Report of the 10th meeting of the Technical Working Group (TWG) on Disaster-related Statistics: Asia Pacific Regional Symposium on Disaster-related Statistics 27 July 2021, 8:00 - 15:30 hours (Bangkok time)

Towards Synergizing regional efforts and catalyzing national-level initiatives for disaster statistics:

The Asia Pacific Regional Symposium on Disaster-related Statistics served as a platform for government officials, experts, and other stakeholders to be informed on the progress, commitments, and plans on disaster-related statistics, more specifically: 1) on the state of disaster-related statistics in Asia and the Pacific as well as globally; 2) on lessons drawn from good practices including the Indonesia One Disaster Data; and 3) on ways to catalyze national initiatives towards a disaster-related statistics framework.

While disaster statistics has gained headways in terms of development of framework, guidance materials and other innovations coupled with the momentum at the national, regional, and global levels, there is a need for national policy impetus and catalyst to develop national statistical frameworks and, in countries such as Indonesia, to translate such a national framework into technical guidelines taking on board various principles including gender, inclusivity, and sustainability, among others.

Platforms such as the UNESCAP TWG, and global IAEG and other disaster-related groups will continue play critical roles in pushing the deliberations on disaster-related statistics, sustaining the momentum at their respective levels while ensuring the alignment and coherence among one another.

Information on the Regional Symposium is available at this link: https://stat-confluence.escap.un.org/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=23790089

Next steps:

- 1. The 11th meeting of the TWG will be held on Wednesday, 25 August 2021, 14:00 15:30 hours, Bangkok time.
- 2. The Secretariat will provide a briefing of the Asia Pacific Regional Symposium on Disaster-related statistics held last July 27, 2021.
- 3. UNESCAP will present its latest tool for estimating Population exposed to flood hazard using Remote Sensing and GIS

The agenda for the 11^{th} meeting and other materials are available at: $\underline{https://stat-confluence.escap.un.org/x/eQJrAQ}$