

## **Annual Report Indices of Social Development 1 January 2013 – 31 December 2013**

The report of the database ISD covers the year 2013. The website data includes the whole year 2013 and adds some data from 2012 for comparison.

The Indices of Social Development (ISD) hosted by ISS brings together 200 indicators, synthesizing them into a usable set of measures to track how different societies perform along six dimensions of social development:

- Civic Activism, measuring use of media and protest behaviour
- Clubs and Associations, defined as membership in local voluntary associations
- Intergroup Cohesion, which measures ethnic and sectarian tensions, and discrimination
- Interpersonal Safety and Trust, focusing on perceptions and incidences of crime and personal transgressions
- Gender Equality, reflecting gender discrimination in home, work and public life.
- Inclusion of Minorities, measures levels of discrimination against vulnerable groups such as indigenous peoples, migrants, refugees, or lower caste groups.

The ISD database has been led by Irene van Staveren since 2012. She has been appointed as Director of ISD by the ISS Institute Board. The database received external technical support by Ellen Webbink, and was managed by database manager Ekaterina Evdokimova during the whole year 2013. Furthermore, ICT services have provided ICT support for uploading revised data and solving website problems.

During the reporting period, the following publications have been realized:

- One ISD newsletter (July)
- The annual report for the second half of 2012 (May)
- ISD Working Paper 2013-01: 'Diversity, Inclusiveness and Social Cohesion' by Zahid Pervaiz, A.R. Chaudhary and Irene van Staveren.
- One of the ISD Working Papers has been published as a journal article online in *Forum for Social Economics*: Roberto Foa, Arjan de Haan, Irene van Staveren and Ellen

Webbink, 'The Last Mile in Analyzing Wellbeing and Poverty: Indices of Social Development', *Forum for Social Economics*, 2013. DOI: 10.1080/07360932.2013.780980

- One of the papers presented at ISD conference in December 2011 has been published as a Policy Research Working Paper by World Bank (May 2013). "Jobs, Wellbeing, and Social Cohesion: Evidence from Value and Perception Surveys" by Frank-Borge Wietzke and Catriona McLeod, a background report for the World Development Report 2013 on Jobs.

#### The ISD team was awarded seed money from the Rotterdam Global Health Initiative (RGHI)

The RGHI is based at Erasmus University. The seed money is awarded to do an exploratory analysis with the database in 2014. The study will involve African researchers from the PEP network and will analyze to what extent social cohesion contributes to health outcomes at the cross-country level.

#### The six Indices of Social Development have been updated.

Civic Activism (5 indicators are updated), Clubs and Associations (7 indicators), Intergroup Cohesion (4 indicators), Interpersonal Safety and Trust (5 indicators), Gender Equality (8 indicators) and Inclusion of Minorities (4 indicators). The updated data are for the years 2010, 2011, 2012 and can be found at the data access page of the website.

#### The database has been promoted through the following activities:

1. News through the website, newsletter, Facebook and Twitter.
2. Answering emails that come in through the ISD email box.
3. Recognition of the ISD Working Paper series through its own ISSN number.
4. Announcement of an MA thesis prize (250 euro) for 2013, for the best thesis using ISD indices.
5. Requesting links to our database from websites of partners and data sources.

#### The ISD data base now makes part of the Civic Innovation Research Initiative (CIRI)

CIRI is one of ISS's four newly structured research programs. This strengthens research cooperation at ISS between quantitative and qualitative researchers on social cohesion, civil society and social inequality.

## The Prize for the Best Master Thesis 2013 Using ISS ISD Database

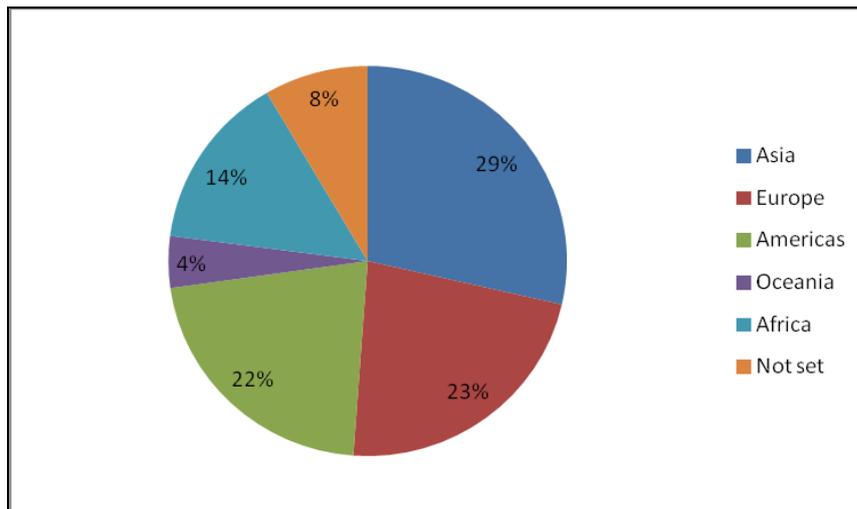
The Prize could not be awarded in 2013 due to lack of master papers using the ISD database. The Prize for the Best Master Thesis 2014 Using the ISD Database will be advertised early 2014.

### Use made of the website and database:

The ISD website was visited 9,410 times in the reporting period (1 January 2013 – 31 December 2013). This is an increase of 28% compared with the year 2012 when there were 7,376 visits.

What is equally important is that the majority of website visits is from the developing world. The shift from developed world to the developing world took place in 2012. Whereas in 2011, the majority of website visits came from the developed world (mainly USA and Europe), in the reporting period (1 January 2013 – 31 December 2013), the majority of website visits comes from Asia (29%). Next comes Europe (23%), then the Americas (22%), followed by Africa (14%), and the rest of the world (12%).

### Website visit regional distribution 1 January 2013 – 31 December 2013



In total, visitors came from 165 different countries in the world in the reporting period, which is 15 more countries than in 2012. 82% of all visits were new visits which is almost equal to the new visits in 2012 (80%). These data indicate that the ISD website is able to attract increasingly new visitors.

### Data downloads:

In the second half of 2013, there were 798 data downloads. The table shows downloads per month.

### Data downloads second half 2013

<b>Month in 2013</b>	<b>Data downloads</b>
May	56
June	57
July	58
August	85
September	140
October	157
November	168
December	77
TOTAL	798

### Financial report summary:

In the second half of 2012, the ISD received 12,500 euro from the ISS research budget. The budget period was extended till March 2013. The budget was spent largely on staff (83%). There was 14% of the budget spent on presentation of the database at an OECD statistics and development conference in India, and 3% of the budget on material and overhead costs.

For the year 2013, the database received 25,000 euro from the ISS research budget. Again the budget was spent largely on staff costs. There was no presentation abroad, hence no travel expenditures were made. The data updating required a bit more technical input, and hence, expenditures. All expenses remained within the budget.

ISS has committed itself to annual funding of 25,000 euro from its research budget.