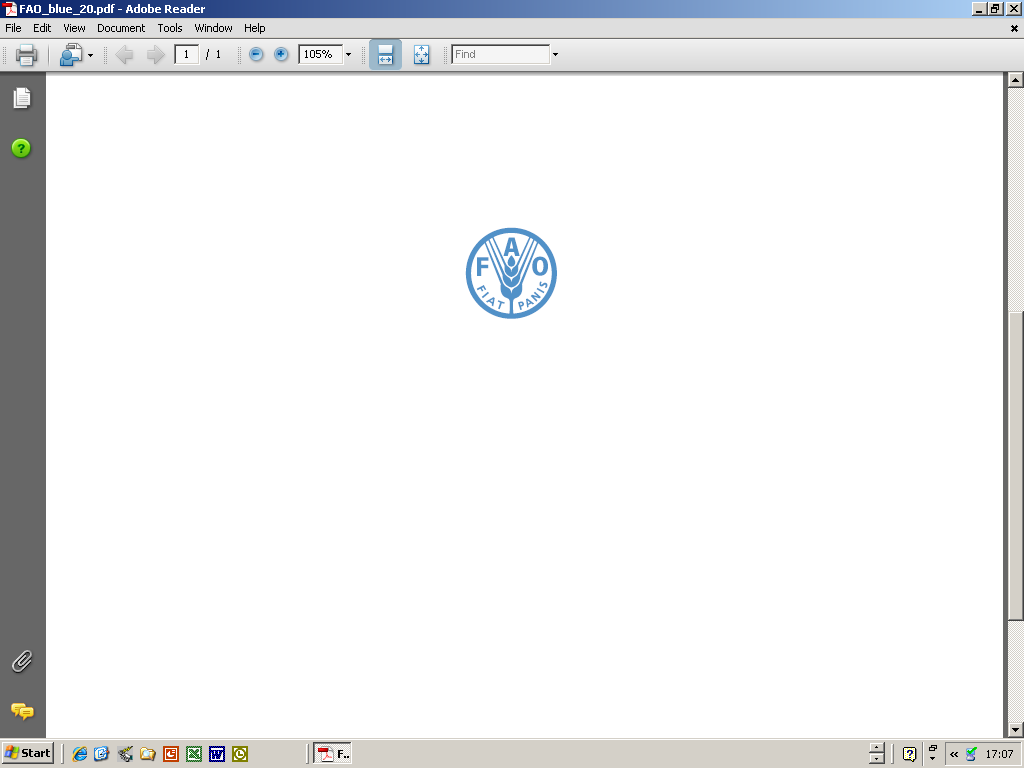
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CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Implement the Global Strategy on Agriculture and Rural Statistics (GSARS) taking into account current and future allocations of resources to National Statistical Systems in countries.
2. Implement a regional evaluation of the National Statistical Systems.
3. Promote the integration of economic, social and environmental statistics at national, regional and global levels in the formulation of a conceptual framework that guide the implementation of the GSARS, including institutional coordination at these same levels.
4. Create or strengthen National Statistical Councils for coordinating statistical production, dissemination, utilization and related aspects, including food and agricultural statistics in countries as part of the implementation of the GSARS.
5. Promote the use of standard concepts and methodologies for producing statistics at regional and global levels as part of the implementation of the GSARS.
6. Identify and implement actions towards the improvement of the institutional capacity (infrastructure, organization, human and financial resources) based on results of the evaluation of the National Statistical System.
7. Advocate on the importance of investments in the generation of information for documenting evidences to the decision making-process in policy formulation and programme design.
8. Include in work plans for the implementation of the GSARS institutional coordination and integration of thematic statistics as well as operational terms.
9. Include in monitoring and evaluating rural development, the formulation, development and selection of indicators on basic themes as in the resource book and complementary themes to fit specific country needs such as crops and forestry, economic accounts, social affaires, environment, employment, income generating activities and others related to livelihoods.
10. Encourage National Statistical Systems for providing information needed for decisions, policies and actions with impacts on agriculture and livestock towards achieving food and nutritional security of the population in countries.
11. Guarantee linkage between population and agricultural censuses for improving methodological outputs such as agricultural and livestock sampling frameworks as well as outputs for other censuses and surveys in the context of regular statistical programmes u other applications.
12. Insert thematic modules to agricultural and livestock census based on country needs.
13. Request FAO the provision of technical assistance to countries in areas towards standardizing data collection, price indexes to producer and consumer and estimating procedures as well as disseminating schemes of information to users.
14. Strengthen current institutions and organizations in the implementation of statistical training programmes on food and agriculture.
15. Identify and negotiate with financial and development institutions investments in institutional and technical capacity building for the production, analysis, dissemination and use of food and agricultural statistics.