

# What Now?

- The *Global Strategy* is an attempt to address a number of these issues of quality and availability



## Global Strategy for Improving Agricultural & Rural Statistics



# What is the Global Strategy?

- An initiative of the FAO and World Bank developed under the auspices of the United Nations Statistical Commission
- Partnership between development agencies, developed and developing countries involving an extensive consultation process
- Basis for a renewed initiative of capacity building in agricultural and rural statistics: mobilization of resources
- Provides a conceptual framework to meet emerging requirements

## 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.

# Outputs

- Coordinating bodies of the NSS, legal frameworks and strategic plans established in target countries (by the countries) to enable the *integration of agriculture into the NSS*
- New *cost effective methods* for data collection, analysis and dissemination developed and disseminated
- Increased capability of regional training centres and target countries in building capacity to produce agricultural and rural statistics

# The Three Pillars

1. *Minimum set of core data* that countries will disseminate on a regular basis to meet current and emerging demands
2. *Integrate agriculture into national statistical systems* in order to meet the requirements of policy makers and other data users 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

# Global Strategy – Key Features

- Broadens the scope of agricultural statistics
  - Adds social and environmental dimensions to traditional economic statistics (production, farm income, etc)
  - Includes aspects of rural households, forestry, fishery
- Translates policy into statistical language
  - Provides methodology to connect data on farm holdings to rural households and to the natural environment – land
- Integrates agriculture into the NSS
  - Promotes coordination of efforts and data harmonization
  - Enables mobilization of resources

## Global Strategy – Broad Implementation

- Country Assessment Questionnaire to obtain basic capacity data
- Classify countries by capacity and other key criteria
- Select priority countries
- Conduct in-depth assessments
- Develop country proposals to improve statistics (detailed requirements for technical assistance, training and overall capacity building)
- Arrange or provide appropriate assistance

# Global Strategy: Asia-Pacific Region

- Regional Action Plan (RAP) has been developed and approved by FAO-APCAS and ESCAP Committee on Statistics
- Regional Steering Committee (RSC) established to guide implementation based on the RAP
- Three interlinked components:
  - Technical assistance, with FAORAP as coordinator
  - **Research, with Asian Development Bank as coordinator**
  - **Training, with Statistical Institute for Asia & the Pacific as coordinator**
- Target focused work with 20 countries from 2013-2017
  - 2013: **Bhutan**, Indonesia, Samoa, Sri Lanka, *Viet Nam, Lao PDR, Maldives*
  - 2014: [4-5 more]

## Country-Level Implementation

- Identify a National Strategy Coordinator in country
- Recruit national and international consultants to assist countries
- Conduct in-depth interviews with all stakeholders to identify aspects of current statistical demand and capacity
- Create a road map for development of a SSPARS
- Produce a country action plan (CAP) for future work in capacity development

# In-country Implementation: OUTPUTS

- An In-depth Country Assessment of all aspects of statistical capacity
- A roadmap for development of a SSPARS
- A Country Action Plan
  - A definitive document which identifies and prioritizes future work needed to improve the agricultural statistics system
  - Directed to donors and international organizations with the aim to mobilize funds



More on Research and Training

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