

Strategic Plan for
Agricultural and Rural Statistics

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Presentation outline

- *Defining SPARS*
- *Global Strategy and SPARS*
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- *NSDS and SPARS*
- *SPARS Design*
- *Ingredients of a good strategy*
- *SPARS Roadmap*
- *Roadmap Template*
- *Issues for Discussion*



Global Strategy and SPARS

- *Under GS, integration of agriculture into NSS is a key pillar*
- *Development of SPARS and its integration starting point for improving ag. Stat.system*
- *SPARS flows from core data list, methods to be adopted, data quality, resources needed*
- *Alternatives available and choices to be made*



SPARS

Strategic Plan for Agricultural and Rural Statistics

- *Long Term Strategy to improve ARS at the national level*
- *Derives its basis from NSDS which mainly focused on the NSS and NSOs*
- *Building block of NSDS*



Why do we need SPARS

- *To bring a long term vision for development of Agricultural statistics system*
- *To mainstream Agriculture in NSS/NSDS*
- *To raise the profile of agriculture statistics in the decision making process*
- *Capacity development to produce and analyse agriculture statistics on a sustainable basis*
- *To improve coordination (within sub-sectors) and between agriculture and NSO)*
- *Harmonized data on agriculture for policy / decision makers*



NSDS



National Strategies for the
Development of Statistics

NSDS

SPARS

SPARS Design

Three stages

➤ *Launching*

- ✓ *Understanding*
- ✓ *Acknowledging*
- ✓ *committing*

➤ *Assessing*

- ✓ *Full SPARS assessment*
- ✓ *Light SPARS assessment*

➤ *Planning*



SPARS Design (Continued)

➤ *Planning*

- ✓ *A Vision and a Mission statement*

- ✓ *Strategic Goals*

- ✓ *Objectives*

- ✓ *Outputs*

- ✓ *Activities*

Planning phase will conclude with preparation of final SPARS document



Linking NSDS and SPARS

- *If no existing NSDS, SPARS to be prepared independently*
- *If NSDS exists but agriculture not adequately covered, develop SPARS as a building block of NSDS*
- *If NSDS under design, process design and consultation activities of NSDS and SPARS together if possible.*



Ingredients of a Good Strategy

- *Have a Vision for the development of ARS in the next 5-10 years*
- *Clarity on roles of the players involved (NSO, Min.)*
- *Establish mechanisms (e.g. NSC) to assist development and implementation of the Plan*
- *Assess current status from users' perspective*
- *Identify short and long term targets and prioritize action*
- *Detailed action plan with time table and Budget*
- *Mechanisms for monitoring and evaluation*



SPARS Roadmap

- *Sets out major stages and processes*
- *outlines the Governance structure, ToRs*
 - ✓ *National Statistical council if existing*
 - ✓ *Technical Working Committee(sub-sector-wise?)*
 - ✓ *design team (NSC, IC,NC,SS-Rep)*
- *Outlines sub sector wise work involved*
- *Outlines outputs to be produced and when*
- *Resources needed for preparing SPARS*



SPARS Roadmap

- *Drafting the Roadmap document*
- *Presenting it to the TWCs and to NSC for clearance/endorsement*



Country Proposal and SPARS

- *Short term Plans*
- *Long term Plans*



SPARS Roadmap -*Template*

- *Introduction*
- *Objectives*
- *Expected results*
- *Governance structure*
- *Potential donor support*
- *Tasks and timetable*
- *Estimated cost for designing SPARS*
- *Monitoring Mechanism*
- *Annexes*



10 ESSENTIALS

- 1** Backed by political support, nationally led and owned
- 2** Designed through a sound methodological approach (incl. M&E mechanisms)
- 3** Mainstreamed into the NSDS national process
- 4** Covering the whole agricultural and rural sector
- 5** Policy and results based with a quality fit for purpose
- 6** Taking into account what is in place and international commitments

10 ESSENTIALS

7 Drawing on international statistical standards

8 Setting out an integrated and realistic SCB programme

9 Funded as a priority by governments for its implementation

10 Serving as a coherence framework for external assistance

Issues for Discussion

- *SPARS Ownership*
 - ✓ *SPARS to be country owned.*
 - ✓ *NSO/Ministries/Coordinating body.(Roles to be identified)*
- *Governance structure*
 - ✓ *Approval of SPARS (at what level, overall and sub sector plans)*
 - ✓ *Its Implementation (who will coordinate and monitor the progress)*
- *Integration of Agriculture into NSS*
 - ✓ *Adopting broader definition of Agriculture*
 - ✓ *Improving National Accounts on Agriculture*
 - ✓ *Integrating through Master Sample Frame/integrated surveys*
 - ✓ *Plans specific for sub-sectors*
 - ✓ *Issues across sectors (improving HR, data Collection Technology etc)*
- *Need for Technical committees/Specialists for*
 - ✓ *Crops and livestock*
 - ✓ *Forestry and environment*
 - ✓ *Fisheries and aquaculture*



Thank you