

Item 3cb) UNESCO

1. UNESCO supports the regional strategy to improve population and social statistics in Asia and the Pacific, focusing on strengthening national capacity: The goals of the strategy are in alignment with the focus of UNESCO's capacity building vision
2. Reliable, comparable and timely population statistics, disaggregated by sex and age cohorts are essential for the education development goals that national governments have committed to
3. The production and dissemination of such data are less than desirable for quite a number of countries in this region
4. At the national level the population data are produced by The NSO and at the international level they are produced by the UN Division of population New-York
5. The two sources do not provide the same projections of the population
6. The UNESCO Institute for Statistics taking account of differences sources of population data both at the national level and the international level and taking also account of its main mandate regarding ensuring the comparability and quality of data across the members' states, uses for the calculation of the education indicators, the UN division population source.
7. One of the main consequences is that the indicators published at the international level using the UN population Division data sometimes differ from the indicators published at the national level due of course to the difference of data from the two sources.