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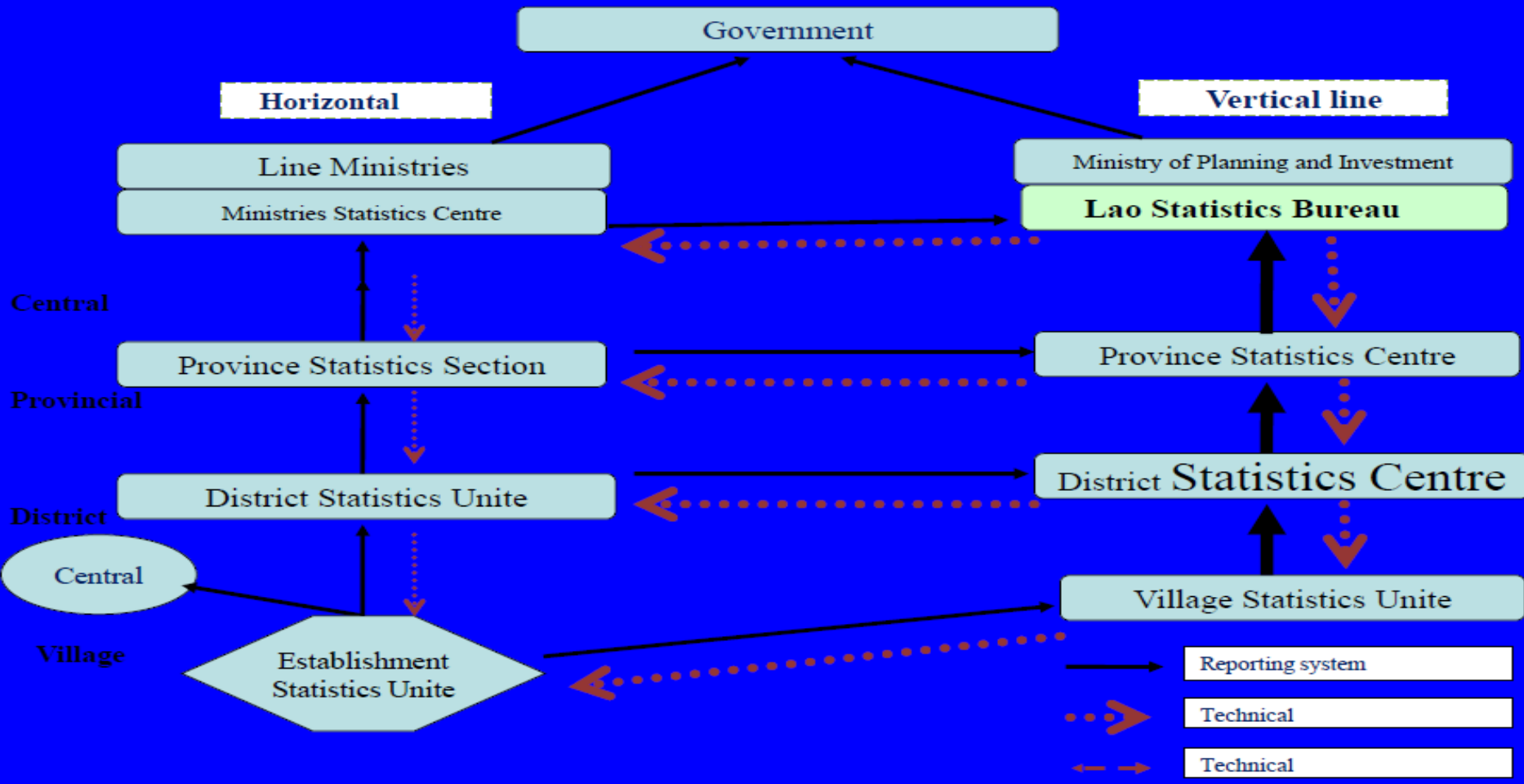
# I. Overview of Lao

- Lao PDR is a land-locked country
- Area = 236 800 square km
- 70 % of the country is mountainous, Agriculture land 4.5 million ha
- *Border with 5 countries):*
  - North: China and Myanmar
  - south: Cambodia
  - East: Vietnam
  - West: Thailand
- Administrative divisions: 17 provinces and 1 Vientiane Capital
- Population: 6.7 million, 2014
- Consists of 49 different ethnic group



