

In 2010 Statistics Finland remained active in the field of international consulting projects and smaller scale activities. Statistics Finland was involved in eight projects or smaller scale activities. Experts participated in 22 missions abroad and four study visits to Statistics Finland were completed in 2010.

Below we are proud to present the co-operation activities with Ethiopia, Kyrgyz Republic, Egypt, Ukraine, Armenia and Russia. Below you will also meet our experienced expert Mr. Markku Lindqvist and the members of the International Affairs Unit of Statistics Finland.

Ethiopia

The co-operation of Statistics Finland with the Central Statistical Agency of Ethiopia and the Finnish National Institute for Health and Welfare was implemented in May 2009. Four missions in the area of development of household surveys and sampling design were made to Addis Ababa in 2010 and two study visits to Finland were carried out. The project is financed by the Finnish government's development aid appropriations and the project will continue in 2011.

Kyrgyz Republic

The development project on Finnish-Kyrgyz Technical Co-operation in the Area of Statistics continued in 2010. Statistics Finland is implementing the project with the National Statistical Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic and the Information Centre of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry in Finland (TIKE) and the project is financed by the Finnish government's development aid appropriations. In 2010 three missions were carried out and one study visit was held in Finland (TIKE).

Egypt

The Danish Twinning Project on Institutional Capacity Building of the Central Agency for Public Mobilisation and Statistics of Egypt continued in 2010. Statistics Finland offered

expertise in the areas of price statistics, statistical policy and legislation, organisational reform, improving statistical awareness, National Accounts, price statistics and the business register. Total number of six missions were carried out and the project ended in September 2010.

Ukraine

Statistics Finland participated as a member in a consortium, led by the French Adetef, which is implementing a World Bank project at the State Statistics Committee of Ukraine. The two-year-project finished in September 2010. The main responsibility of Statistics Finland was the sectors of environmental and energy statistics. A total of 26 Finnish expert missions and four study visits to Finland were organised during the project.

Armenia

Statistics Finland agreed to participate in the Danish Twinning project with the National Statistical Service of the Republic of Armenia as a Junior Twinning MS Partner. The objective is to upgrade official statistics of Armenia by introducing a comprehensive quality management framework and new compilation methodologies closely aligned to European standards. Statistics Finland will participate mainly in the Quality Assessment Framework -modules. The missions will be carried out starting 2011.

Bosnia and Herzegovina

In the end of the year, Statistics Denmark won a Twinning project to Bosnia and Herzegovina in which Statistics Finland has promised to participate. The overall project covers several statistical areas, and the activities are expected to commence in 2011. Statistics Finland's is providing expertise in household budget survey, business register and short-term statistics on construction.

Russia

Based on the Plan of Actions for 2010–2011 within the bilateral co-operation between Rosstat and Statistics Finland, five meetings were held in 2010 in the following areas: urban statistics, environmental expenditures, national accounts, labour market statistics, and SDMX and electronic data collection. Three of the meetings were held in Helsinki and two in St. Petersburg. The project supports Finland's Northern Dimension policy. It integrates Russia into European interaction and into using international recommendations in its official statistics. The project also aims to provide a better picture of the present situation in Russia.

Meet Our Experts

Mr. Markku Lindqvist, Senior Researcher, Social Statistics

Markku Lindqvist is one of the experienced experts in international consultation projects in Statistics Finland. Now he is in charge of the ongoing development project in Ethiopia and has participated in several missions in the area over the last two years. Over the last few years he participated in several Twinning projects for example in Croatia, Ukraine and Romania. Over the years Mr. Lindqvist has been member of several international expert groups and worked for Eurostat.



Officework with Ethiopian colleague

Personnel changes in the unit of International Affairs

Ms. Anita Heinonen started as a Head of International Affairs Unit in March 2010. Over the last 20 years she has worked with many different statistics and participated in various international expert groups. During summer time, two longstanding experts, Mr. Antero Pohjola and Ms. Leena Hangaslammi, retired. In January 2011, Ms. Anu Uuttu changed positions within the office and she was replaced by Ms. Anna Leppäkoski. Nowadays, the unit consists of four persons. In addition to the international statistical activities, the unit also manages and coordinates technical co-operation.



From left: Anita Heinonen, Raija Löfgren, Marika Pohjola and Anu Uuttu