



GLOBAL STRATEGY TO IMPROVE AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL STATISTICS

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY AND OVERVIEW OF BUDGET

GLOBAL ACTION PLAN

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Establishment of Global Office and Regional Offices and Steering Committees

The roll-out of the action plan will begin with:

- Setting up of a Global Office (GO) at FAO and a Global Strategy Steering Committee.
- Regional coordinating offices and regional steering committees will be established as well.
 - Africa has established both its Regional Steering Committee and Regional Office located at AfDB
 - In Asia, a Regional Steering Committee has also been established



Process to Implement the Strategy

Selection of Pilot Countries and testing the implementation strategy

- In order to start the activities in the first year without delay a limited number of countries will be selected to test implementation strategy.
- Selection criteria will include:
 - *Political will and commitment* of the Government.
 - Existence of *active donor interest* in the country to provide support for implementation of the data collection activities.
 - Possible complementarities with the relevant *ongoing planning activities (NSDS)*.
 - Complementarities with other relevant *ongoing or planned large-scale statistical activities* such as population censuses, agricultural censuses, or household surveys.
- Additional criteria:
 - *Importance of agriculture.*
 - *Level of statistical development.*



Process to Implement the Strategy

Implementation steps

Stage 1: Conduct country assessment using standard questionnaire as basis for grouping countries

- questionnaire prepared and tested in Africa,
- assessment to be conducted in Asia) soon

Levels of Statistical Development:

- *Level 5.*
 - More than 80 percent of the minimum set of core data produced on a regular basis + recent agricultural census or population census with questions on agriculture.
 - Existing NSDS with an agriculture component
 - Functioning coordination system in place.
 - Elements of a master sample frame from the census or use area frames.



Process to Implement the Strategy

Implementation steps

Stage 1: (Continued)

- *Level 4.* produces 50–80 percent of the core data items and has over two-thirds of the other elements noted for level 5
- *Level 3.* Country produces 30–50 percent of the core data items and has about half of the level 5 elements.
- *Level 2.* Country produces less than 30 percent of the core data items and has less than a third of the level 5 elements
- *Level 1* (fragile and post conflict countries).



Process to Implement the Strategy

Implementation steps

Identification and selection of Countries for Phase 1 (5 years).

Steps include:

- Use of selection criteria for pilot countries after grouping countries according to level of SD to identify and select target countries
- Particular emphasis is on willingness to participate and commitment to supporting implementation of the GS by seeking the necessary resources to ensure sustainable development through indication of resources from the national system or adequate budgetary provisions for agricultural statistics activities.
- Countries selected will be subject to an in-depth assessment.



Process to Implement the Strategy

Implementation steps

- ***Stage 2: In-depth Assessment and Preparation of Country Proposals***
- In selected countries, in-depth evaluation to be conducted through country visits.
- Assessment will include *user's needs assessment, review of the quality of the data currently being provided and a first analysis of the improvements needed.*
- Regional Offices will assist countries (if needed) to identify their priority assistance needs and prepare country proposals for funding.
- Country proposals, with cost estimates, will be submitted to the Trust Fund for approval by Regional SC and disbursement of funds.
- Global and Regional offices to provide technical assistance and training to support the implementation efforts.



Implementation of Country Activities

At the country level:

- Overall implementation will be articulated in the National Strategies for the Development of Statistics.
- Development of the Sector Strategic Plan for Agricultural and Rural Statistics (SSPARS) will be a major activity in many countries, supported by technical assistance and training.
- Depending on the country situation, activities to strengthen capacity and improve the methods, availability, and quality of statistics can take place in parallel with the preparation of the sector strategic plans.



Indicative Budget

- The Global Action Plan and the Regional Plan for Africa contains detailed budgets based for Phase 1.

- These estimates are based for funding requirements for activities at country level, regional level and global level for research, training, technical assistance and governance.



Indicative Budget

Country-Level Activities

The main activities included in the cost estimates are the following:

- Assessing and preparing country proposal
- Strengthening the national governance
- Developing SSPARS as a component of NSDS
- Harmonizing and disseminating data
- Applying new, cost-effective methods
- Training



Indicative Budget

Regional-Level Activities:

The main activities at the regional level will be as follows:

- Supporting the country assessments and preparation of proposals
- Providing and coordinating technical assistance—supporting twinning arrangements, organizing study tours, facilitating exchanges of experience between countries
- Contributing to research efforts
- Adapting advocacy materials prepared at the global level to regional conditions
- Organizing regional workshops, training of trainers
- Supporting improvements in the capabilities of the regional training centers
- Monitoring and evaluating of country-level and regional-level activities and reporting



Indicative Budget

Global-Level Activities

The activities at the global level will support the regional offices in the development of their detailed activity programs and the implementation of those programs. The support will include:

- Organizing meetings of the Steering Committee
- Supporting preparation of regional programs
- Preparing standards and guidelines
- Training the trainers
- Organizing global-level workshops
- Preparing advocacy materials
- Facilitating cross-regional exchanges and so forth
- Coordinating and implementing the methodological research component using centers of excellence in various regions
- Carrying out interregional coordination and overall monitoring and evaluation of the action plan.



Indicative Budget to Implement the Global Action Plan

- The budget for the Africa Plan has been presented and is available in the publication and the different scenarios have been discussed. To note that an important share of this cost is for Research that will also benefit other regions
- The cost for the first five years for the rest of the regions is estimated at about \$36.106 million. To note that this estimation takes into account ongoing support as reported by PARIS21 PRESS and represents the additional resources needed. The start-up cost of initiating the activities and implementing the plan in the 8–10 pilot countries for the first three years is estimated at \$12.022 million
- During the last two years and half years a considerable amount of work has been carried out on preparing the Global Strategy and the Global Action Plan.
- FAO, AfDB and the World Bank have contributed staff time and consultants for a total amount of more than 2 millions \$. This effort was also supported by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.



Thank you!

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