Communications Strategy: Scope, Opportunity and Risks

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Scope

- ➤ What communications elements will the strategy cover?
- Which staff and partners will be involved?
- What kind of products will be involved?



Challenging factors

The Global Strategy presents opportunities to communicate the value of agricultural statistics, but...

- Human and system capacity
- Funding availability
- Cross-cutting interests
- Community accessibility/openness
- Dynamics of partner-to-partner dialogue

Your strategy must speak to these challenges, assess the risks and identify resolutions.



Opportunity-risk table

The Global Strategy/SPARS/IdCA provides me the opportunity to...

Opportunity	Risk	Resolution
. Strengthen ties with	Lack of information flow	- Regular reporting on GS activities through
other agencies, non-	due to irregular or poor	a newsletter, reports or other media
government partners	communication between	materials
and statistics bodies	your agency and partners	- A consistently updated presentation on
	and associates	GS activities and accomplishments given at
		forums, conferences and workshops



SWOT Analysis

Strengths (Internal)

- Holistic communication approach fosters sharing of experiences and practices
- Staff motivated to learn communications and help produce products and activities

Weaknesses (Internal)

- Differing internal perspectives on the scale and scope of communications role
- Lack of coordination and communication with other agencies and partners

Opportunities (External)

- Increasing participation from other government agencies and partners puts greater focus on agricultural statistics
- Agency staff does not have to "reinvent the wheel" and can build upon existing communications activities and products from GS

Threats/Risks (External)

- Communications products are produced but not used to their fullest extent due to lack of understanding and low priority
- Changing priorities of other agencies and partners and related communications implications (changing messaging, different project focus, etc..)



Thanks!



