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SESSION I: Problems associated with the lack of coordination in national and international health statistics

**PRESENTATION PAPER (INSTAT - ALBANIA)**

Supporting paper submitted by the Statistical Institute of Albania<sup>1</sup>

**Summary**

INSTAT is a national institution, coordinating the entire statistical service in Albania and is managing the collection, processing, analysis, presentation and publication of information, in accordance with its statistical programs.

Statistical programs exist for all sectors, including health, and are prepared and periodically updated by INSTAT, in collaboration with the sector administrations at all levels, all special agencies working in the public domain, collect and report the required data. Data that cannot periodically be collected on a routine basis, are collected by survey, or other approaches.

As an integral part of national statistical service, the health information system is organized along the same general principles and reflects the structure of the country's health services. Information is collected and forwarded upwards between 4 levels" individual health establishments, statistical units at district level, statistical department at the Ministry of health, health department at the INSTAT.

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The economic and social transformation of the last years in Albania and the introduction of the market economy as fundamental element of economic development, accompanied by new politics and related organizations in a fields. In these circumstances along with a growing private sector, it has increasingly been more difficult to collect data through administrative records. Therefore the survey method has been introduced.

In 1994, the Health department at INSTAT began the general abortions survey in framework of Family Planing Program Of Albania.

The first step of this work was realized in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, UNFPA and IPPF . There were interviewed about

18 400 women heaving had interruption of pregnancy and covering about 59 percents of total number of abortions in our country. We have published the results of this survey in last year. The output of this annual conducted survey is available through publications internationally distributed.

This was carried out successfully and we intend to continue in the next years. The Health department at INSTAT has began as well during the last year, the survey on perinatal deaths. The questionnaires on perinatal deaths was distributed in all maternity hospitals in different Albanian's districts, and until now are collected the data about 60 percents of total perinatal deaths. This work is yet of this continuity. We hope to complete and publish this year of this survey. The Health statistical data are collected by administrative records and demography certificates, but during the last years, their quantity and quality are decreasing. In these circumstances a lot of health information according to the main problems of health status and health care is necessary to be collected by direct interview survey.