

## Regional Course on Communication and Advocacy for Agricultural and Rural Statistics

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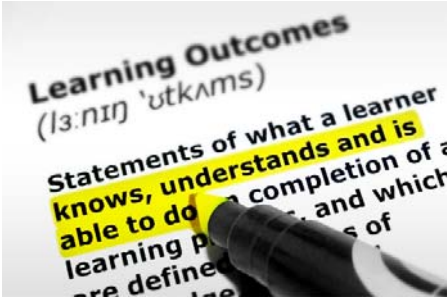
Advocacy for Improving Agricultural  
and Rural Statistics (ARS) Systems



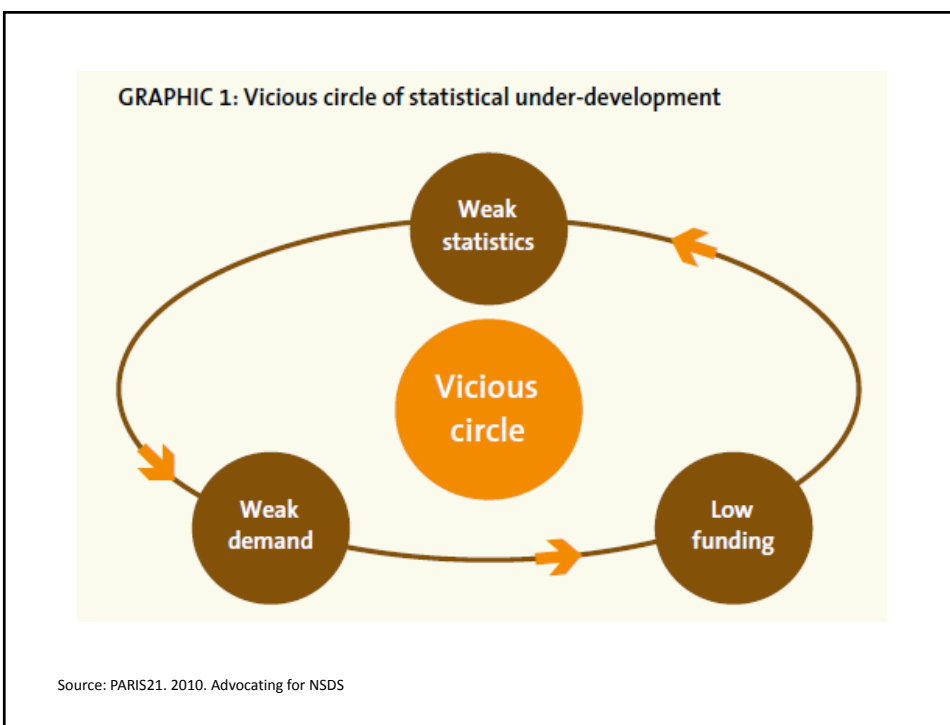
## Session Topics

- \* Statistics & evidence-based policy making
- \* Advocating for change through the regional implementation of GSARS



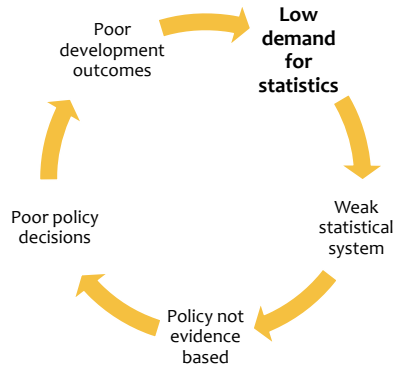


- Determine changes needed for improving ARS systems
- Identify ways in which the GSARS can be used to support advocacy efforts for improving ARS systems



## Vicious Circle Countries

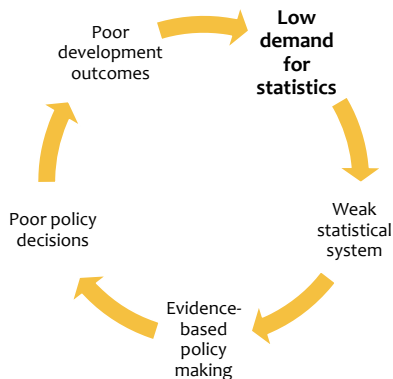
- Weak statistics
- Evidence-based policy making is not practiced
- Poor policy decisions
- Poor development outcomes



