Statistics and Human Rights: The experience of the Statistics Office of Cabo Verde

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The present paper will demonstrate the experience of a National Statistics Office in measuring Human Rights in the framework of Governance, Peace and Security (GPS). For the National Statistics Institute of Cabo Verde, Human Rights are an essential component of GPS. In this regard, the institute had its first collaboration with the Cape Verdean Commission for Human Rights in 2009, when preparing a module on disability for the 2010 Population and Housing Census. In 2013 two modules on GPS, which include Human Rights, were launched, and were part of the Strategy of Harmonization of Statistics in Africa. In 2014 the modules were incorporated again in the Continuous Multi-Purpose Survey. Simultaneously the Institute initiated the creation of a Praia Group on Governance under the auspices of the United Nations Statistics Commission and with the purpose of discussing, and eventually harmonizing Governance Statistics. This effort will be useful for all producers and users of official statistics, particularly National Statistics Offices, but also global agendas and commitments like the Sustainable Development Goals and the related Data Revolution. Thus, the paper intends to share experience in measuring Human Rights at national, regional and global levels, demonstrate the motivation for their measurement, highlight constraints in incorporating these projects in the NSI-Cabo Verde activities, and the impact of the results.

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