**IMPORTANT:** This assignment is only for those participants who work OUTSIDE national statistical office

**Assignment II: A simple thematic analysis**

This assignment is designed for planners and policy makers who use statistics for the purpose of situational analysis, planning, monitoring and evaluation. It is expected to help them better understand the information on youth available in population census publications and practice their ability of extracting relevant statistics from the publications as well as interpreting and writing about them.

***Instructions***:

1. Think about one issue that youth population in your country is currently facing and the government needs information to analyze the situation, plan to improve it and evaluate the related policies. (Issues can be related to, for instance, employment, education, reproductive health, etc)

1. Write one or two paragraph ***(50-100 words)*** describing the “***policy issue***” identified in step (1) in the template provided in the next page. Your description has to answer what is exactly the problem that youth population is facing? Why is it unique to youth population? What are the possible reasons (your assumptions) and how serious is the problem? (you may provide some data to support your statements).
2. Search for the latest publication on population census in your country. You my search in your own office (or library of your organization) for hard copy or search the homepage of your national statistical office for online publications. (*Make sure that you are using the latest publication*.)
3. Extract relevant information from the publication that (a) explain the current situation of youth in your country in relation with the issues that you have identified (insert this information in section II, situation analysis); and (b) support your assumptions about possible reasons that may have caused the issue (insert this information in section III, evaluation of assumption).
4. Present your data in the form of both ***tables and graphs*** in sections II and III and write at least one paragraph under each table and graph explaining the data and interpreting what the data indicate about the issue that you have identified or your assumption.
5. In section IV (youth policy options), in one or two paragraphs (50 to 100 words) recommend policies and activities that you think government have to consider for improving the youth’s life regarding the identified issue. Your recommendations have to be supported by the data that you present in section II and III.

**Template for the report on assignment II for planners:**

**Participants name: ……………..**

1. **Policy issue**

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1. **Situation analysis**

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1. **Evaluation of assumptions**

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1. **Youth policy options**

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