



Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics: Identified needs of Bangladesh

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The National Statistical System in Bangladesh

- The **Statistics Act 2013** entrusts BBS with the responsibility to collect, disseminate and coordinate official statistics, including censuses and surveys.
 - The act envisages the BBS supports and coordinates the efforts of line ministries.
- A **National Strategy for Development of Statistics (NSDS)** was developed in 2013 which provides the framework for the development of official statistics until 2023.
 - 61 Strategic goals are identified. More than half of these goals are in line with the Global Strategy
 - About 30 strategic goals are already being implemented.

Work Environment

- **Government Commitment to Improve Agricultural Statistics**
- NSDS already in place to improve NSS
- Good progress has been made to improve Inter-Ministerial Coordination under FAO project to improve Paddy yield estimation
- Working with FAO, BMGF, USAID, NASS, USDA, KOICA, JAICA etc.
- **Strategic Plan for Agricultural Statistics should be based on NSDS and support Agriculture Sector development plans in the national planning process.**

Short-Medium Term Needs

- Design of a **Strategic Plan for Agriculture and Rural Statistics (SPARS)** in Bangladesh that will involve:
 - (1) Strengthening the **coordination**, having clear definition of institutional roles of agencies based upon relative comparative advantages and resource sharing
 - (2) Establishing an national **integrated plan of surveys** for agricultural and rural statistics which is shared among agencies
 - (3) A clear strategy outlining a **framework of ARS that is integrated with the NSDS**
- ✓ SPARS will set a path of development of ARS

Strengthening Coordination among Stakeholders

- Identified Gap:
 - There is **no Formal coordination mechanism** focused on agricultural and rural statistics.
 - Need to consider some country experiences
- Planned Activities:
 - Develop a **proposal for establishing a coordination mechanism** involving line ministries, data producers and users, based upon good practices.
- Impact:
 - Enhanced synergies between players to improve quantity and quality of information
 - Avoid duplication of efforts and ensure pooling of resources to build a sustainable ARS System.

Establishing an Integrated Plan of Surveys

- Identified Gap:
 - There is **no comprehensive national calendar of ARS surveys**
 - Existing **Surveys do not fully meet national needs**
 - **Sampling frames are not complete and out dated**
- Planned Activities:
 - Develop an **integrated plan for surveys and a survey calendar** prepared in consultation with all stakeholders based upon a **master sampling frame**.
- Impact:
 - Ensures the **efficient use of available scarce resources**
 - **Avoid conflicting statistics.**

Drafting of a *Strategic Plan for Agriculture and Rural Statistics (SPARS)*

- Identified Gap:
 - There is **no long term specific strategy** for the development of agricultural and rural statistics (ARS) in the country.
- Based on a strategy that outlines a framework of ARS that is integrated with the NSDS, the SPARS will cover:
 - Strengthen agricultural **crop estimation**;
 - Improving **analytical capacity** of relevant agencies;
 - **Human capacity building**;
 - Application of **ICT** in the country.
- Impact:
 - **Ensures that the statistical system sustainably generates coherent, reliable, trusted, gender responsive and demand driven statistics** on the agricultural and rural sector to support policy formulation and decision making in the country

Thank You!



Government of Bangladesh
will welcome partnership and collaboration.