## **PREFACE**

The present publication provides guidance for researchers preparing subnational population projections, that is, population projections for regions within countries. The most difficult issue in undertaking such projections is the preparation of baseline estimates and projection assumptions for interregional migrations. With particular emphasis on common data situations in developing countries, this publication overviews and suggests methods suited for preparing these migration data.

The publication reviews the different types of data generally available for estimating internal migration in developing countries, delineates the methods for transforming different types of data into the form necessary for subnational population projections, discusses the formulation of migration assumptions and compares the advantages and disadvantages of different data sources and methods for preparing migration input for subnational projections.

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## **Explanatory notes**

Symbols of United Nations documents are composed of capital letters combined with figures.

The following symbols have been used in the tables throughout the report:

Two dots (..) indicate that the data are not available or are not separately reported.

An em dash (--) indicates that the amount is nil or negligible.

A hyphen (-) indicates that the item is not applicable.

A minus sign (-) before a number indicates a decrease.

A point (.) is used to indicate decimals.

A slash (/) indicates a crop year or financial year, e.g., 1988/89.

Use of a hyphen (-) between dates representing years (e.g., 1984-1985), signifies the full period involved, including the beginning and end years.

Details and percentages in tables do not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.

References to "dollars" (\$) indicates United States dollars, unless otherwise stated.

The term "billion" signifies a thousand million.