Implementation of the 50x2030 Initiative in Asia Pacific

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50x2030 INITIATIVE GOAL

• Build *partnerships* to close the data gap in agricultural statistics

• Improve country capacity to produce, analyze, interpret and apply *data* to policies and decisions in agricultural sector

• Provide infrastructure to build *evidence-informed policies* for rural development and food security
50x2030 INITIATIVE OBJECTIVES

OBJ 1: BUILD STRONG AGRICULTURE DATA SYSTEMS
- Empower 50 L/LMICS to build sustainable, strong national data systems
- Capacitate countries to produce, disseminate and use timely, high quality agricultural and rural data
- Develop survey programs using sound, cost-effective methods and tools

OBJ 2: MONITOR AND REPORT ON SDG 2 AND GENDER INDICATORS
- Produce data to monitor national indicators
- Monitor SDG 2 indicators on Zero Hunger (i.e., 2.3.1, 2.3.2, and 2.4.1), and Gender (i.e., 5.a.1)
- Generate other data/indicators to report on regional commitments (e.g., CAADP)

OBJ 3: PRODUCE DATA FOR POLICY, DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, INVESTMENTS
- Generate data needed for policy-making and monitoring agricultural development programs
- Produce relevant data for investment decisions
- Integrate economic, social, technical and environmental themes and rural development indicators in surveys to analyze drivers of productivity
50x2030 INITIATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

POWERFUL ALLIANCE

GOVERNANCE & ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
DATA PRODUCTION COMPONENT

Led by FAO

• Support countries to produce and disseminate better and more timely agricultural data through technical assistance and financial support in establishing an integrated survey program

Outputs:

• Identification of suitable survey programme/calendar based on a careful assessment of needs and data gaps
• Integrated agricultural surveys conducted annually
• Data analysed, results shared and fully documented datasets disseminated
METHODS AND TOOLS COMPONENT

Led by the World Bank

• Conduct research and develop tools to improve measurement and understanding of agricultural productivity and rural livelihoods

Outputs:

• better and more efficient tools adopted in national agricultural survey programmes (e.g., application of new technologies, integration of new data sources, etc.)
DATA USE COMPONENT

Led by IFAD

- Focus on ensuring increased use of survey data to inform investments and policies at national, regional and global levels
- Strengthen the capacities of stakeholders to interpret, analyse and apply agricultural data in decision-making and by improving data sharing and communication practices

Outputs:

- Data ecosystem mapping
- Capacity building/training
- Improved communication strategies and networks
PARTNER COUNTRY ENGAGEMENT

Countries joining the Initiative are expected to:

- **Show High Level Commitment**
  Political commitment during entire implementation period of the Initiative (5-8 years) and **ensure a progressive technical and financial take over of the survey programme**

- **Ensure Effective Governance**
  Country should endeavour to strengthen **governance and visibility** of agriculture sector in the National Statistical System

- **Undertake Efficient Planning**
  Improved **long-term agriculture strategic planning** in the country is necessary

- **Provide Adequate Human Resources**
  Countries should **dedicate qualified team for implementation**; 50x2030 may support the establishment of mechanisms for setting up a central pool of agricultural statisticians
WHERE 50x2030 WORKS IN ASIA AND PACIFIC

Source: FAO, 2021

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MAIN COUNTRY ACHIEVEMENTS (1)

CAMBODIA

- 2019 Inter-Censal Ag Survey released (report + multidimensional tables + microdata) – first ag survey after 2013 Ag Census
- 2020 Survey conducted, data release is underway
- Technology adoption (Tablets + CAPI) leading to data quality improvements
- Country capacity strengthened
MAIN COUNTRY ACHIEVEMENTS (2)

NEPAL

• Chitwan pilot survey released (report, microdata underway)

• 2021 Commercial Livestock Farm Survey conducted, data release is underway

• Technology adoption (Tablets + CAPI) leading to data quality improvements

• Country capacity strengthened
MAIN COUNTRY ACHIEVEMENTS (3)

INDONESIA
- Survey instruments of the Agricultural Integrated Survey (SITASI) finalized
- Sampling methodology improved
- SDG calculations assessed, in view of future improvements
Other countries to join:

3 countries have applied in September 2021

Still opportunity for 4-5 countries

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Objectives:

1. Raise Awareness/Increase Demand for Data Use
2. Establish Networks of Decision-Makers
3. Facilitate Learning/Sharing

Target Audience:

- Decision-Makers/Data Intermediaries across sectors:
  - Public Sector/Government
  - Civil society organizations/Media
  - Donor/development organizations
  - Academic/Research institutions
  - Private sector organizations

Dates:

- Yearly. Theme for 2021: "Intensifying Data Use: The Role of Data Intermediary"
- From 30 November – 2 December (Virtual)
- 4 consecutive hours per day

Free Registration Required at: https://matchboxvirtual.com/50x2030_global_data_use_conference
PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS

- Countries are recommended to develop an integrated system for agricultural statistics through effective governance, strategic planning, integrated surveys and use of master sample frames.

- Countries are recommended to scale up the adoption of innovative and cost-effective methodologies for agricultural surveys, including technology.

- Countries are recommended to use the available agricultural statistics for investment and sectorial plans, policy design and monitoring.

- Countries joining the Initiative are expected to show high level commitment – i.e., ensure a progressive technical and financial take over of the survey programme, make human resources available for the activity implementation and improve the visibility, governance and planning of ag statistics.
Thank you!

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