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Indian Initiatives on International Cooperation in Statistics

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Indian Technical & Economic Cooperation Programme (ITEC)

- India is a staunch proponent and practitioner of South-South Cooperation.
- Ministry of External Affairs Govt. of India organises capacity building programmes under Indian Technical & Economic Cooperation Programme (ITEC).
- ITEC is the flagship programme of the Indian Government's capacity building effort.
- The ITEC Programme is fully funded by the Government of India.

Coverage of ITEC Programme

- The ITEC Programme is essentially bilateral in nature.
- In recent years, its activities have also been associated with regional and multilateral organizations and cooperation.
- Under ITEC, 161 countries have benefitted by sharing the Indian developmental experience.

Components of ITEC

Besides other components, the ITEC Programme include the following;

- Training for ITEC partner countries.
- Assistance on projects and project related activities such as feasibility studies and consultancy services.
- Deputation of Indian experts abroad.
- Study Tours.

Role of Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MOSPI)

- MOSPI, Government of India, is nodal agency for development of statistical system in the country.
- MOSPI over the period has entered into a number of MOUs/bilateral cooperation in the field of official statistics.
- These agreements broadly relate to;
 - Importance of generating reliable official statistics about economic and social conditions of countries.
 - The need to develop and mutually benefit from cooperation in the area of statistics.
 - Fosters coordination and collaboration on development of official statistics.
 - Creates link and to increase exchanges between the parties for statistical services and support best practices.

The Approach

The objectives are achieved through;

- Coordination meetings, ad-hoc consultations.
- Sharing knowledge and experience in the areas of statistics.
- Facilitating exchange of statistical data.
- Organising trainings of statistical personnel.
- Arranging of exposure/study visits of managers and statisticians to share expertise.
- Nominating/deputing experts to other countries.

Recent Initiatives of MOSPI

- National Academy of Statistical Administration (NASA) under the MOSPI is a premier Institute fostering human resource development in Official Statistics, it came into existence in 2009.
- The Academy, having state-of-art facilities for training, boarding and lodging etc., is committed to building official statistics capacities at National and International level.
- The NASA provides trainings to statistical personnel from both within country, mainly from the National and State Governments and foreign participants.

Training Organized by NASA

International Training programmes organized by NASA are broadly classified into following three categories;

- International Training Programme for ISEC Participants.
- Training for SAARC and other Developing Countries.
- Partnership with Other Countries/International Organizations.

International Training Programme for ISEC Participants

- NASA conducts six-week training in official statistics for the International Statistical Education Centre (ISEC) participants.
- Main purpose of this course is to provide exposure in theoretical and applied statistics at various levels.
- Participants for this programme are from developing countries from Middle –East, South and South – East Asia, the Far- East and from Commonwealth countries in Africa.
- Most of the candidates are officials who have experience in Statistical work, a few are teachers, and research workers in statistics.

Training for SAARC and Other Developing Countries

- NASA has been organizing specialized statistical training courses on statistical methodology and official statistical system.
- Participants are statisticians from SAARC and other Developing Countries.
- The SAARC programmes are conducted as per requirements of SAARC countries.

Partnership with Other Countries / International Organizations

- NASA has signed MOU with several international organisations including SAARC countries, Eurostat and UNSIAP for Capacity Building.
- A few countries like Afghanistan & Mongolia have entered into agreements with India for provision of training programme for capacity development to their statistical personnel.
- Generally, under these agreements, NASA organizes the training programmes in India. NASA also provides technical support and facilitates such training programmes in their own countries.
- These programmes are funded by foreign countries/agencies.

Funding Pattern

- Broad heads of training expenses are course fee, other expenses like boarding & lodging, local transport, etc.
- National Academy of Statistical Administration (NASA) does not charge course fee from International organizations/country.
- For SAARC and UNSIAP training programmes, all the expenses are borne by NASA.
- For demand based ISEC training programmes, all the expenses, except course fee, is borne by the respective country/organization.

Broad Topics of the Trainings

- Agriculture Statistics including Animal Husbandry and Horticulture, crop area estimation and use of GIS Technology.
- National Accounts Statistics and Price Statistics .
- Economics Statistics.
- Demography, Social Statistics and Gender Statistics.
- Planning and Designing of Sample Survey.
- Time-Use Surveys
- Data Processing, Analysis and Report writing using Statistical Software packages (STATA).

Recent International Training Programmes by NASA

- NASA conducted 15 International training / workshops/ seminars during 2012-13 .
- Nine International training/ workshops/ seminars are proposed to be conducted during 2013-14

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Assistance for Development of Statistics in other Countries

- Besides training, several Indian experts have been deputed to various countries and international organizations to provide technical assistance.
- India would be willing to share its experience/expertise for development of statistical system in other countries.

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