

### OFFICIAL STATISTICS IN JORDAN IN FOCUS

#### Improving statistical data by introducing good practices closely aligned to European standards and principles of high quality

> This is the third newsletter on the progress on the implementation of the EU funded Twinning Project 'Strengthening the Capabilities of the Department of Statistics in Jordan'

During the previous three months ten activities were implemented.

Discussions between DoS staff and MS experts continued on topics related to national accounts and the compilation of supply and use tables, documentation of statistics through quality declarations, metadata and finally IT-security, the structure of the databases used in the Department of Statistics (DoS) as well as website technology.

The overall progress of the project is good and there is a high commitment from DoS as well as the MS experts.

Good progress has especially been made with the development of the quality declarations for the statistics published by DoS. The quality declarations were discussed with key users of DoS' statistics during a workshop hosted by DoS in August. The feedback from the users was very positive and the quality declarations will be published on the DoS website in the near future.

Good progress is also achieved in the National Accounts component, where a lot of work has been carried out in relation to the compilation of supply and use tables (SUT). In brief, the SUT provides a detailed description of the



MS Experts Ms Maria Nilsson and Mr Jens Holst, both from Statistics Denmark, together with DoS staff discussing some of the challenges regarding the compilation of supply and use tables.

economy. It provides detailed information on what is the origin of the goods supplied to the Jordanian economy in the form of domestic production broken down by industries or imports and in addition it provides information on which industries or other final demands that use the products.

When finalized, this detailed description of the Jordanian economy, will provide a major step forward in the national accounts work in Jordan. The SUT will furthermore provide the basis for the compilation of Input-Output tables, representing the national accounts statistics, which will facilitate the basis for multiple macroeconomic analyses of the Jordanian economy.

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Project information is available at  
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#### MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE TWINNING PROJECT

##### RESULTS BY COMPONENTS

###### National Accounts

The National Accounts System in Jordan will be updated to SNA2008 and will cover the informal sector

###### Sampling Methodologies

The capacity of DoS staff to understand and apply modern sampling techniques is improved

###### Quality and Metadata

Statistics published by DoS are quality assured and documentation is improved

###### IT and Online Dissemination

New database structure defined and online dissemination improved

