

Where / Who?

To date, CountrySTAT is present in several regions in the world. On a longer-term basis, CountrySTAT will reach global coverage.



- 1 At country level main activities are managed by a coordinating body called the National Secretariat and the Technical Working Group of CountrySTAT
- 2 With the help of regional organizations data among the countries is harmonized allowing them to use the same standards and tools to disseminate official national statistics

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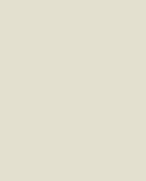
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Why?

"The quantity and quality of data coming from national official sources has been on a steady decline since the early 1980s, particularly in Africa."

(*Independent External Evaluation of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, 2006*)



Access to **timely and reliable data** on food and agriculture is crucial for the monitoring of national trends and the formulation of national agricultural and food security policies.

In many countries the access to quality statistics on food and agriculture can be difficult due to limited resources for the **collection, data processing, analysis, and dissemination**.

CountrySTAT is a **web-based information system** for statistics on food and agriculture at **regional, national and subnational levels**. Created as a response to the weakened state of agricultural statistics in many countries, it supports multiple-sourced data **integration and harmonization according to international standards** and ensures data quality and reliability.

CountrySTAT implements international standards and uses advanced FAOSTAT technology.



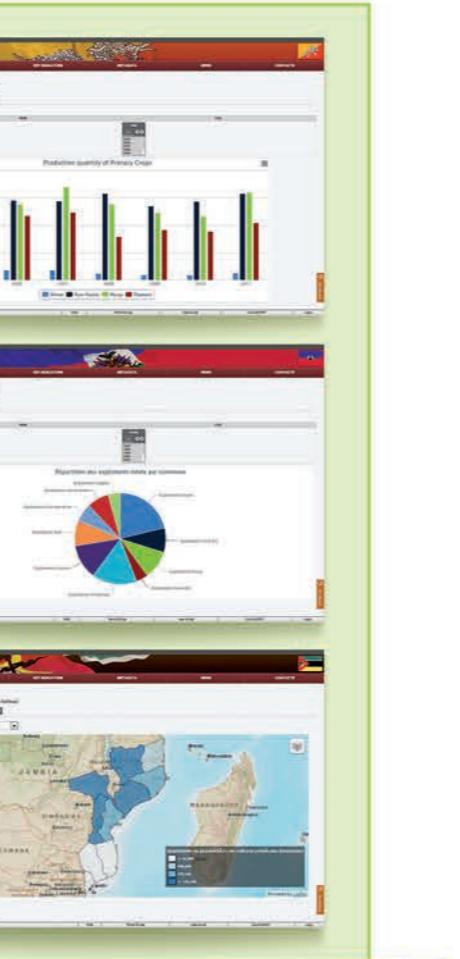
How?

CountrySTAT is based on the **FENIX platform**, which uses the same open-source technology as the FAOSTAT family. Its objective is to **improve access to food and agricultural statistics**, which can:

- 1 Support data analysis and **evidence-based decision-making**
- 2 Facilitate **informed policy-making** and monitoring with the **goal of eradicating extreme poverty and hunger**
- 3 Ensure **long-term sustainability** by developing capacity of regional and national experts
- 4 Improve **data quality**



CountrySTAT maps visualize data on subnational level



Facilitated analysis of data coming from various sources

What?

Customizable, open-source information system for food and agriculture statistics.

- 1 **Easy access** to quality statistics on food and agriculture at sub-national, national and regional levels
- 2 **A reliable instrument** for monitoring national and regional food security programmes
- 3 Country-owned, **sustainable** and **accountable**
- 4 Based on **international standards**
- 5 Comparable and **consistent data** among countries
- 6 **Quick access** to maps, tables and charts
- 7 **Efficient** web-based data management and dissemination tools
- 8 Facilitates the **exchange** of data and metadata
- 9 **Capacity-development** and strengthening of institutional partnerships
- 10 **Technical assistance** from FAO experts
- 11 **Training** on latest technology for data elaboration

SUCCESS STORY

CAMEROON

With its launch in February 2010, CountrySTAT Cameroon was the eighth country to join the Data Network on Food and Agriculture. Consisting of the National Committee, the Technical Working Group and the National Secretariat, CountrySTAT has been working hard and continuously to establish a **functioning and reliable database** for national food and agriculture statistics. Cameroon's Ministry of Agriculture had such confidence in the system, that it has fully integrated it into its programme at the end of 2010, providing all necessary funding. What began as an FAO-assisted project for data harmonization and dissemination is now an **independent** part of the Ministry of Agriculture responsible for the integration and harmonization of official national data. In fact, CountrySTAT Cameroon has become a **reliable instrument** for policy-making. It contributes to Cameroon's National Programme of Food Security by analysing the state of food security in the country and provides timely information to the government.