

# Global Strategy

IMPROVING AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL STATISTICS

IN **ASIA PACIFIC**



## Agenda2-2\_Progress of the Global Strategy in Asia and Pacific

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# What is the Global Strategy?

- An initiative of the United Nations Statistical Commission
- Provides a conceptual framework for an integrated approach to data collection
- Basis for a renewed initiative of capacity building in agricultural statistics: mobilization of resources



# Impact and Outcome

- **IMPACT**
  - Improve evidence-based decision making for poverty reduction, increased food security, sustainable agriculture and rural development
- **OUTCOME**
  - Enable target countries to develop sustainable statistical systems for production and dissemination of accurate and timely agricultural and rural statistics, comparable over time and across countries.



# The Three Pillars

- 1. Establish a minimum set of core data** that countries will disseminate on a regular basis to meet current and emerging demands
- 2. Integrate agriculture into NSSs** to meet the emerging requirements that statistical information be linked across the economic, social and environmental domains
- 3. Foster the sustainability of agricultural statistical systems** through governance and statistical capacity building



# Governance Mechanisms

- Effective governing bodies set up and functioning
- At global level
  - Global Steering Committee
  - Global Office to support GSC at FAO Rome
- At Regional level
  - Regional Steering Committee in each region
  - Regional Office to support RSC
  - Asia Pacific Regional Office at FAORAP Bangkok
- At National level
  - Selected Country identifies a Lead agency and nominates a senior official as National Strategy Coordinator
  - Task Force to be constituted to oversee process



# Implementation Process and Outputs

Process	Outputs
Country Assessment Questionnaire to obtain basic capacity information	Capacity Indicator Report
Classify Countries by capacity and other key criteria	
Select implementing countries	
Conduct in-depth assessments and identify priority areas needing improvement	IdCA Report
Develop Roadmap for Long Term Strategic Plans	Roadmap for SPARS
Identify Areas for Priority Assistance	Country Proposal
Implementation of endorsed activities	
-Developing Institutional Infrastructure	
-Technical assistance on methodological issues	
-Training assistance on human resource development	
Develop a long-term strategic plan	SPARS
Synergy of efforts with Resource Partners in implementing projects	Resource Use Efficiency

# Summary of Main Steps

- In-depth Country Assessment (IdCA)
  - Comprehensive assessment of a range of aspects of statistical capacity
  - Identification of areas of weakness
  - Output is an IdCA report endorsed by government
- Country Proposal
  - Based on IdCA information
  - Prioritized list of short-term activities needed to improve agricultural and rural statistics
  - For each activity, objectives, outcomes, tasks and costs are described
  - Output is a Country Proposal paper endorsed by government
  - GS can provide funding for some of these activities





# Summary of Main Steps, ctd

- Strategic Plan for Agricultural and Rural Statistics (SPARS)
  - A long term (10 year) strategy document
  - A key output from the Global Strategy
  - Intended to be compatible with
    - national strategies for the development of statistics, and
    - national development plans



# Progress in Asia Pacific

- Regional Action Plan (RAP) has been developed and approved
- Regional Steering Committee (RSC) is established
  - RSC guides implementation of the RAP
- Initial country assessment questionnaire completed for most countries
- Each year 4-6 countries are selected for intensive work
- Training activities have begun
- In addition, in 2015 a trial of a simplified Global Strategy implementation process will be conducted in a cluster of Pacific Island Countries (yet to be determined)



# Progress in Asia Pacific

Year	Country	Status
2013	Bangladesh (anchor country BMGF)	IdCA and Country Proposal completed
2013	Indonesia	IdCA completed, Country Proposal being prepared, SPARS Roadmap being prepared
2013	Sri Lanka	IdCA and Country Proposal completed
2013	Samoa	IdCA and Country Proposal completed
2013	Bhutan	IdCA and Country Proposal completed
2014	Fiji	IdCA nearing completion
2014	Georgia	First mission started late June
2014	Lao PDR	IdCA and Country Proposal nearing completion
2014	Myanmar	First mission undertaken in May
2015	Afghanistan	Not yet started
2015	Cambodia	Preliminary mission undertaken in late May
2015	Maldives	Not yet started
2015	Pakistan	Not yet started
2015	Papua New Guinea	Not yet started
2015	Viet Nam	First mission planned for early July

# Progress with In-country work in ASEAN countries

Country	Status of Activities
Cambodia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NSC nominated and Preliminary mission undertaken in May</li><li>• Preparatory activities under way in the country</li></ul>
Indonesia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IdCA Report has been endorsed by the Government</li><li>• RSC approval obtained for the project activity “SPARS development”</li><li>• First draft of the SPARS Roadmap prepared and shared with the Government</li></ul>
Myanmar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Government to formally nominate a new NSC</li><li>• NSDS work initiated by WB/ADB. Liaison established with NSDS team and the CSO to integrate SPARS with NSDS</li><li>• Mission in May 2015 was synchronized with WB mission</li></ul>
Lao PDR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• First draft of IdCA Report shared with Government and comments obtained</li><li>• RSC approval obtained on the Country proposal. Two activities approved “SPARS development” and “Improving the Administrative Reporting System for agricultural statistics”</li><li>• Draft SPARS Roadmap prepared and shared with the Government</li></ul>
Viet Nam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NSC nominated and First mission planned for early July</li></ul>

Thank You