

# Global Strategy

IMPROVING AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL STATISTICS  
IN ASIA PACIFIC



## Progress with Implementation in Asia Pacific





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# Scope and Outcome of Global Strategy

- Developed in order to address a weakness in basic data and availability of information
- Outcome is to enable target countries to build sustainable systems to produce accurate and reliable data to inform and guide policy analysis and decision making
- 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



# Scope and Outcome of Global Strategy, ctd

- Four Global Outputs (to which regions contribute)
  - Effective governing bodies set up and functioning at global and regional levels
  - Coordinating bodies of the national statistical system, legal frameworks and strategic plans established in target countries, to enable the integration of agriculture into national statistical systems
  - New cost effective methods for data collection, analysis and dissemination developed and disseminated
  - Increased capacity of agricultural statistics staff in regional training centres and target countries



# Regional Component

- Regional office
  - Located in Bangkok office of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
  - Responsible for
    - Planning and coordination issues
    - Support to the Regional Steering Committee
    - Technical assistance to countries
- Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP)
  - Responsible for training component
- Asian Development Bank
  - Undertaking research activities using own funds



# Regional Office Activities

- Regional Office has been established
- Regional Action Plan (RAP) has been finalised and approved, including overall budget
- Regional Steering Committee (RSC) has been established
  - Ultimate decision making body at regional level
  - Made up of eight country members and members representing donors, implementing partners and research and training institutions
  - Two meetings during 2013 with main outcomes to
    - Approve work plans and budgets
    - Select countries for inclusion in the RAP process



# Regional Office Activities, ctd

- Coordination and collaboration
  - Among implementing partners
  - With other regional organisations and donors
  - Country level implementation
- Reporting
  - Governance arrangements require reporting at both regional and global level of workplans, budgets, activity reports and financial statements



# Regional Office Activities, ctd

- Communication, advocacy
  - Aimed at increasing the promotion and visibility of the Global Strategy at regional level and support Resource Mobilization efforts
- Monitoring and Evaluation
  - A detailed regional M&E framework is being developed, consistent with the Global M&E framework





# Technical Assistance Activities

- In-depth Country Assessment (IdCA) Guidelines and Reports
  - IdCA is starting point for work in each country
  - Provides a comprehensive assessment of current statistical capacity and areas of weakness
- Country Proposal document
  - List of projects required in the short-medium term to improve agricultural and rural statistics
  - Each project description includes objectives, outcomes, activities, timeframe and costs
  - Global Strategy will fund some of these projects, starting in 2014



# Technical Assistance Activities, ctd

- Strategic Plan for Agricultural and Rural Statistics (SPARS)
  - Long-term (10 year) strategy document
  - Intended to be compatible with, and integrate into, a country's National Strategy for Development of Statistics (NSDS)
- Following slides provide information about progress in each country





# Bangladesh

- Funded by Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- IdCA has been prepared and validated
- Country Proposal document is being prepared
- Main focus of Country Proposal will be preparation of a SPARS, including
  - Improving coordination and institutional relationships
  - Establishment of an integrated plan of surveys and related calendar
  - Preparation of a strategy paper, and
  - Preparation of the SPARS



# Bhutan

- IdCA has been endorsed by government
- Country Proposal document is being prepared
- Main projects in the Country Proposal will include
  - Development of a SPARS
  - Improvements to annual crop statistics through improved survey design and a range of training for relevant staff
  - Improvements to annual livestock data through improvements to the frame and revised questionnaire design
  - A range of improvements to institutional and HR capacity of line agencies
  - Production of updated and revised Land Cover Maps
  - Support to the development of the next Census of Renewable Natural Resources
  - Support to the development of the next Bhutan Living Standards Survey





# Indonesia

- IdCA has been endorsed by key stakeholders and is awaiting government endorsement
- Country Proposal document is being prepared
- Main projects in the Country Proposal will include
  - Improvements to the quality of annual crop area and production estimates
    - Move to a scientific sample survey approach
    - Provide appropriate training and resources to enumerators
  - Improvements to fisheries statistics
  - Improvements to forestry statistics
  - Development of a SPARS



# Samoa

- IdCA has been prepared and is awaiting endorsement by government
- Country Proposal document is being prepared
- Main focus of the Country Proposal is the lack of availability of regular estimates of agriculture production. Key areas include
  - Re-introduction of an Agricultural Survey every ten years (which would enable an Agricultural Survey / Census every 5 years), including
    - Project planning
    - Questionnaire development
    - Sample design
  - Development of an agriculture ‘module’ to be included in other national surveys as appropriate
    - Evaluation of an agriculture module tool
    - Development of the questionnaire
  - Improved capacity of staff in relevant ministries
    - Detailed capacity needs assessment
    - Subsequent training to address needs



# Sri Lanka

- IdCA has been prepared and is awaiting endorsement by government
- Country Proposal document is being prepared
- Main projects in the Country Proposal will include
  - Assessing data needs for National Accounts
  - Improving rice crop cutting surveys
  - Improving crop forecasting
  - Processing and dissemination of Agriculture Census data
  - Improving production estimates of selected highland crops
  - Improving Cost of Production statistics for Fisheries
  - Improving Cost of Production statistics for Rice
  - Improving data quality in Food Balance Sheets
  - Improving Livestock production statistics





# Fiji and Lao PDR

- An initial mission has been completed in each country
- First draft of IdCA is currently being prepared





# Training Activities

- Training activities are covered in a separate presentation
- Thank You

