

**Report of the 12th meeting of the Technical Working Group (TWG) on Disaster-related Statistics:  
29 September 2021, 13:00 - 15:30 hours (Bangkok time)**

**Summary of group discussions:**

Workshop on Catalyzing the Policy Impetus for Disaster-related Statistics to understand the core elements of a Policy on disaster-related statistics, the basic steps for implementation and perceived challenges in the development process:

***Core Elements of a Policy on disaster-related statistics:***

1. A clear and authoritative mandate, whether in the form of a resolution, legislation as basis to start the work.
2. Well-defined delineation of duties and responsibilities and division of work among the stakeholders
3. Involvement of data producers and users in the entire process.
4. Technical framework to include definition and standards, data sources and appropriate protocols.

***Basic steps in developing the Policy:***

1. Initiation of the process brought about by urgency (frequent disasters); obligation or directive from authorities of relevant government agencies; regional and global commitments to implement disaster-related frameworks.
2. Designation of a core agency (NSO or NDMO) to lead the process, serve as custodian and source of official disaster-related statistics in the country.
3. The platform (IAC, TWG, Ad Hoc committee) by which this initiative will be carried out should set it in action; bring all the relevant stakeholders into this group.
4. Carry on/implement the usual policy-making requirements, processes and procedures.  
(Can look into examples of Indonesia and the Philippines)

***Supporting and hindering factors for developing such a Policy:***

1. Legal framework: identifies the regulation/legislation in place
2. Institutional framework: who is responsible for what
3. Partnership framework: available guidelines for countries to follow; recommendations of experts
4. Challenges include lack of technical knowledge on disaster-related statistics in the NSO; the need for financial and manpower resources since this will be a new undertaking; and issues on designation of required data; data sharing and confidentiality and data liability among data source agencies.

**Next steps:**

1. The 13th meeting of the TWG will be held on Wednesday, 27 October 2021, 13:00 – 15:30 hours, Bangkok time.
2. The meeting will be a workshop on “Determining the scope of data in the DRSF basic range of disaster-related statistics.
3. The agenda for the 12th meeting and other materials are available at:  
<https://stat-confluence.escap.un.org/display/TWG/13th+Meeting+of+Technical+Working+Group+%28TWG%29+on+Disaster-related+Statistics>