

Country Paper of Myanmar

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Statistical system of Myanmar is basically a decentralized one. Central Statistical Organization stands as the central role functioning national level since 1952 whilst many of government ministries and governments have statistical unit to meet their needs. According to the statistical Authority Act No.34 of 1952, CSO can organize and collect the various statistical data from various sources for the benefit of the economic censuses or surveys to our economic need and requirements.

Data are collected for respective socio-economic sectors by 3 ways as follow;

- Statistics provided by concerned agencies
- Statistics jointly compiled by agencies concerned and CSO
- Statistics obtained from surveys conducted by CSO itself.

(a) Administrative record

Many government ministries set up their statistical units own to meet their needs. For the public sector relevant data are collected from administrative records of

the departments. It is still necessary to have more comprehensive provide sector statistics.

CSO published many statistical publications, such as Statistical Yearbook, Selected Monthly Economic Indicator, Agricultural Statistics, Livestock and Fisheries Statistics, Forestry Statistics, Statistical Profile of Children and Women, etc.... coordination with concerned agencies.

(b) Statistics jointly compiled by agencies concerned and CSO

Under the vital registration system Department of Health (DOH) is responsible for registration work and CSO is responsible for computing vital statistics. Because of this matter, the staffs from Vital statistics section need the training for coding of International Cause of Disease (ICD 10). The trade statistics release by CSO is based on the data provided by Customs Department.

(c) Statistics obtained from surveys conducted by CSO itself

CSO conduct national wide surveys and ad-hoc surveys every year. Manufacturing survey for all industrial zone have been conducted yearly. Household Income and Expenditure survey conducted once in five years. Other statistical survey like demographic survey, completeness of Vital Registration system, survey on children and women, Price survey, informal sector survey etc..

We have not been conducted the ICT survey and Transporting survey yet, we also want to conduct it. For this purpose, TOT training for median level as well as training for the junior statisticians need for training on survey methodology, sample design and sampling frame management for survey operation.

In our organization has mainly (3) Divisions, Statistics Division, Computer Division and Administrative Division. All of the statisticians collect, compile and analyse the statistical data for all fields. The computer operators and programmers work in the area of data processing and programming and the statistical software packages, etc. Others admin staffs work in admin affairs of all staffs. Among the total of (235) staffs, (138) staff are from statistics division and (56) staff are from computer division.

Recruitment

Human resources development consists of recruitment of new staff. Most of the recruited staff does not possess the professional skills generally needed by CSO. Therefore, CSO conducts the in-service training course to be able to train newly recruited staff.

We have used graduate recruitment programs specialized subject in Economics and Statistics to ensure new staff have required skills.

We have worked closely with Institute of Economics to ensure graduate programs meet the skills needs of CSO. Head of CSO is a member of the board of education of Institute of Economics, Yangon.

Development

Central Statistical Organization (CSO) does not have National Strategy for Development Plan of Statistics. But CSO adopts the annual works plan. The annual works plan includes staff development plan. Our Ministry is laid down the five Principal Mission. One of the Mission is to improve human capacity development. CSO has benefited from the formal training course seminars and workshop conducted by various international organizations. On the job training method is the most effective way for the development of professional skill of staff. The training method is gained from the practical experience from the job.

CSO held on the foreign scholarship examination every year, especially funded by international organization. CSO select the employees to participate in training based on their examination results and work performance.

Organizational Strategies

Professional Statistical development in CSO, Myanmar starts with recruitment of university graduates specialized subject in economics and statistics as deputy statistician. CSO conducts in-service refresher training to be able to attend newly recruited statistician. Up to now, CSO don't have staff membership professional associations but we formed technical committees to include the professional staff. There are no formal regular program for particular categories of staff to broaden their knowledge and skill. Hence, Institute of Economics of Yangon conducts the regular part time Diploma Statistics Course.

Other

The development in IT is more challenges working in the development and maintenance of the capability of national statistical services. Nowadays, the development in IT is faster than development of statistics. The fundamental importance of IT in statistical work, it is essential for national statistical offices to keep abreast of the latest technological advancements and to suitably apply them in the creation and delivery of new and improved statistical services.

Our government acknowledged the professional requirement of CSO. Therefore, Government permits the Staff of CSO to attend the overseas training as possible as can.

Capability of the national statistical service

There are no specific strategies for developing the professional capability of the national statistical services but CSO conducts the country course, workshop and seminar to fulfill the requirement of statistics in collaboration with international agencies. The development of professional capabilities is the most challenges because of human resources development consists of requirement of new staff and upgrading of working ability and skills of existing staff.