### PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

#### ASIA PACIFIC REGION for YEAR 2016

**Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics**

**INPUT:** Improved evidence-based decision making for poverty reduction, increased food security, sustainable agriculture and rural development

**OUTCOME:** Enable 20 target countries to develop sustainable statistical systems for production and dissemination of accurate and timely agricultural and rural statistics, comparable over time and across countries.

### GLOBAL OUTPUTS

#### REGIONAL OFFICE OUTPUTS AND ACTIVITIES

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#### 1. Effective governing bodies set up and functioning at global and regional levels

- **A1:** Regional Steering Committee (RSC) formed and active
- **A2:** Regional Office (RO) staffed and functioning (FAORAP)
- **A3:** Regional Office (RO) staffed and functioning (IFAO)
- **A4:** Preparation of Phase I training implementation plan
- **A5:** Preparation of concept note on establishing regional network of training institutions
- **A6:** Preparation of concept note on system of certification of trainers

#### 2. Integration of Agriculture into the National Statistical System using the NSDS

- **C1:** Adapt Global Guidelines for integration of agriculture into the national statistical system
- **C2:** Preparation of detailed SPARs as part of the NSDS process
- **C3:** Preparation of Country Proposals based on assessments of needs to support SPARs
- **C4:** Development of standardized training curricula/modules relevant to the formulation of country agricultural statistics action plan and training on formulation of action plan
- **C5:** Training on gap analysis of core requirements and qualifications of statistical staff

#### 3. Improved political support for agricultural statistics

- **D1:** Assist key stakeholders to develop business cases for increased political and resource support
- **D2:** Organize technical meetings between decision makers and data providers to showcase the importance of agricultural and rural statistics
- **D3:** Training on advocacy and communication strategies and development of business cases for increased political and public support
- **D4:** Workshops for increasing statistical literacy and enhancing appreciation of the importance of agricultural and rural statistics

#### 4. Advocacy

- **F1:** Promote the use by NSS of best advocacy practices for the allocation of sufficient government and private resources to compile the minimum set of core data
- **F2:** Prepare resource mobilisation plan to put national statistical system on a sustainable basis
- **F3:** Develop materials and conduct training on advocacy and communication strategies and development of business cases for increasing resource support
- **F4:** Develop materials and conduct training to improve communication skills with policy and decision makers, and private sector data users

#### 5. Increased capacity to use statistics for policy making

- **K1:** Disseminate guidelines on the application of data analysis for evidence-based decision making
- **K2:** Provide support for cross-cutting analysis from the economic, social and agri-environmental dimensions for policy purposes
- **K3:** Prepare training materials and conduct training on connecting the economic, social and environmental aspects of agriculture
- **K4:** Training on innovative presentation of statistics

#### 6. Country assessments and determining set of Core data

- **B1:** Organise in-depth country assessments with participation of users and producers using adapted country assessment guidelines
- **B2:** Establishment of baseline information through a detailed assessment of specific country needs: questionnaire design, data collection, data processing, data analysis and reporting
- **B3:** Development and establishment of technical assistance programmes
- **B4:** Training on Country Assessment Questionnaire for in-depth assessments
- **B5:** Development of standardized training curricula/modules relevant to the identification of the country-specific minimum core set of statistics and implementation of training
- **B6:** Training on standards and methods of basic agriculture and rural statistics and indicators: production, economic, social and environmental impacts

#### 7. Increased ability of NSS to access and use ICT

- **G1:** Assist countries to build and sustain statistical capacity, including survey infrastructure, IT infrastructure and application of emerging technologies and tools
- **G2:** Assist countries with use of statistical software and IT solutions for compilation, reporting/dissemination of the minimum core data set
- **G3:** Assist countries to establish and/or strengthen use of CountrySTAT
- **G4:** Training on use of ICT for production of relevant country-specific minimum set of statistics: including remote sensing
- **G5:** Training on use of ICT for dissemination of country-specific minimum set of statistics

### Notes

- **Q1:** Disseminate guidelines on the application of data analysis for evidence-based decision making
- **Q2:** Assist key stakeholders to develop business cases for increased political and resource support
- **Q3:** Organize training on advocacy and communication strategies and development of business cases for increased political and public support
- **Q4:** Workshops for increasing statistical literacy and enhancing appreciation of the importance of agricultural and rural statistics
- **Q5:** Promote the use by NSS of best advocacy practices for the allocation of sufficient government and private resources to compile the minimum set of core data
- **Q6:** Prepare resource mobilisation plan to put national statistical system on a sustainable basis
- **Q7:** Develop materials and conduct training on advocacy and communication strategies and development of business cases for increasing resource support
- **Q8:** Develop materials and conduct training to improve communication skills with policy and decision makers, and private sector data users
- **Q9:** Disseminate guidelines on the application of data analysis for evidence-based decision making
- **Q10:** Assist key stakeholders to develop business cases for increased political and resource support
- **Q11:** Organize training on advocacy and communication strategies and development of business cases for increased political and public support
- **Q12:** Workshops for increasing statistical literacy and enhancing appreciation of the importance of agricultural and rural statistics
- **Q13:** Promote the use by NSS of best advocacy practices for the allocation of sufficient government and private resources to compile the minimum set of core data
- **Q14:** Prepare resource mobilisation plan to put national statistical system on a sustainable basis
- **Q15:** Develop materials and conduct training on advocacy and communication strategies and development of business cases for increasing resource support
- **Q16:** Develop materials and conduct training to improve communication skills with policy and decision makers, and private sector data users