# II. The Lao National Statistical System

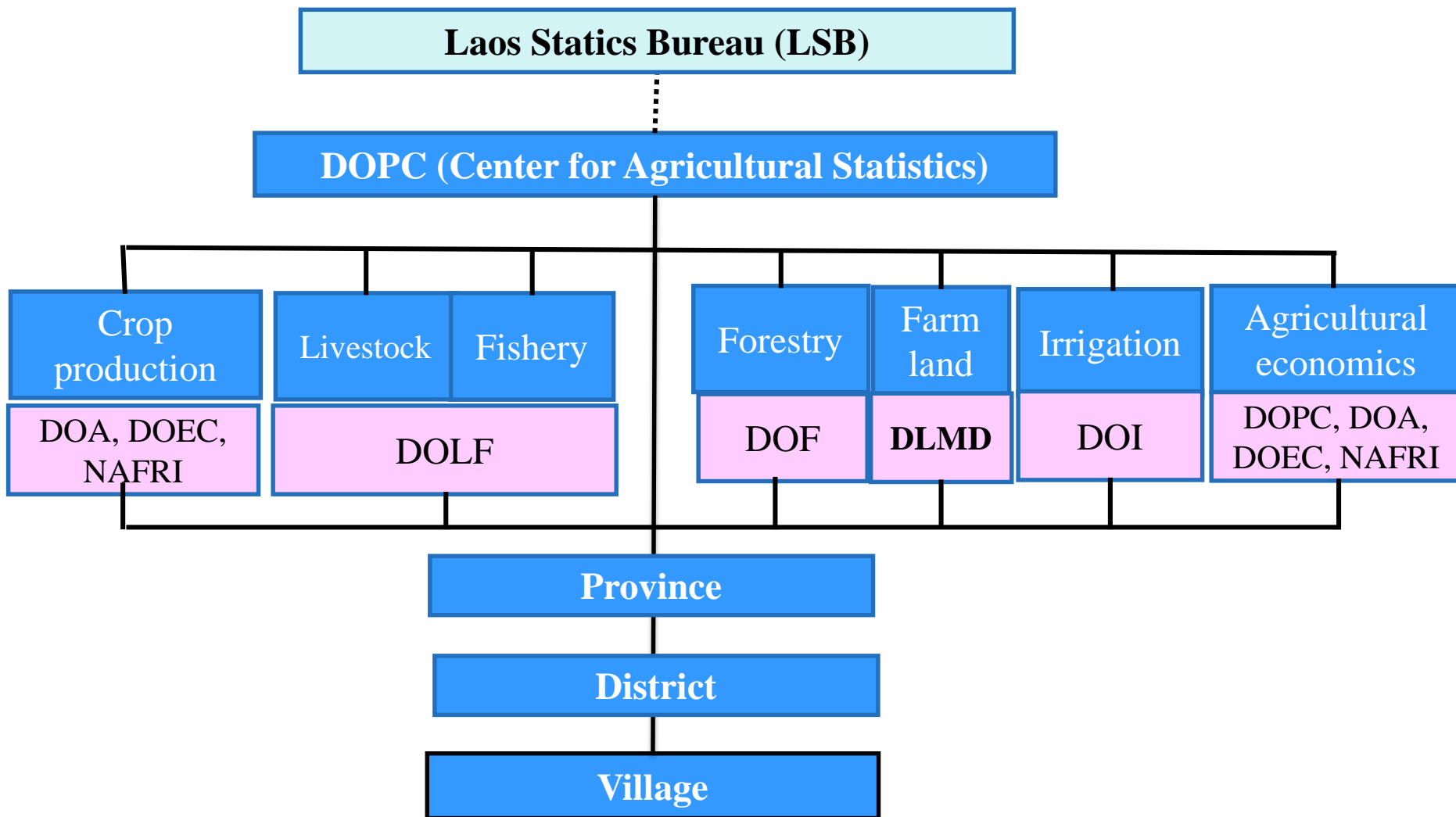
## A. Lao National Statistics System



## **II. The Lao National Statistical System Cont'd**

The statistical system of Lao PDR is decentralized involving several institutions, each with its specific assignment. Until 2010, the Department of Statistics (DOS) under the Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI) was responsible for population censuses and household surveys in the non-agriculture sector, notably the Lao Expenditure and Consumption Survey (LECS). The Statistics Law was enacted in June 2010 which upgraded DOS into the Lao Statistics Bureau (LSB), with status equivalent to a sub-ministry of a line ministry. The Statistics Law provides LSB the authority to conduct censuses and surveys, compile national accounts statistics and provide overall coordination of the system. It also specifies that the line ministries and province, municipality, district and sub-district offices can conduct sample surveys after receiving technical approval of LSB.

