

Agricultural Statistics

IN ASIA PACIFIC



Overview of FAO's Activities in ASEAN countries

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Outline

1. Global Strategy
2. FAO technical cooperation in ASEAN
3. Possibilities of collaboration with ASEAN
4. APCAS secretariat



1. Global Strategy - Overview

- An initiative of the UNSC to be implemented in 90 countries in the world and 20 countries in Asia Pacific region over 5 years
- Developed through extensive consultation with international organizations, national stakeholders and NGSs
- Focus on Strategic Planning, Capacity Building, and Research





Impact

- Improve evidence-based decision making for poverty reduction, food security, sustainable agriculture and rural development



Outcome

- Enable target countries to develop sustainable agricultural statistical systems
- Dissemination of accurate and timely agricultural and rural statistics, that are comparable over time and across countries.



Scope

Agriculture

Water

Forestry

Environment

Livestock

Fisheries

Crops



3 pillars of Global Strategy

Establish a
minimum set
of core data

Integrate
agriculture
into NSSs

Foster
sustainable
agricultural
statistical
systems



Governance

Global Office acts
as the Secretariat
of the GSC

Global Steering
Committee

National
Strategy
Coordinator

Regional Office acts
as Secretariat of RSC

Regional
Steering
Committees

Lead agency
at national level

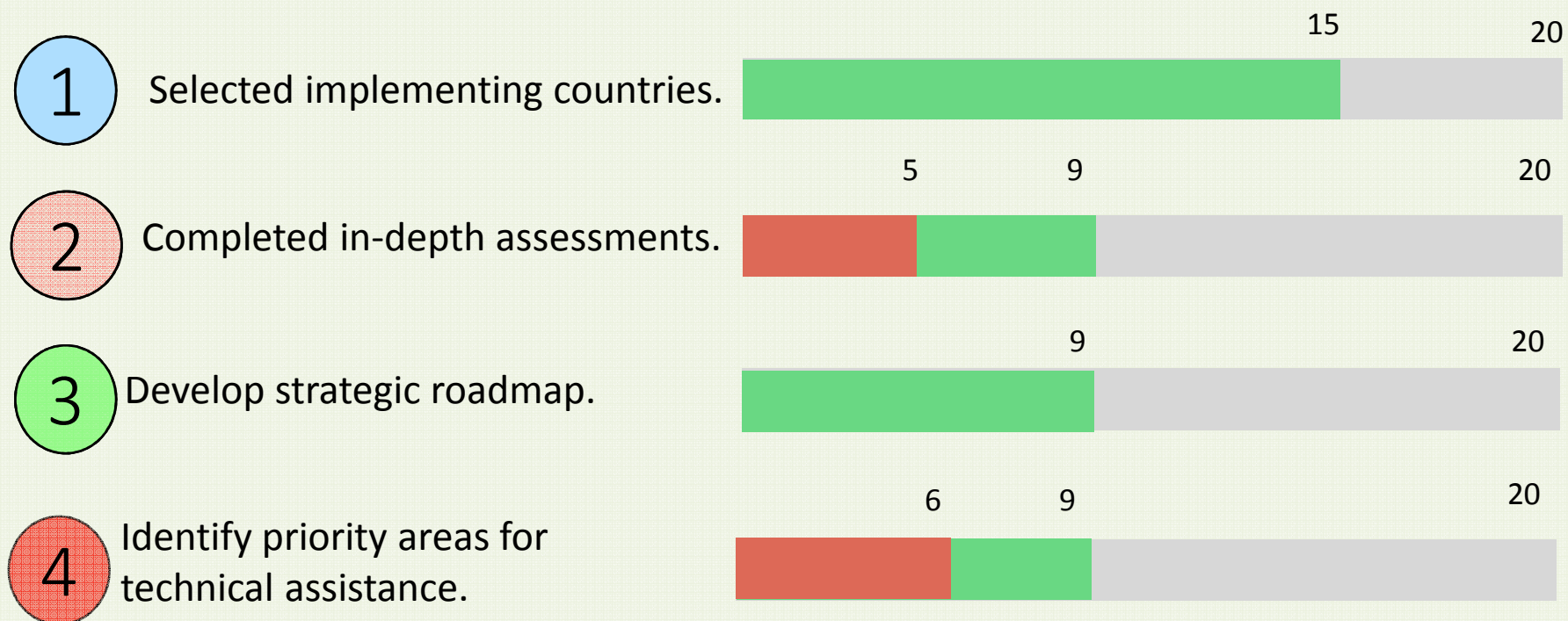


Country Selection Criteria

- Political will
- Commitment to improve agricultural statistics
- Synergies with ongoing or planned large-scale statistical activities e.g. Ag Census
- Importance of agriculture
- Level of statistical development
- Active interest by resource partners



