

Documentation Metatadata of household survey Based on DII and DCMI standards (the experience of CAPMAS in this field)
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Metadata is "data about data". Metadata provides documentation about data elements or attributes, (name, size, data type, etc), about records or data structures (length, fields, columns, etc), and about data itself (where it is located, how it is associated, ownership) including descriptive information about the context, quality and condition, or characteristics of the data , instructions for how data were collected, definitions for data items. on the other hand Metadata is essential when data are to be used by those not familiar with the sources, methods, and details of a database that are necessary to fully understand appropriate use and interpretation of findings. This paper will illustrate What is metadata and why is it important?, and will describe Standards of documentation the statistical survey : (DCMI)" Dublin core metadata initiative" – (DDI) "data documentation initiative" from the prospective of CAPMAS (the National office for statistics at Egypt) experience at using toolkit program in documentation and how Documentation metadata solve many problem at the statistical system such as availability of row data , quality control , Building institutional memory by documentation, dissemination and preservation of statistical survey, In this context ,we can say that documentation Metadata of statistical survey is key to ensuring that statistical resources will survive and continue to be accessible into the future because as well as to foster best practices by data producers in developing countries.

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