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Progress of RAP work in Samoa

- ▣ IdCA was endorsed by Government (November 2014)
- ▣ Country proposal was endorsed by Government (November 2014)
- ▣ FAO funded TCP nearing completion
- ▣ SPARS in development stage

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Implementation of FAO Funded Technical Cooperation Program

- ▣ TCP output 5 activities contd.
 - Develop the agriculture module survey tool
 - Support the trial and adoption of the agriculture module to be linked to the 2016 Population and Housing Census
 - Support the adoption of a 10 – year strategy for the regular collection of core agriculture sector data

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Background on Samoa's National Framework

- ▣ Samoa Strategy for the Development of Samoa
 - National Overarching Development Goals
- ▣ Sector Plans
 - 15 Sectors each have sector plans that must align with national development priorities
- ▣ Corporate Plans
 - Ministerial plans to support sector priorities and outcomes

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Background on Samoa's National Framework

- ▣ Samoa Strategy for the Development of Samoa
 - National Overarching Development Goals
- ▣ Sector Plans
 - Samoa Strategy for the Development of Statistics 2011 - 2021
 - ▣ National censuses and surveys. Not much detail regarding agriculture statistics
 - Samoa Agriculture Sector Plan
 - ▣ 2010 - 2015 in the review process to be updated

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Data gaps / Weaknesses in agriculture statistical system

- ▣ Data gaps / weaknesses in agricultural statistics
 - Lack of crop and livestock production data
 - Agricultural statistics system not well established
 - Frequency of agriculture data availability - low
 - Lack of coordination between producers and users of agricultural statistics
 - Current agriculture sector plan does not have an M & E framework

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Development of SPARS in Samoa

- ▣ The intention is to put SPARS in the agricultural sector plan currently under preparation
- ▣ SPARS will make improving statistics an integral part of agricultural development and provide a direct link between statistics and the M & E system for agricultural sector plan

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How SPARS will address the gaps and weaknesses

- ▣ SPARS will look at building an agricultural statistics system based on a combination of data sources and collections
- ▣ This will involve the ministry conducting their own collections to supplement data coming out of SBS

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How SPARS will address the gaps and weaknesses

- ▣ SBS censuses and surveys – to provide five – yearly structural data
- ▣ Regular market surveys (SBS, fisheries, livestock) to collect supply / price data – these are useful in the absence of production data
- ▣ Administrative reporting system from village officials – a system already exists; needs to be strengthened
- ▣ Agricultural topics in SBS censuses and surveys – SBS does a census / survey in most years so there is some limited data collected regularly
- ▣ Administrative systems in MAF – useful data are already available but currently it is not organized properly and is difficult to access
- ▣ Small surveys / collections done by MAF to get in – depth data or production factors (eg livestock slaughtering rates, crop activity)

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Summary and Conclusion

- ▣ Government of Samoa remains committed to revitalizing the agriculture sector under the national development framework
- ▣ Agriculture survey 2015 report is slated to be released in June 2016
- ▣ Development of SPARS for Samoa is underway and is slated to be launched in July 2016

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