### Program Phases

- **Phase 1:** Preparing and disseminating guidelines on the application of data analysis for evidence-based decision making
- **Phase 2:** Assisting key stakeholders to develop business cases for increased political and resource support
- **Phase 3:** Developing materials and conducting training on advocacy and communication strategies and development of business cases for increased political and public support
- **Phase 4:** Workshops for increasing statistical literacy and enhancing appreciation of the importance of agricultural and rural statistics
- **Phase 5:** Supporting the development and implementation of national strategies and plans
- **Phase 6:** Organizing in-depth country assessments with participation of users and producers using adapted country assessment guidelines
- **Phase 7:** Establishing baseline information through a detailed assessment of specific country needs
- **Phase 8:** Developing and establishing technical assistance programmes
- **Phase 9:** Providing support for cross-cutting analysis from the economic, social and agri-environmental dimensions for policy purposes
- **Phase 10:** Preparing training materials and conducting training on connecting the economic, social and environmental aspects of agriculture
- **Phase 11:** Increasing the capacity of users to use statistics for policy making
- **Phase 12:** Assisting countries to build and sustain statistical capacity, including survey infrastructure, IT infrastructure and application of emerging technologies and tools
- **Phase 13:** Assisting countries with use of statistical software and IT solutions for compilation, reporting/dissemination of the minimum core data set
- **Phase 14:** Assisting countries to establish and/or strengthen use of CountrySTAT
- **Phase 15:** Training on use of ICT for production of relevant country-specific minimum set of statistics: including remote sensing
- **Phase 16:** Training on use of ICT for dissemination of country-specific minimum set of statistics
### Improved competencies of NSS

- **Activity H1**: Assist countries to better plan and manage their agricultural censuses according to the latest guidelines. **10,000 SIAP**
- **Activity H2**: Assist countries to design integrated survey frameworks and integrated databases following the recommendations of the Global Strategy about the establishment of a Master Sampling Frame. **20,000 FAORAP**
- **Activity H3**: Assist countries to review and audit methodologies and instruments in use for registers of agricultural administrative data. **10,000 FAORAP**
- **Activity H4**: Assist countries to improve data consolidation and comparability among sources and over time. **10,000 FAORAP**
- **Activity H5**: Multiple programmes Design, developing of materials and delivery of targeted training programmes on statistical processes that are responsive to NSS staff needs. **250,000 SIAP**

### Strengthened capacity of national and regional training institutions

- **Activity I1**: Promote the application in-country of acquired technical knowledge and skills. **10,000 FAORAP**
- **Activity I2**: Support the emergence of regional centers of excellence in technical areas such as emerging technologies, sampling designs and other innovative methods. **10,000 FAORAP**
- **Activity I3**: Development and training on implementation of training needs assessment tools, including core skills framework for agriculture and rural statistics. **0 SIAP**
- **Activity I4**: Develop and pilot standardized training and materials for in-country courses in areas identified in training needs assessment. **15,000 SIAP**
- **Activity I5**: Training-of-trainers in basic and specialized areas identified in training needs assessment. **50,000 SIAP**
- **Activity I6**: Establish and maintain informal network of training and research institutions through CARS or other relevant modalities. **40,000 SIAP**
- **Activity I7**: Develop and implement system for accrediting/certifying trainers. **20,000 SIAP**
- **Activity I8**: Development and training on implementation of training needs assessment tools, including core skills framework for agriculture and rural statistics. **48,000 SIAP**

### Increased capacity of countries to adopt cost effective and reliable methods

- **Activity J1**: Assist countries in the implementation of relevant and sound statistical methodology. **50,000 FAORAP**
- **Activity J2**: Assist countries to assemble, review, analyse and document good practices and to identify and reconcile inconsistencies and discrepancies in agricultural data from different sources. **10,000 FAORAP**
- **Activity J3**: Assist countries to verify the accuracy and reliability of the agricultural production data series. **10,000 FAORAP**
- **Activity J4**: Preparation of handbooks and training materials on cost-effective methods developed by research component. **0 SIAP**

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Sub-total FAORAP: 1,490,000  
Sub-total SIAP: 1,180,500  
TOTAL: 2,670,500  
Support costs FAORAP: 104,300  
Support costs SIAP (5% PSC and 2% FA fee): 82,635  
GRAND TOTAL: 1,584,100 2,857,435