The UN Agencies comprising the **United Nations Theme Group on Social Data** are currently supporting the efforts of the General Bureau of Statistics (GBS) in collecting and managing social data in Suriname, which is an integral pillar of the **National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS)**.

In line with this goal, the UN will facilitate a Baseline Study assessing the availability of social data and the capacity of key producers of social data, as inputs into the development of the NSDS. This would be complementary to the work being done by the Suriname Business Forum that is supporting the NSDS through conducting a baseline assessment on economic data. The overall objective of the Baseline Study is to collect baseline information on social data in support of a plan within the NSDS for adoption by Suriname of common (in line with other Caribbean countries) data collection protocols, definitions and classifications for the collection and dissemination of social statistics to monitor and report on the accomplishment of the MDGs and national and sectoral plans.