Source: PARIS21 Advocacy Toolkit

## Data Supply-Constrained Countries

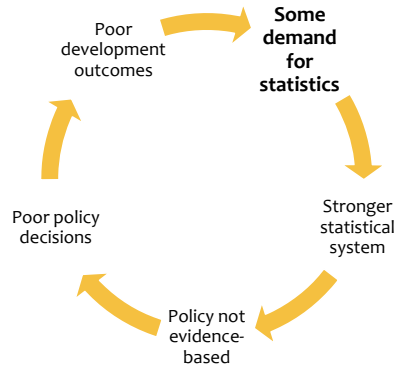
- Weak statistics
- Increasing use by policy makers
- Reduced quality policy decisions
- Poor development outcomes



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## Data Demand-Constrained Countries

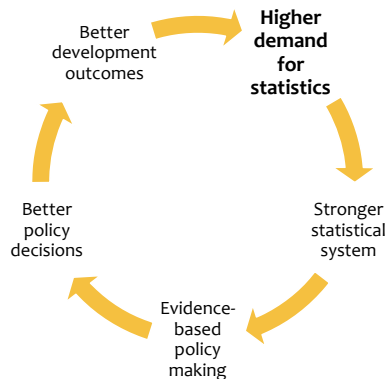
- Improved quality & quantity of statistics
- Not used by policy makers
- Poor policy design
- Poor development outcomes



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## Breaking the Vicious Circle: Virtuous Circle Countries

- Improved quality & quantity of statistics
- Increased used by policy makers
- Better policy design
- Better development outcomes

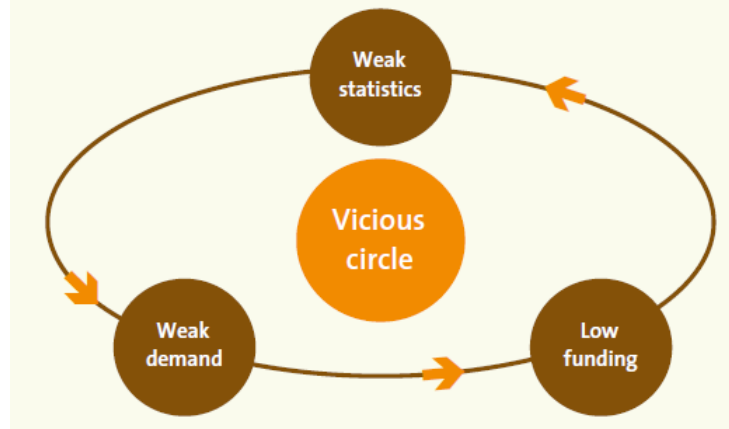


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What type of national statistical system do you have?

What type of ARS system do you have?

GRAPHIC 1: Vicious circle of statistical under-development



Source: PARIS21. 2010. Advocating for NSDS

## DESIRED CHANGES for ARS Systems?



**Our  
Definition**

... **deliberate** process of informing and **influencing** decision-makers in support of **evidence-based policy change** and policy implementation, including resource mobilization.

## DESIRED CHANGES for ARS Systems?

*Examples:*

- Integrate evidence-based policy of statistics into policy frameworks
- Improved awareness & use of statistics
- Organizational and institutional change
- Achieve better allocation of resources and increase aid effectiveness through statistics
- Obtain appropriate and sustained financing from national budgets
- Improve coordination between donors
- Increase financial and technical assistance from donors



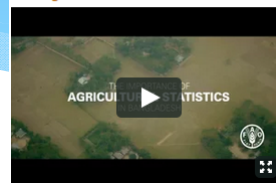
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## Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural & Rural Statistics



The Importance of Agricultural Statistics in Bangladesh



## Scope and Outcome of Global Strategy

- \* Why? To address identified weaknesses in basic data and availability of information
- \* Expected Result? Countries have sustainable systems to produce accurate and reliable data to inform and guide policy analysis and decision making