# III. Agricultural Statistics System



## **Under the Statistics Law of Lao PDR (2010)**

- The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF) is responsible for parts of the Economic statistics and Socio statistics under guidance from the Lao Statistics Bureau (LSB).
- The Department of Planning and Cooperation (DOPC) is responsible for statistical works of MAF. It's secretary body is the Center for Agricultural Statistics (CAS) by the Minister's decision 2013.
- CAS plays a role of coordinator with line departments and institution as well as local authorities covering all sub-sectors in accordance with the Action plan for Improving Agricultural and Rural Statistics Lao PDR, 2013-2020.

## **3.1 Agricultural Data Collection Methods Applied in Lao**

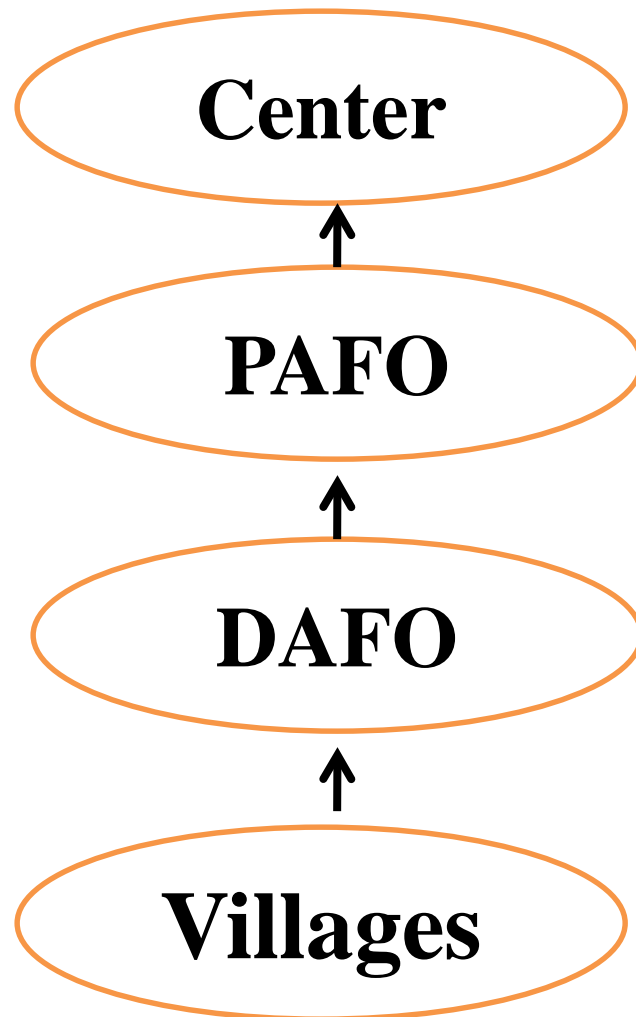
In Lao there are four main sources for agricultural data collection. They are:

