Virtual Library for?

The Library provides resources to stakeholders dealing with statistics and policy. It highlights main initiatives at the national, regional and international levels. It also contains methodologies, databases and examples of good practice.

It is intended for everyone:

- Producers and users of statistics
- Policymakers and planners
- Non-governmental organizations
- Media
- Researchers and students



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