

# Workshop on Strategic Planning for Agriculture and Rural Statistics

## Statistical System in Myanmar

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# Introduction:

- **Myanmar is an agricultural country and agriculture sector is the backbone of the country's economy.**
- **Agriculture sector contributes 44% of GDP, 34% of total export earnings and employs 61.4% of the labor force.**
- **75% of the total population reside in rural areas and are principally engaged in agriculture.**

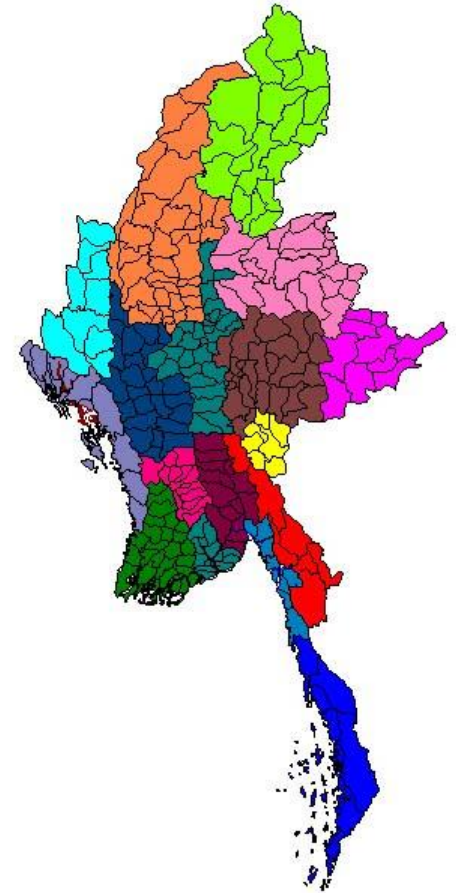
# Myanmar



7 Region and 7 States 1 council



65 Districts



324 Townships

**14 States/Divisions**

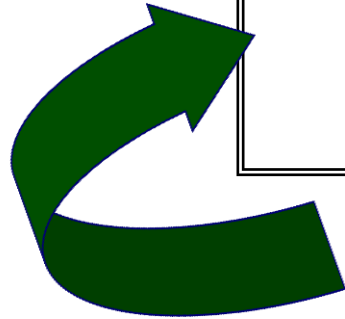
**1 council**

**65 Districts**

**324 Townships**

**13,759 village tracts**

**Basic Administration Unit is  
Village tract Peace and  
Development Council**



# Statistical System of Myanmar

- The statistical system in Myanmar is decentralized
- Three ministries, namely, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Ministry of Forestry and Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries are the sole government agencies for food and agricultural statistics.
- For summarizing of the country's statistics the Central Statistical Organization compiles data and information from the concerned statistical agencies and publishes the data in the Statistical Yearbook.

## Collection of Statistics in Sub-sectors

- There are several statistical agencies for collecting, compiling and disseminating of Agriculture and related statistics in Myanmar, some major statistics agencies are:

### **(1) Settlement and Land Records Department (SLRD)**

- A sole government agency under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.
- Responsible for collecting, compiling and disseminating agricultural statistics.
- Particularly for production statistics, such as planted area, harvested area, yield and production of crops.
- Also responsible for land use statistics and agricultural land management.
- Always keep the close relation and collaboration with the relevant departments and ministries.

## (2) Planning Department (PD)

- Is also a government department under the Ministry of National planning and Economic Development.
- Responsible for measuring the growth of national economy including agriculture

## (3) Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department (LBVD)

- Under the Ministry of livestock and fisheries.
- Collect, compile and disseminate the livestock production statistics.
- Also responsible for animal health and livestock development activities.

## (4) Department of Fisheries (DOF)

- one of the department under the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries.
- Responsible for the management of fisheries, conservation of fishery resources and compilation of fishery statistics.

## **(5) Other Government Agencies related to Agriculture**

### **(a) Department of Population (DOP)**

- Under the Ministry of immigration and population.
- Responsible for conducting population censuses and demographic surveys.
- Estimating the national population including States / Divisions population figures and urban / rural population figures.

### **(b) Department of Labour (DOL)**

- Under the Ministry of Labour.
- Conducts Labour force surveys and disseminates agricultural labour force statistics.

### **(c) Forestry Department**

- Under the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forest
- Responsible for forestry and environmental information.

## Central Statistical Organization (CSO)

- A sole national statistics organization under the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development.
- emphasized on national level economic and social statistics.
- Collaborates with the SLRD for the agricultural production and land use statistics and also have relationships between other agencies.
- Compiles various data from both public and private sectors conducting sample surveys.

# Data collection system in Myanmar

- **Data Collection Methods**

- Administrative Records
- Regular Surveys
- Surveys base on specific requirement of Information
- Census

- **Data Source**

- Government Organizations
- Informal sector (Private organizations)

## Information Dissemination

- CSO is responsible for official dissemination of national statistical information.
- National Statistical Information are published annually
- Some selected data are published monthly as Selected Monthly Economic Indicators
- All government organizations published their collected information only for official use

## Funding for statistical activities

CSO is a main part in the statistical system functions at national level

Line Ministries stipulate their budget for their statistical activities

# conclusion

- Myanmar Statistical system is highly decentralized
- Capacity to produce quality statistics is also depends on the capacitive of line Ministries
- To respond effectively on the information requirement, survey capabilities to carry out large national basic surveys
- capacity building in IT is need to build up for process data in timely manner

Need more focus on

- collection and compilation of community level statistics
- collection and compilation of environmental statistics
- filling the data gaps in agriculture, livestock and fisheries development