1. Censuses
2. Surveys
3. Administrative Reporting System
4. Informal Sources

## **3.2 Main items of Agricultural Statistics**

1. Crops Data
2. Livestock and Fisheries
3. Irrigation
4. Forestry
5. Price data
6. Other

## 3.2 Procedure data collection on Reporting System



# IV. Activities and coordination

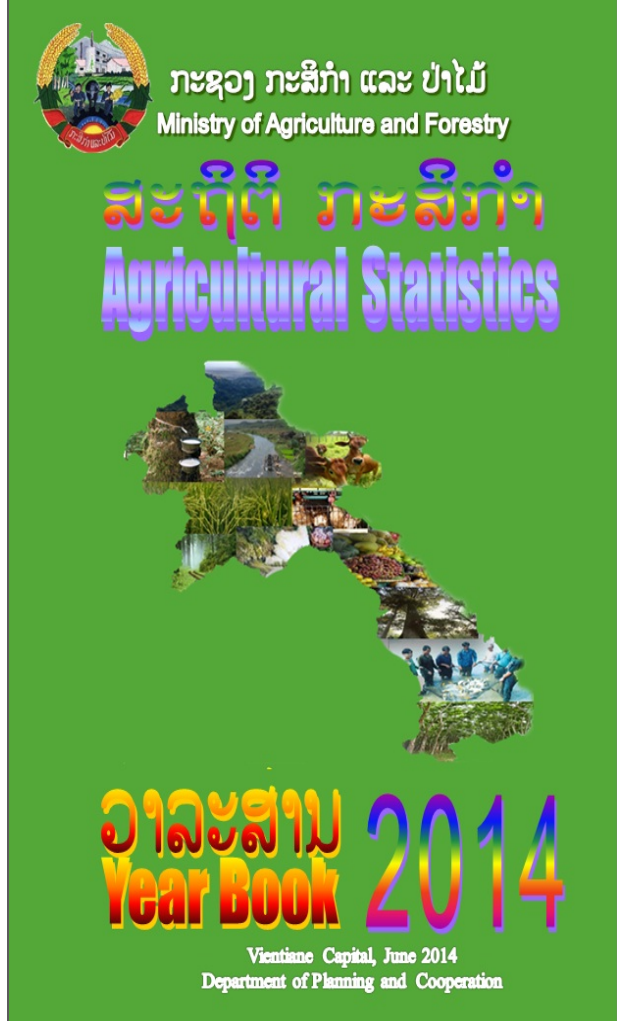
## 1. Data collection, processing and analysis

- Agricultural yearbook ← Joint work  
with departments concern
- Agricultural census ← Joint work  
with ministries and depart. concern
- Specified statistics ← Independent work by each  
Department under CAS guidance

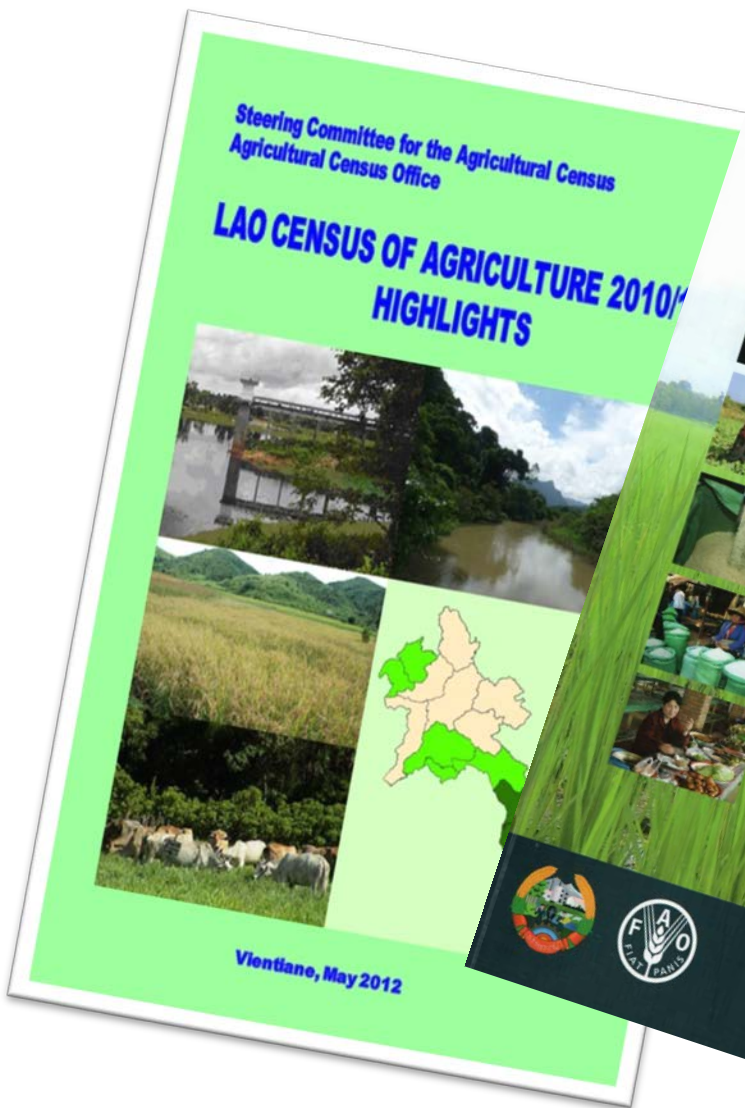
## 2. Dissemination

- Information sharing by monthly, quarterly, biannual and annual
- Workshop, seminar, training coordinating with relating deprt

