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**Communication and Advocacy for
Agricultural and Rural Statistics.**

**A Country Presentation
of
Bangladesh.**

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Introduction

- The Agricultural and Rural area of Bangladesh plays a vital role in the socio economic situation of Bangladesh. The National strategy for the Development of statistics (NSDS) in Bangladesh is design to support the implementation of vision 2021 towards establishing a poverty and hunger free, prosperous, middle income country by 2021. The strategy is owned by the Government and is aligned with the strategic vision and the frame work of perspective plan of the country. For the Implementation of our national developmental plan Agricultural and rural statistics
- For the development of Agricultural and the rural sectors of Bangladesh appropriate planning is required. For appropriate planning, communication Dissemination and Advocacy with respect to Agricultural and rural statistics is very much important.

Some Important Agricultural and Rural Statistics of Bangladesh.

- Total Area of the country :1,43,998.60 Sq. K.M
- Total Cultivated Area : 7.761 million hecctares
- Cropping Intensity : 190%
- Number of holding in Rural Area :
 - (i) Nonfarm holdings - 1,04,80,930
 - (ii) Family holdings - 1,48,70,576

Percent of holdings (%)

- Small farm holdings (0.05- 2.49 acres)- 8.66%
- Medium farm holdings (2.5- 7.49 acres)-14.19%
- Large farm holdings (7.5 acres and above) - 9.58%

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- Cultivated area per family : 1.26 hect.
- Irrigated area: 47,95,940 hect.
- Total Cultivated area: 76,17,563 hect.
- Homestead area : 8,07,976 hect.

- Livestock (Number in lakh)
- Cattle - 233.41
- Buffalo - 14.50
- Goat - 252.76
- Sheep - 30.82
- Poultry (Total) - 2885.66

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- Annual fish production (M. Ton):
 - (i) Inland fisheries : 9,57,095
 - (ii) Marine fisheries : 32,61,782
- Annual Food Production: 351 million M. T
- Annual country demand: 3.30 million M. T

Communication, dissemination and Advocacy Processes

- Census, survey, research activities etc. of Bangladesh Bureau of statistics and other Govt. and non Govt. Organization
- Focus group discussion (FGD)
- Rapid Rural Appraisal (RRA)
- Participatory rural Appraisal (PRA)
- Stakeholder's meeting/Seminar/workshop etc.
- Using Media (Electronic and print).

Dessimination Process & Practices

- Publications (books, reports, booklets, leaflets, newsletter etc)
- Press Releases.
- Website.
- Seminar/Workshop/Publication ceremony etc.
- Broadcasting(Radio/TV) etc.
- Using print and Electronic Media
- Exchange official letter.
- National and Regional fair.
- Etc.

Role of Statistics

- Role of Agricultural and Rural Statistics in National Development Planning.
- National Strategy for The Development of statistics (NSDS), 2013-2023.
- National 6th Five Year Plan (2011-2015).
- National Statistical Act(2013).
- National Agricultural Policy (2013).
- New Agricultural Extension Policy(2014)
- National Food Policy

Constraints

- Communication & Dissemination Network is not yet well developed.
- Inadequate Human Resource, Management and Development program.
- Inadequate, Support of professionalism.
- Absent of weldeveloped statitical Training and Research intitue.
- Insufficient budgetary Provision.
- Coordination among the respective bodies is not so strong.
- IT Section continuously developing but it is yet not developed as expected level.

Possible Solutions :

- Steps should be taken to Strengthen Communication & Dissemination Network.
- Steps also should be taken to Human Resource Development.
- Adequate technical support to Professionalism is required.
- It is to be establish Training & Research Institute.
- Budgetary Allocation is to be enhance.
- Proper Coordination among the respective bodies is to strengthening.

Current Measures

1. Bangladesh has prepared the National strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS) the Following priority areas are proposed over the 10 year (2013- 2023).
 - Focusing on improving the quality, coverage and use of core statistics.
 - Strengthening the professionalism of the NSS.
 - Enhancing capacity to collect, compile, disseminate and especially, use statistics at the local level.
 - Promoting and strengthening access to and the use of official statistics at al level of society.
2. The Statistics Act, 2013 passed in the National Parliament of Bangladesh.

conclusion

Agricultural and Rural Statistics in Bangladesh is recognized to play a vital role in achieving food security, reducing poverty, enhancing social safety net and building environmental sustainability. So training on communication and advocacy for Agricultural and Rural Statistics has also great importance for development of the respective Sectors as well as achieving the millennium Development goals of Bangladesh.

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