

INDONESIA

Country Challenges

Indonesia's vast area and large, scattered population makes producing good agricultural statistics a constant challenge. An archipelago of more than 17,000 islands that spreads from Southeast Asia into the Pacific, it has a young population and a rapidly developing economy. Its rural population makes up almost 50 percent of all citizens, and close to 39 percent of all citizens are employed in agriculture. The statistics system in Indonesia is centralized, making coordination with local authorities difficult. Though other ministries can collect statistics, only the central statistics bureau, Badan Pusat Statistik (BPS), has the authority to disseminate them. The methodology used in key annual survey programmes is outdated, and a sound statistical approach for the estimation of the cost structure of timber production is needed, as timber is one of the country's most important industries. A review of surveys of another important industry, aquaculture and fisheries, is also a priority.



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Global Strategy Solutions

An In-depth Country Assessment (IdCA) by the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics in Asia Pacific recommended a number of actions for Indonesia. Methodologies for annual surveys need to be improved, including those for food crops, estate crops, horticulture and livestock. Local government ministries must be provided better resources with respect to their responsibilities, and coordination with these ministries and national government agencies needs to be boosted. Fisheries and aquaculture surveys should be reviewed and enhanced where possible. Additionally, a more sound statistical approach should be initiated for the estimation of the cost structure of timber production.

Current Country Work

The Global Strategy in Asia Pacific is collaborating with the Indonesian Government and relevant agencies, including the BPS, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, and Ministry of Environment and Forestry, to activate an ambitious plan that will meet the country's agricultural and rural statistics needs. The plan will concentrate on the following actions.

- Conduct a more statistically sound rice, maize and soybean survey
- Develop a strategic plan for agricultural and rural statistics
- Improve livestock statistics
- Increase human resource capacity
- Increase institutional capacity

Towards a Statistics Secure Future

Indonesia has advanced towards its goal of improved agricultural and rural statistics through receiving four missions and conducting three workshops in support of Global Strategy work. This has resulted in the completion of four key reports, including an In-depth Country Assessment and country proposal for improving agricultural and rural statistics, a road map for a Strategic Plan for Agriculture and Rural Statistics (SPARS) and a SPARS first draft. The Government has already endorsed the IdCA and is in an advanced stage in SPARS preparation, which is expected to be completed by mid-2016.



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