

# AFCAS 23

## Rabat, Morocco

# Overview of the implementation of the Global Strategy

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# Outline

- **Reminder on the Global Strategy**
- **How far are we in the implementation?**

# Why?

- 1) To address developing countries' lack of capacity to provide **reliable statistical data** on food and agriculture

**more reliable, timely data!**

- 2) To provide a **blueprint** for long-term sustainable agricultural statistical systems in developing countries

**sustainability, ownership!**

# What?

A **comprehensive framework** for improving the availability and use of agricultural and rural data

## 3 Pillars:

- Produce a minimum set of core data
- Better integrate agric. statistics into National Statistical Systems
- Improve governance and statistical capacity building

# Who?

- The Global Strategy is an international **partnership**
- The Global Strategy is implemented through a **governance mechanism** at different levels
- The programme is funded through a **Global Trust Fund** managed by FAO and sponsored currently by **DFID, Gates Foundation** and the Italian Cooperation

# Where?

In up to **90 developing countries:**

- Africa
- Asia and the Pacific
- Latin America and the Caribbean
- Near East
- Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)



# How?

- 1) **In-depth** country assessments and **sector plans**
- 2) **Cost-effective method** developed
- 3) **Technical assistance** provided
- 4) **Training** for experts

# How?

**Country  
assessments**

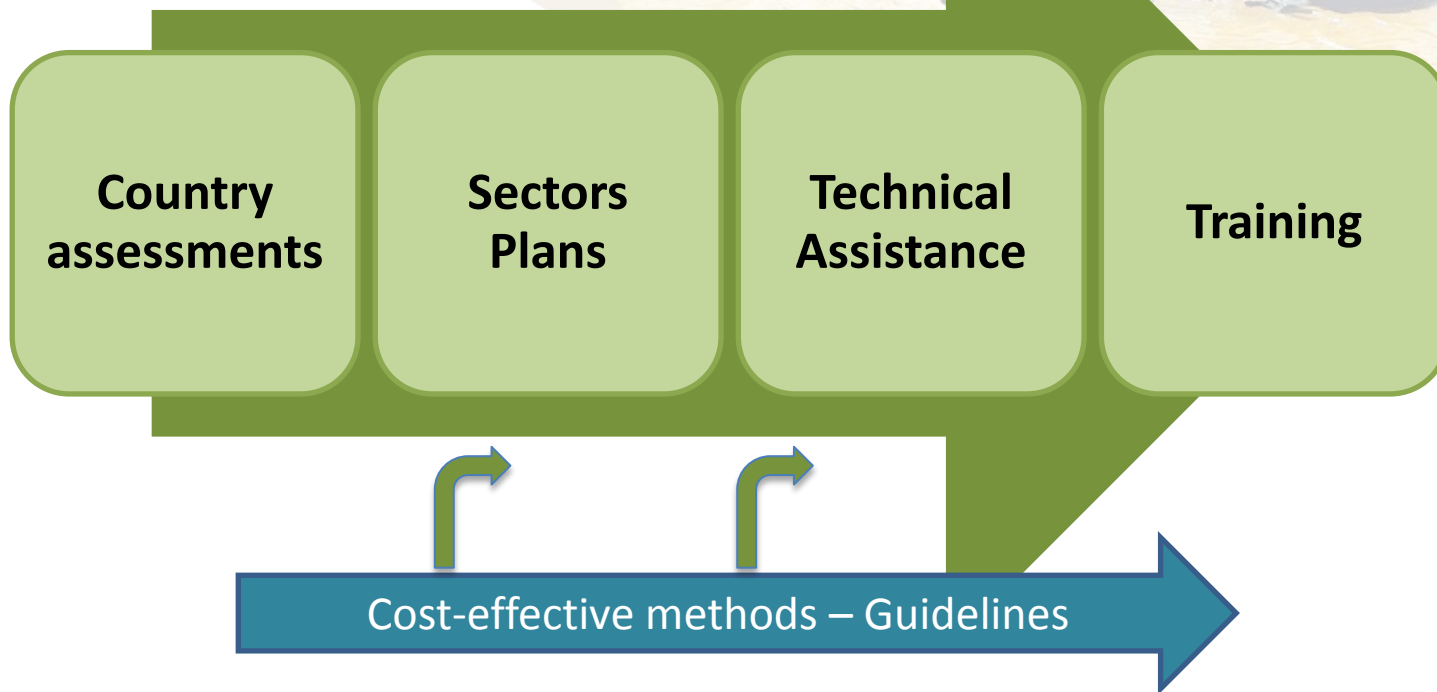
**Sectors  
Plans**

**Technical  
Assistance**

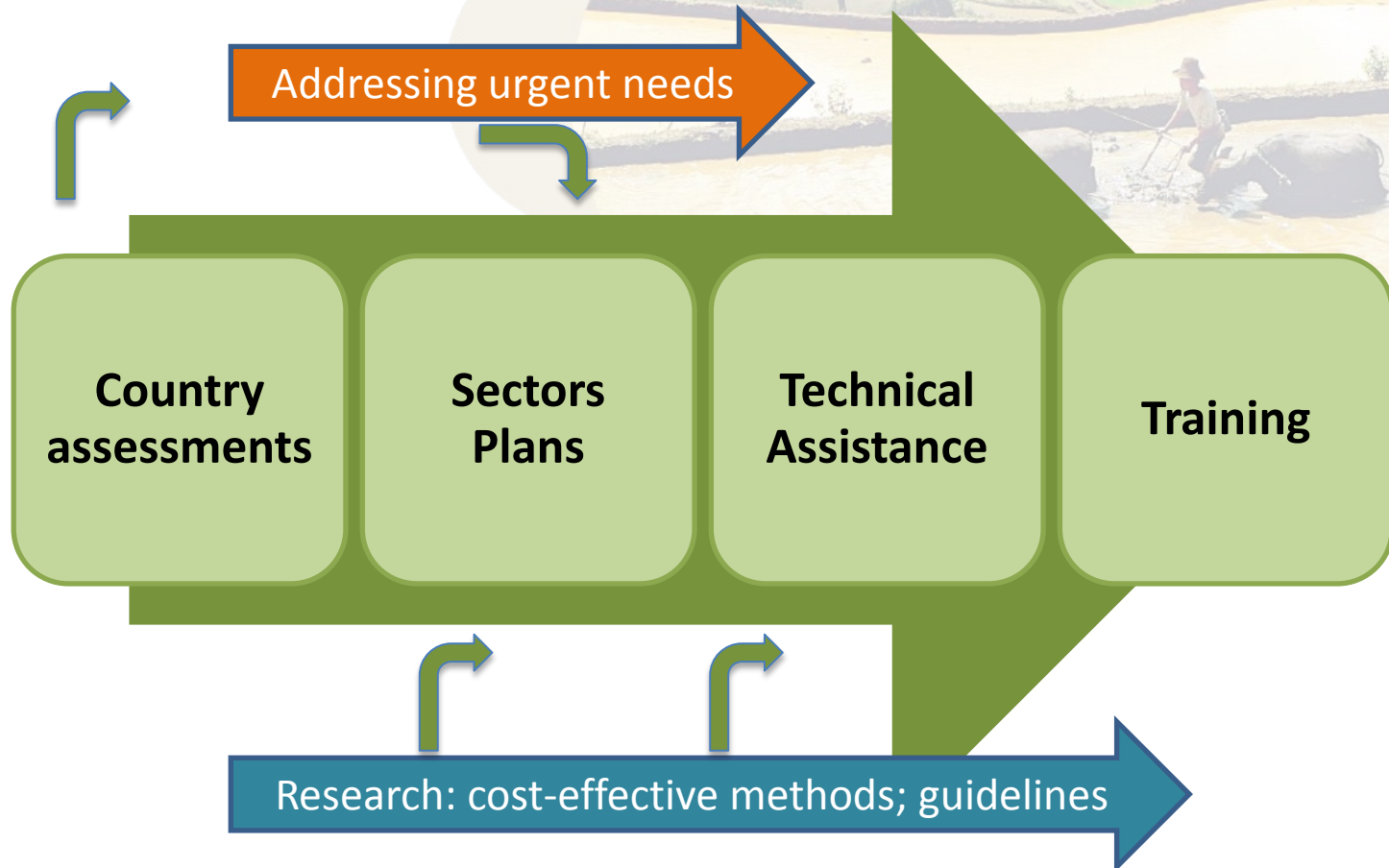
**Training**



# How?



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# Where are we now?

# Governance

- **Global governance** put in place and functioning
- **Regional mechanisms** functioning
- **Action plan extended: 2012 - 2016 > 2012 - 2017**
- **Regional action plans:**
  - **Africa and Asia-Pacific** operational
  - **Regional action plans for LAC and CIS** to be finalised
  - **Near East** starting

# Funding

- **Total budget: 84 M USD**
- **Total committed: 41 M USD**, in negotiation with EU: 10 M USD (for Africa)
