

What is the average time frame for a national study?

Proposals are accepted on an ongoing basis from member States. Each national study will have a different timeline depending on the beginning date. It is expected that the average duration of a national study should be within 6 to 9 months.

How are national studies disseminated?

National studies are disseminated through the ESCAP knowledge sharing platform on economic statistics and regional seminars, e.g. as part of the Asia-Pacific Economic Statistics Week and the ESCAP Committee on Statistics.

Examples of study proposals:

– Pilot survey for improving coverage of business statistics

Improve the availability and the quality of business statistics through the assessment of the state of business statistics and collection of data on individual entrepreneurs.

– GVA estimation methods for livestock sector

Improve the methodology for Gross Value Added (GVA) estimation of total production in the livestock sector in line with the 2008 SNA, through the assessment of current GVA estimation methods and collection of data on yield and costs of livestock productivity.

– Use of administrative data for economic statistics

Improve the use of administrative data for enterprise survey sampling and calculation of economic indicators through the assessment of the tax and enterprise survey data, and the design of a tax data conversion tool.

More information

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ESCAP Resource Facility Guide



What is the ESCAP Resource Facility?

The ESCAP Resource Facility is a pool of funds that supports national statistical systems to undertake analysis and research in the form of national studies for developing economic statistics. The Resource Facility is designed within the Regional Programme on Economic Statistics.

What is the purpose of national studies?

The overall objective of national studies is to encourage and enable national statistical offices—together with other concerned national agencies—to use the statistics that they produce and to explore applications of international standards with a view to improving not only the availability but also the quality of economic statistics.

The national studies also facilitate sharing of good practices and lessons learned at the regional level, as they are disseminated through regional seminars and the ESCAP knowledge sharing platform on economic statistics.¹

What is the scope of national studies?

The Core Set of Economic Statistics and the Regional Programme outputs provide the range of economic statistics areas that the national studies can focus on:

- **Economic statistics topic areas** (prices and costs; demand and output; income and wealth; money and banking; government; labour market and natural resources and environment statistics) and **linkages between economic statistics and other domains of statistics**

- **Statistical infrastructure for economic statistics** (e.g. data sources, collection and dissemination tools, quality assurance frameworks, policies for economic statistics production and dissemination)
- **Institutional setting for economic statistics production and dissemination** (e.g. national experiences of coordination among agencies, institutional framework for statistical business registers, statistical law and economic statistics, communication of economic statistics to users, etc.)

Countries decide on the topics of their national studies considering their economic statistics development priorities.

What kind of substantive support from ESCAP can be expected in preparing national studies?

- Expert missions in support of the national study
- Facilitation of peer-to-peer exchanges, e.g. NSOs of other member States that have conducted similar studies/activities can share their expertise/experiences.
- Research-based training, especially for countries with special needs.²

Who can apply?

- National studies are conducted by or in cooperation with the national statistical office as the coordinator of the national statistical system. Applications to ESCAP should be submitted by the national statistical office.
- All interested ESCAP member States and associated members are welcome to apply.

What are the selection criteria?

Countries with special needs are given priority in the selection process.

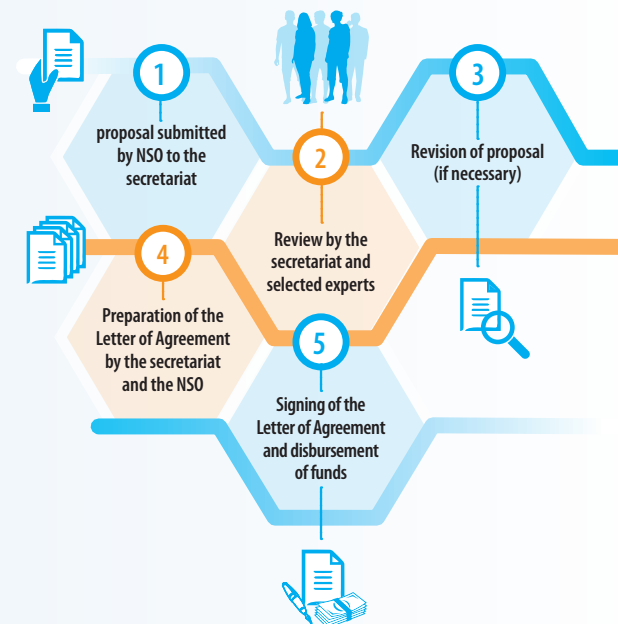
Required

- Research topic is aligned with the regional priorities identified within the Regional Programme on Economic Statistics and with the priorities set in a national strategy for the development of statistics.
- Clear linkage between results, activities and the resources required.

Desirable

- National studies conducted in cooperation by multiple national agencies, e.g. by the NSO, Central Bank, Ministry of Finance or academic/research institutes are encouraged.
- National studies with gender equality focus, e.g. informal sector/informal employment, female business ownership.
- National studies on economic statistics underlying sustainable development monitoring.

What is the review process?



¹ The ESCAP knowledge sharing platform on economic statistics can be accessed at <http://communities.unescap.org/economic-statistics>.

² Countries with special needs refer to least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing states.