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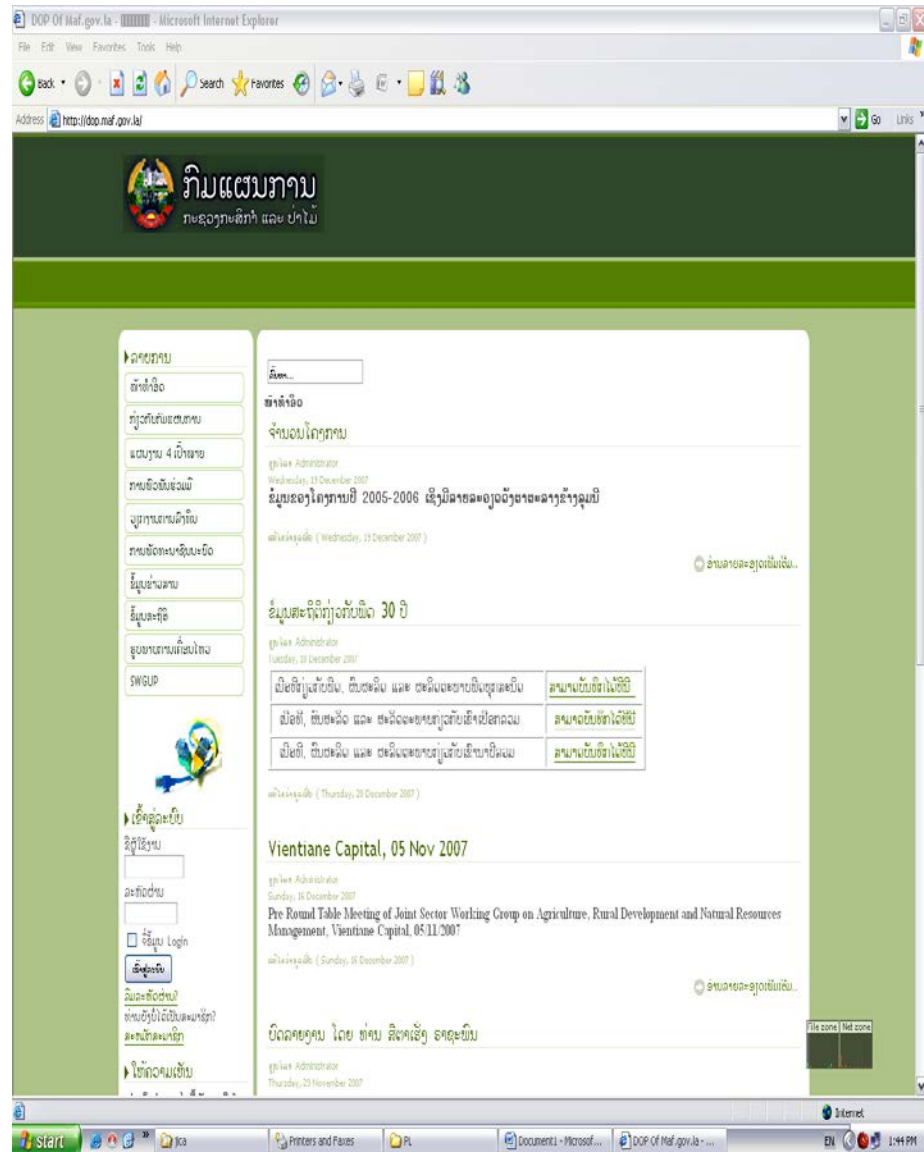


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# REGIONAL DATA EXCHANGE SYSTEM (RDES)

on Food and Agricultural Statistics in Asia and the Pacific

## About the Project

The regional project Strengthening Regional Data Exchange System on Food and Agricultural Statistics in Asia and Pacific Countries (GCP/RAS/184/JPN) was launched in December 2001. It was the follow-up project to "Improvement of Agricultural Statistics in Asia and Pacific Countries (GCP/RAS/171/JPN)". These two projects were funded by the Government of Japan and executed by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

Read more

## Upcoming Event

FAO will hold the Twenty-second Session of APCAS in Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia from 9 to 13 June 2008. The objective of this meeting is to: (i) assess the current status of food and agricultural statistical development in member countries; (ii) inform the member countries about the FAO activities in food and agricultural statistics during the preceding biennium, particularly in Asia and the Pacific; and (iii) discuss new developments in agricultural statistics.