- **Global Trust Fund** put in place and disbursements made to regional implementing partners (UNECA, UNESCAP, AfDB, FAO regional offices)
- **Still 3 regions without funding:** LAC, Near East, CIS

# Implementation at global level (1)

- **Research component:** progress made on several topics for developing cost-effective methods
  - **Conceptual framework for Agricultural statistics , Integrated Survey Framework**
  - **Master sampling frames**
  - **Crops estimates, Cost of production, Food Balance sheets**
  - **Small-scale fisheries**
  - **Integration of geographic information, Use of remote sensing, Use of new technologies (CAPI)**

# Implementation at global level (2)

- **Guidelines and training material to be released soon:**
  - **Guidelines:**
    - **Strategic Plans for agricultural and Rural statistics**
    - **Nomadic livestock**
    - **Use of GPS**
    - **Classifications in agricultural statistics**
    - **Access to micro-data**
  - **Training material:**
    - **Linkage between population and agricultural censuses**
    - **Greenhouse Gas Emissions**
    - **Integrated survey frameworks**

# Implementation at regional level

- **Asia and the Pacific:**

- **Regional Steering Committee met 2 times in 2013**
- **Regional Office hosted by FAO in Bangkok, fully operational**
- **FAO in charge of coordination / technical assistance, UNESCAP/SIAP of training**
- **In-depth country assessments starting in December 2013**
- **Training workshops already organised in Korea, Iran and India**
- **8 priority countries identified**
- **ADB contributing to the research component (use of remote sensing)**



# Implementation at regional level

- **Africa:**
  - **Next presentations !**

## Conclusion: what remains to be done?

- Better **dialogue, coordination mechanisms**; better **M&E and reporting framework** for a better overall GS implementation
- Better **communication on results** and **access to cost-effective methods**
- Furthering efforts for GS **resource mobilization**
- Focusing better **research priorities** on **urgent needs** from countries
- Promoting the role of the **GS as a platform** for better **coordination of capacity development** initiatives in the field of agricultural statistics



**Merci beaucoup**

**Thank you**

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