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Near East Regional Strategy to improve agricultural and rural statistics
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Outline

- Reminder on the Global Strategy
- The status of Agriculture Statistics in Near East
- How the implementation process is going in the Near East?
- What is next?
Why?

1) To address developing countries’ lack of capacity to provide **reliable statistical data** on food and agriculture
   
   more reliable, timely data!

2) To provide a blueprint for long-term sustainable agricultural statistical systems in developing countries
   
   sustainability, ownership!
What?

A comprehensive framework for improving the availability and use of agricultural and rural data

3 Pillars:
I. Produce a minimum set of core data
II. Better integrate agric. statistics into National Statistical Systems
III. Improve governance and statistical capacity building
The Global Strategy is an international partnership.

The Global Strategy is implemented through a governance mechanism at different levels.

The programme is funded through a Global Trust Fund managed by FAO and sponsored currently by DFID, Gates Foundation and the Italian Cooperation. Additional funding mobilized in Africa (European Union).
Where?

In up to 90 developing countries:

- Africa (40)
- Asia and the Pacific (20)
- Latin America and the Caribbean (20)
- Near East (5)
- Commonwealth of Independent States (5)
How?

- Country assessments
- Sectors Plans
- Technical Assistance
- Training
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Addressing urgent needs

Research: cost-effective methods; guidelines
Where are we now?
Governance

I. Global governance put in place and functioning

II. Regional mechanisms functioning

III. Action plan 2012-2017

IV. Regional action plans:
   • Africa and Asia-Pacific operational
   • Regional action plans for LAC and CIS to be finalized
   • Near East!!!!!!
Funding

- Total budget: 84 M USD
- Total committed: 51 M USD
- Global Trust Fund put in place in FAO
- Still 3 regions without funding: LAC, Near East, CIS
Implementation at global level

Under the responsibility of the Global office, hosted by FAO Research component: progress made on many topics for developing cost-effective methods + new topics

- Master sampling frames
- Crops estimates, Post-harvest losses, Cost of production, Food Balance sheets, Food consumption, Livestock, Forestry, Small-scale fisheries
- Use of remote sensing, Use of new technologies (CAPI)
- Use of administrative data
- SDG related topics: sustainability, productivity, decent work, agri-environmental indicators
Implementation at regional level

Arab States are covered through 2 regional action plans:

• Africa
• Near East
Africa (Arab States)

• Self-country assessments validated in all African Arab States
• Strategic plans on agricultural statistics (SPARS) in development in Sudan
• Country participation to training workshops on SPARS and Cost-of-Production in 2015, other workshops planned in 2016-2017
• Training: participation to training sessions organized by UNECA
The Status of the Agriculture Statistics in the Near East

- Country Assessment Questionnaire (CAQ) was distributed by RNENA for select country sample in the second half of 2014

- Addressed to Ministries of Agriculture and Central Statistics Organizations
Methodology

The available responses, based on self reporting, were used to build country capacity indicators on four key dimensions comprising:

1) Institutional infrastructure
2) Resources
3) Statistical Methods and Practices
4) Data Availability.
Regional Average Indicator Performance: Institutional Infrastructure

- **Indicator 1.1:** Legal Framework (%)
- **Indicator 1.2:** Coordination of National Stat System...
- **Indicator 1.3:** Strategic Vision and Planning (%)
- **Indicator 1.4:** Integration of Agriculture in National...
- **Indicator 1.5:** Relevance of data (%)

**Capacity Indicator I:** Institutional Infrastructure
Regional Average Indicator Performance: Resources

- **Indicator 2.1:** Financial Resources (%)
- **Indicator 2.2:** Human resources staffing (%)
- **Indicator 2.3:** Human resources training (%)
- **Indicator 2.4:** Physical Infrastructure (%)

Capacity Indicator II: Resources

Global Strategy
Regional Average Indicator Performance: Stat Methods and Practices

Indicator 3.1: Stats Software Capability (%)
Indicator 3.2: Data collection tech (%)
Indicator 3.3: IT Infrastructure (%)
Indicator 3.4: General Stat Infrastructure…
Indicator 3.5: Adoption of Intl Standards (%)
Indicator 3.6: General Stats Activities (%)
Indicator 3.7: Ag Market and Price Information (%)
Indicator 3.8: Ag Surveys (%)
Indicator 3.9: Analysis and use of data (%)
Indicator 3.10: Quality consciousness (%)

Capacity Indicator III: Stat Methods and Practices
Regional Average Indicator Performance: Availability of Data

Indicator 4.1: Core data availability (%)
Indicator 4.2: Timeliness (%)
Indicator 4.3: Overall data quality perception (%)
Indicator 4.4: Data accessibility (%)
How the Implementation process is going in the Near East

- The Action Plan is Finalized
- The Regional Steering Committee is Established
What is next?

- Call steering Committee Meeting to Endorse the Action Plan
- Organize Development Partners Conference soon after the regional action plan is endorsed in the next two months
- Carry out in-depth Country Assessment
- Now Funding is available for the implementation of the Action Plan of the Strategy
Thank You

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