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## Project Documents

- Report of the Fifth Focal Point Meeting, Siem Reap, Cambodia, 7-9 March 2007 [PDF format, 554kb]
- Report of the Fourth Focal Point Meeting, Bangkok, Thailand, 5-6 October 2005 [PDF format, 304kb]
- Report of the Third Focal Point Meeting, Pattaya, Thailand, 12-13 October 2004 [PDF format, 125kb]
- Report of the Second Focal Point Meeting, Bangkok, Thailand, 27-28 March 2003 [PDF format, 335kb]
- Report of the Technical Consultation on the Development of the Regional Data Exchange System, Bangkok, Thailand, 1-4 March 2002 [PDF format, 100kb]

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# V. Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics in Lao PDR

## 1. Lao PDR: Progress so far

- GS implementation initiated in June 2014
- Draft IdCA Report prepared and shared with Government
- Country Proposal Paper prepared and shared with Government
- RSC approval obtained on the Country proposal.
- Two activities approved:
  - 1) “Preparing Strategic Plan for Agriculture and Rural Statistics SPARS (SPARS)” and
  - 2) “Improving the Administrative Reporting System for agricultural statistics”
- **Next steps**
  - Implementing these two activities
  - Draft Roadmap for SPARS is pre-requisite

## 2. Lao PDR: Areas identified for improvement

- Improving the **administrative reporting system**
- Improving **dissemination** of agricultural statistics
- Developing system for Collection of **farm-gate price statistics**
- Improving **cost of production** statistics
- Improving **food balance sheets**
- Improving the **National Accounts** for the agricultural sector
- Developing an **integrated system of agricultural statistics**
- **Building capacity** in agricultural statistics
- Improving statistics on **crop production and crop forecasting**
- Improving **livestock, fisheries and forestry statistics**
- Developing **agro-environmental statistics**

### 3. Lao PDR: Roadmap

Activity	Month (commencing April 2015)									
	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	
<b>Phase 1: Launch</b>										
1.1 Prepare roadmap										
1.2 Determine documents to be produced										
1.3 Determine organizational structure										
1.4 Establish organizational units (Steering Committee, Technical Working Group)										
1.5 Recruit staff for development team										
1.6 Endorse roadmap										
<b>Phase 2: Evaluation</b>										
2.1 Hold workshop and share IdCA findings			Mission I							
2.2 Review data needs, gaps and quality by sub-sectors with Tech WG/ Steering Committee										
2.3 Finalize IdCA report										
2.4 Determine Strategic Objectives and expected results by sub-sectors										
2.5 Define mission and vision statements										
2.6 Determine outputs and priorities by sub-sectors										
2.7 Prepare draft outline of SPARS										

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<b>Phase 3: Planning</b>										
3.1 Review mission and vision statements with Tech WG/Steering Committee					Mission II					
3.2 Review outputs and priorities with Tech WG/Steering Committee										
3.3 Evaluate alternative strategies										
3.4 Develop survey calender/statistical activities aligned with NSDS and 8th NSEDP										
3.5 Hold workshop and present draft SPARS approach										
3.6 Hold meetings with donors/DPs										
3.7 Develop financial plan										
3.8 Prepare implementation plan										
3.9 Design monitoring and evaluation mechanism										
3.10 Prepare draft SPARS document										
<b>Phase 4: Plan Endorsement and Advocacy</b>										
4.1 Review draft SPARS by Steering Committee									Mission III	
4.2 Hold workshop and present SPARS document										
4.3 Advocacy activities for SPARS implementation										
4.4 Approval of SPARS										

## **4. Proposed Steering Committee and Technical Working Group**

### **Steering Committee on Agriculture Statistics**

- To be chaired by DG, DoPC
- Members (DDG level) from LSB, Line Departments of MAF
- User Organizations
- CAS to provide secretariat service
- Likely to continue to monitor implementation

### **Technical Working Group**

- NSC to lead and coordinate the activities
- Members (Director level) from LSB, Line Departments of MAF
- International/National Consultants as per need

# VI. Discussion and conclusion

## Major Problems and Constraints of Agricultural Data Collection and Processing

### ❑ Problems

- Availability of agricultural statistics: Mostly production-related
- Accuracy, reliability and timeliness: Need to be improved
- Data analysis and dissemination Insufficient
- Lack of staff with competent knowledge and skills in agricultural statistics, in conjunction with an inadequacy of tools, equipment for measuring, calculating, recording and Analyzing the data, especially at the grassroots level.

## □ Constraints

- Organization and responsibility
- Data collection methods
- Manpower and human capacity
- Budget
- Infrastructure



**Thank you for your kind attention**