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In 2009, Statistics Finland was involved in all around 20 projects or smaller scale activities. Totally 129 missions by Finnish experts abroad and 16 study visits to Statistics Finland were completed in 2009. Besides the projects below, Statistics Finland had co-operation activities with Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo, Palestine, Romania, Serbia and Turkey. The projects in Ethiopia and the Kyrgyz Republic, in Ukraine and the Danish twinning project in Egypt, as well as the bilateral co-operation with Russia, will continue in 2010.

Ethiopia

Statistics Finland is implementing in co-operation with the Central Statistical Agency of Ethiopia and the Finnish National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL) a development project on poverty monitoring and evaluation systems in Ethiopia. The project started in May 2009 and it will last for about two years. Six missions in the area of development of household surveys and sampling design were made to Addis Ababa in 2009. In 2010, both consultation missions to Ethiopia and study visits to Finland will be carried out. The project is financed by the Finnish government's development aid appropriations.



On a field trip with Ethiopian colleagues

Kyrgyz Republic

The development project on Finnish-Kyrgyz Technical Co-operation in the Area of Statistics started in September 2009 with a study visit to Finland on the Strategic Framework for statistical

operations. The project is foreseen to be finished at the end of 2011. Statistics Finland is implementing the project together with the National Statistical Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic (NSC) and the Information Centre of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry in Finland (Tike). The project's major components include: effective use of administrative data for statistical purposes, development of National Accounts, and improvement of data quality in various statistics. The project is financed by the Finnish government's development aid appropriations.

Estonia

The Twinning light project on "Improving the Quality of Estonia's National Greenhouse Gas Inventory" was carried out by Statistics Finland together with the Estonian Ministry of the Environment. Experts from the Ministry of the Environment of Finland, the Finnish Environment Institute and the Finnish Forest Research Institute also participated in the execution of the project.

The project included both institutional and functional aspects of inventory preparation as well as recommendations on the improvement of the methodologies used in preparing the emission and removal estimates for different sectors of the inventory.

Latvia

The Twinning light project on increasing CSB capacity in data protection and confidentiality was realised together with the Latvian Central Statistical Bureau. Colleagues from Denmark, Germany and Sweden also participated in the execution of the project, which included three main components:

- increasing of know-how and preparation of internal guidelines on assuring data confidentiality
- training and studying of good practices
- preparing of recommendations and plans for future development

During the project a Handbook of Confidentiality as well as a long-term action and training plan were prepared.

Russia

Based on the Plan of Actions for 2008-2009 within the bilateral co-operation between Rosstat and Statistics Finland, six meetings were held in 2009 in the following areas: human resources development, statistics on international services, statistical planning, urban statistics, living conditions statistics and environmental statistics.

Bulgaria

Statistics Finland participated in the German Twinning project implemented at the National Statistical Institute of Bulgaria in 2008-2009. Twenty-eight missions were carried out by the Finnish experts and one study visit was organised to Statistics Finland within this project in the areas of data confidentiality and data protection, use of administrative sources and reduction of response burden.

Croatia

Finland participated in two Twinning projects at the CBS of Croatia in 2008-2009. In the project led by the Federal Statistical Office of Germany, Finnish experts contributed to the components on business statistics, household surveys and improving of organisational capacity. In the project led by Statistics Denmark, the Finnish experts contributed to the development of National Accounts and the business register. Altogether 43 missions and three study visits were completed within these two projects.

Egypt

The twinning Project on Institutional Capacity Building of the Central Agency for Public Mobilisation and Statistics of Egypt, led by Statistics Denmark, continued in 2009. Finnish experts participated in the implementation of the components on price statistics, statistical policy and legislation, organisational reform, improving of statistical awareness, National Accounts, price statistics and the business register. Seventeen missions and two study visits were conducted in 2009.

Ukraine

Statistics Finland is member in a consortium, led by the French Adetef, which is implementing a World Bank project at the State Statistics Committee of Ukraine (SSCU) on the development of several areas of statistics. Statistics Finland has the main responsibility for the sectors of environmental and energy statistics. Experts on price statistics, household budget surveys and investment statistics have also participated in the development of their subject areas. The project started in 2008 and is foreseen to be finished in summer 2010. A total of 20 Finnish expert missions and four study visits to Finland had been organised by the end of 2009.



Cheerful atmosphere among waste statistics

