

CountrySTAT

An Integrated System for National Food and Agriculture Statistics

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CountrySTAT and ECO Countries

CountrySTAT **centralizes, harmonizes, integrates and validates** data on food and agriculture coming from different sources.

Through a **core database**, policy makers and researchers can group data across thematic areas - such as **production, trade and consumption** - in order to study relationships and processes.

CountrySTAT is valuable as it can support **evidence-based decision making and informed policy-making**.

What are the CountrySTAT components?

Statistics

- National statistics
- International standards
- Methodology

IT

- Data management
- Quality control
- Web publishing

Communications

- Visibility
- Stakeholder buy-In
- Awareness at national and international level

Institutions

Strengthen the collaboration among the main national institutions providing data on food and agriculture

Developments in CountrySTAT

- Near completion in the development of an e-learning module focused on disseminating statistics following FAOSTAT standards. This will be accessible via the internet and will allow members of CountrySTAT national teams to be able to review modules at their leisure and in groups.
- Also, the CountrySTAT system has migrated to the FENIX platform which is also used by FAOSTAT. One of the many benefits of the new CountrySTAT will be that it is based upon open source technologies. Therefore countries do not have to concern themselves with licensing constraints.

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Project Title: Support for the implementation and development of the CountrySTAT Framework in the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) countries

Operational: 01 Apr 2012 - 31 Mar 2014

Objectives:

- Strengthening technical capacity of national staff of ECO HQ and in member countries on the principles of using CountrySTAT;
- Implementation and development of the CountrySTAT system in Afghanistan which will serve as the pilot country and resource basis for the expansion to other countries;
- Preparation of full-fledged project proposal for implementation and development of CountrySTAT in all remaining countries over 3 to 5 years.



Status of Implementation

- April 2012: Project Operational
- July 2012:
 - CountrySTAT Afghanistan and ECO are online – www.countrystat.org
 - ECO Secretariat nominated Ms. Bayan ADILBEKOVA, Director of Projects, Economics and Statistics as the CountrySTAT Regional Coordinator
 - The Ministry of Livestock, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL) nominates Mr Abdul Munir as CountrySTAT National Coordinator .
- August 2012 – First Mission to Kabul, Afghanistan to initiate project activities.
- November 2012: CountrySTAT Afghanistan will hold first Technical Working Group Meeting in Kabul with support from members of the FAO HQ based team
- January 2013: Regional Training for ECO Countries on CountrySTAT