Regional Action Plan [RAP] =  
Implementing Mechanism



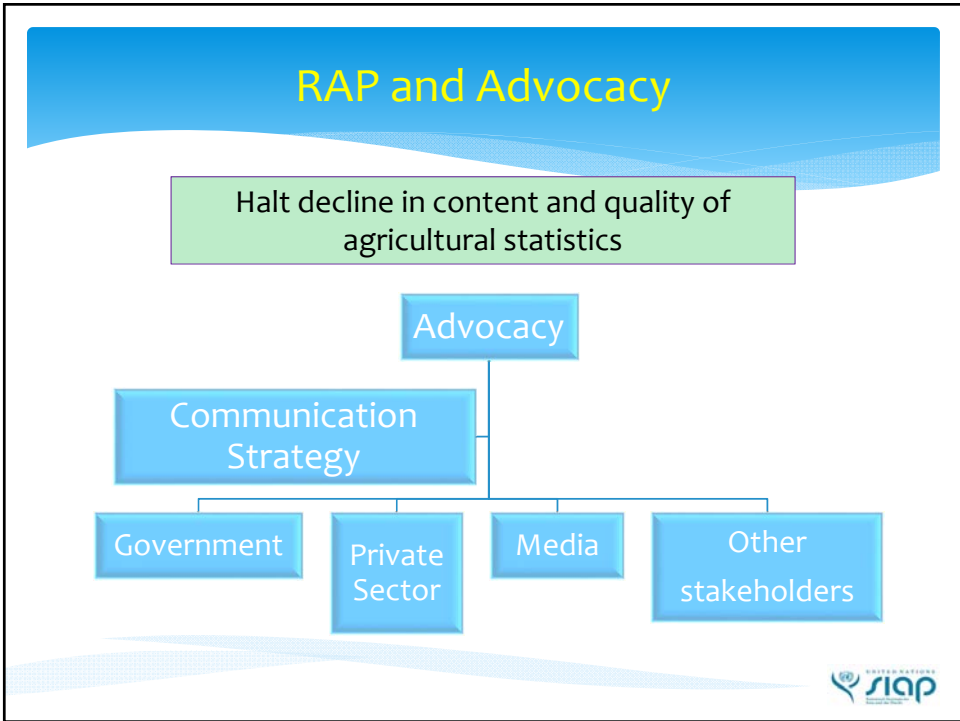
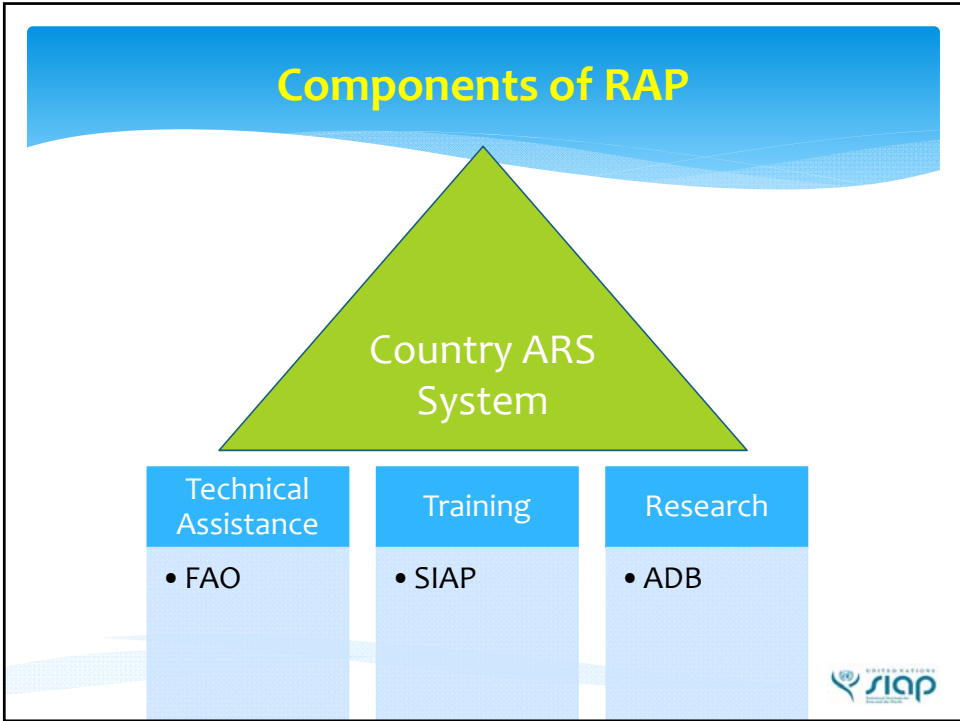
## Three Pillars

Establish a **minimum set of core data** required to meet current and emerging demands

**Integrate agriculture into the national statistical system** to improve comparability across economic, social and environmental domains

Foster the **sustainability of agricultural statistical systems** through governance and statistical capacity building







## How can we ...

- \* Establish trust in the statistical system?
- \* Promote use of data & statistics in the policy process?
- \* Increase sustainable financial support for ARS?



## Top 3 Learnings?