Implementation update



Bangladesh, Bhutan, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Samoa, Sri Lanka,



Proposed activities

- Developing Institutional Infrastructure
 - Providing Technical Assistance on methodological issues
 - Validation of Research
 - Human Capacity Building through Training
- Synergizing with resource partners





Impact so far

- ✓ Improved recognition of importance of agricultural statistics
- ✓ Greater appreciation for coordinated efforts between NSO and Line Ministries
- ✓ Improved willingness to adopt best practices across countries
- ✓ Better informed stakeholders and their active participation
- ✓ Enhanced constituency of champions of agricultural statistics



Challenges

- Weak institutional infrastructure
 - Overlapping roles and responsibilities
 - Lack of coordination
 - Absence of strategic planning to improve agricultural statistics on NSDS lines
- Outdated methodologies; non adoption of latest technological tools
- Subjective methods or administrative reporting systems
- Inadequate financial and human resources
- Diversity of administrative arrangements for statistical activities across countries.
 - Package of best practices needed



6 areas needing support

- 1 Help countries to develop strategic plan for ARS
- 2 Methodological improvements for better estimation of crops, livestock, forestry and fisheries production
- 3 Introducing the latest data collection technologies (GIS, GPS, RS)
- 4 Improve administrative reporting systems
- 5 Harmonizing data from different sources
- 6 Conducting national surveys and censuses



2. FAO Technical Cooperation in ASEAN

- **Food Security Information**

- TCP/PHI/3401 - Establishment of the **Philippine Food Security Information System** (PHIL-FSIS).
- TCP/RAS/3409 - Building statistical capacity for quality food security and nutrition information in support of better informed policies for Bangladesh, Lao PDR, **Philippines** and Nepal.

- **Agricultural Census**

- GCP/CMB/040/MUL - First National Census of Agriculture in Cambodia



3. Possibilities of collaboration with ASEAN

FAO participated in the ASEAN events:

- EU-ASEAN Capacity Building Project for Monitoring Integration Progress and Statistics (COMPASS) Program Launch (14 Oct 2014)
- ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) Committee Meeting (15-16 Oct 2014)



3. Possibilities of collaboration with ASEAN

Feedback from the events:

- EU-COMPASS Program seeks to strengthen ASEAN regional integration and regional statistics through:
 - ✓ Improved dissemination and communication of ASEAN statistics
 - ✓ Regional Cooperation and Capacity Building in Statistics (ASEAN assist ASEAN)
- Focus areas for ASEAN statistics:
 - ✓ International Merchandise Trade Statistics, (IMTS)
 - ✓ Foreign Direct Investment Statistics (FDIS)
 - ✓ Statistics in International Trade in Services(SITS)
- **Agricultural statistics not yet a priority area for ACSS and EU-COMPASS**

Opportunities:

- Better information exchange between two organizations
 - ✓ Through coordinated efforts at country level
- Better monitoring of food security situation for ASEAN members by
 - ✓ Including improvement of Agri-stat in ASEAN programme
 - ✓ Partnership for GS implementation in AP – participation in RSC of GS
 - ✓ Cooperation on Technical Assistance / Training activities



4. APCAS Secretariat

- The biennial meetings of the Commission are organized to:
 - (i) assess the current status of food and agricultural statistical development in member countries;
 - (ii) inform the member countries about the FAO activities in food and agricultural statistics during the preceding biennium, particularly in Asia and the Pacific; and
 - (iii) discuss new developments in agricultural statistics.
- Next 26th session will be organized in Bhutan in 2016





Thank you

