

World Bank approves USD 30 million project to strengthen India's Statistical System

The World Bank Board of Executive Directors has approved a USD 30 million project to support the Government of India's efforts at strengthening and modernizing its statistical system by providing timely, relevant and high-quality statistics.

The <u>National Program for Improving the Quality of Statistics in India will support the Ministry</u> of <u>Statistics and Program Implementation (MOSPI)</u>, Government of India in modernizing survey data collection, enhancing the use of administrative data for producing statistics and in improving the user-relevance of statistical products with a strong emphasis on strengthening quality assurance mechanisms.

The project is closely aligned with MOSPI's Five-Year Vision 2019-24, which aims to strengthen India's national statistical system to provide real-time inputs for policy and stronger dissemination practices. The introduction of multimodal data collection tools, use of administrative statistics to populate the National Integrated Information Platform (NIIP), and use of mapping and interactive tabulation and dissemination tools under the project, will support MOSPI's vision of modernizing its statistical system.

The USD 30 million loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), World Bank has a final maturity of 14.5 years including a grace period of five years.

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