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Outline

- In-depth Capacity Assessment in Bangladesh
- Gap Areas Identified in IdCA
- Proposals of IdCA
- Initiative undertaken
- SPARS in Bangladesh-Progress so far

In-depth Capacity Assessment in Bangladesh

- IdCA was done in 2014 in Bangladesh
- Technical support provided by FAO
- The Report is available in FAO and BBS website
- Scope of ARS in Bangladesh
- Country specific core indicator identified
- Strengths and Gaps of ARS identified
- Proposals for improvement of ARS

Major Gaps Identified

- Unavailability of long term strategic plan
- Methodologies are not updated
- Inadequate documentation of methods
- Inadequate statistical infrastructure (expertise)
- Inadequate financial resources
- Management and coordination problems among ministries/departments
- Limited training capacity

Proposals in IdCA Report

- Development of SPARS
- Assessment and improvement of existing methodology
- Development of Integrated Framework for census and survey
- Strengthening analytical capacity of institution
- Strengthening coordination mechanism
- Human capacity building
- Promoting ICT applications
- Sensitizing respondents and users

Initiative Undertaken

- Preparation of SPARS
 - Assessment and improvement of existing crop estimation methodology
 - Preparation of Food Balance Sheet
- (All are supported by FAO)

SPARS in Bangladesh

Importance

- Rural Population (77%)
- Dominance of rural sector (Agri GDP 17%)
- Employment generation (45% in agriculture sector)
- Internal demand of food is high
- Agricultural production is prominent

SPARS- in Bangladesh- Progress so far

- First consultation meeting of related ministry held
- International and national consultants are working
- Strategic Goals identified
- Preparation of Strategic Plan and final SPARS document is in process

Eight Strategic Goals of SPARS

- Improve competencies of NSS to produce core data, internationally comparable
- Strengthening Capacity to adopt cost effective and scientific census and survey methodology
- Implementing census and survey calendar
- Developing Comprehensive Human Resource mechanism
- Enhance participating role of official statisticians in development planning
- Improve ICT infrastructure and ARS
- Establishing better partnership and better coordination
- Determining evolving data demand

Steps Awaiting

- Finalize and Publish SPARS after necessary approval by the GoB
- Crop estimation methodology to be developed and implemented
- Master sample frame for crop, fisheries and livestock estimation
- Take necessary initiative to implement remaining IdCA proposals

Thank You