

# Africa Region

## Narrative consolidated work plan 2018 (under GTF and EU funds)

### Introduction and background

The Regional Office for Africa (RO) is pleased to present its 2018 consolidated annual Workplan/Budget. It has been built on the same model of 2017 and included the activities to be implemented by the African Development Bank (AfDB), the Economic Commission for Africa of the United Nations (UNECA) and the Global Office (GO), highlighted in blue, orange and green colour, respectively.

The proposed 2018 workplan/budget is fully aligned with the Logical Framework of the Global Strategy for Improving Agricultural and Rural Statistics in general, and its Action Plan for Africa in particular. The related activities are grouped by regional output, which in turn are tied to the respective global outputs. An indication is also given as to what pillar of the Global Strategy each activity belongs. In fact, the Global Strategy is built on three pillars, namely:

- a) The establishment of a Minimum Set of Core Data (MSCD) that countries will collect to meet current and emerging demands.
- b) The integration of agriculture into national statistical systems in order to satisfy the demands of policy makers and other users who rely on comparable data across locations and over time.
- c) The foundation that will provide the sustainability of the agricultural statistics system through governance and statistical capacity building.

In response to that, the Global Strategy has set 5 global outputs among which the following three are expected to be addressed by regions: (i) Effective governing bodies set up and functioning at global and regional levels, (ii) Coordinating bodies of the national statistical system, legal frameworks and strategic plans established in target countries, and (iii) Increased capacity of agricultural statistics staff in regional training centres (i.e. trainers) and target countries.

In Africa, each of the implementing partners has set its own regional outputs which are broken-down by activities.

At the outset of the implementation period of the Action Plan for Africa of the Global Strategy, the management and coordination framework of the program have been put in place. Country Assessments (CA) to set up baseline information and monitor the progress being made in implementing the program have been carried out in 2014 and 2016, respectively. It is expected to conduct another one in 2018 to measure the impact of the implementation of the Global Strategy in the region. A mechanism for compiling the MSCD has been arranged and the first results have been published in 2017. This work will continue in 2018 to provide users with the most updated data, hence responding to the first pillar of the Global Strategy while showcasing how countries are improving their capacity to produce it. During the period 2015-2016, 24 countries were identified as having a strong need for developing their Strategic Plans for Agricultural and Rural Statistics (SPARS). This has been achieved in 9 countries, the same is about to be done in other two countries, while that the process is still at its early stage in 13 countries. In 2018, this work has to be completed so that the second pillar of the Global Strategy is well addressed. Concerning the third pillar, it is addressed through Output 4 entitled "Increased capacity of agricultural statistics staff in regional training centres (i.e. trainers) and target countries". Related activities have been carried out by UNECA, AfDB and Global Office through Training component activities and Technical Assistance on the use of cost-effective methods. In provision of training in newly developed methods in agricultural statistics, 40 countries have been targeted in the period 2016-2017. The target has been exceeded by successfully training 52 countries. As additional newly developed methods become available through the Research component it is envisaged to continue capacitating experts and practitioners in these target countries during 2018. The successful implementation of this 2018 workplan will contribute to the attainment of the envisaged goals at the onset of the Action Plan for Africa of the Global Strategy.

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It is with the purpose of keeping the momentum reached so far, and ensuring a strong finish towards achieving the objectives set by the Global Strategy, and as outlined in the corresponding logical framework, that this Workplan/Budget for the last year of implementation of the Global Strategy has been prepared.

In so doing, activities and corresponding budget were planned with the following assumptions:

- a) The implementation period of the Global Strategy is until the end of 2018;
- b) The remaining GTF funds will be disbursed;
- c) As for EU funds, activities have been planned based on matching the needs of beneficiaries with the performance of the implementing partners;
- d) Given that the proposed workplan does not foresee the use of all the remaining EU funds, and considering the remaining timeframe, it is expected to lay the grounds for a potential no cost extension of the EU funding agreement beyond 2018.

As per the last GSC decision, this 2018 workplan/budget is a preliminary one since that it is based on estimated 2017 expenditures and Carried-Forward for 2018. The final one will be produced once the certified financial report is made available, in any case by June 2018, the very latest.

This 2018 Workplan/Budget keeps focusing on the acceleration of the delivery of TA on cost-effective methods through a joint effort between the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the GO, as well as on the Training Component activities which are being implemented by UNECA. It also takes into consideration the need to complete the development process of SPARS where this activity has been already initiated (this is a recommendation made by the 25<sup>th</sup> Session of AFCAS which was held in Entebbe, from 13-17 November 2017).

AfDB and UNECA activities will continue to be funded from GTF and EU funds, while that the GO TA activities will continue to be exclusively funded from the GTF.

The 2018 annual workplan and budget are presented using the template endorsed by the RSTC in October 2015 and reflect both funding sources (the GTF and the EU). The approval of the GTF and EU budgets by the RSTC will be required before the 2018 workplan/budget can be submitted to the GSC/GEB. However, the GSC/GEB will ONLY be required to endorse the activities pertaining to the GTF; the EU budget and its-related activities will thus be presented to the GEB for information only.

Technical assistance (TA) activities on cost-effective methods will continue to be performed by the two implementing partners (the AfDB and the GO). The GO's TA activities will be financed through a part of GTF funding allocated to Africa and will conclude in December 2018. The TA activities performed by AfDB will be funded using the GTF's 2017 carried-over funds, non-allocated GTF, and the remaining EU budget.

The RO's mandate remains unchanged. As such, in its quality of overall coordinator of the Global Strategy in Africa, it will continue to ensure that there is an appropriate coordination mechanism between the three implementing partners (AfDB, UNECA and the GO). For that to happen, "Africa Coordination Meetings are organized regularly to discuss and agree upon on a common work program, clarifying who will do what and when. Since July 2016, such meetings have been organized six times. Furthermore, Concept Notes on how to deliver on a given TA is discussed jointly between the concerned implementing agencies, so that each TA is delivered to countries in consistent, harmonized and coordinated way. For TA activities of a common interest, there is share of responsibility and resources, to avoid any possible duplication of effort and resources.

# GLOBAL OUTPUT 1

Output A1.1 & 1.2 - Governance mechanism and TA component appropriately managed: Planning, Coordination & Monitoring and Evaluation of TA component			
<b>A1.1.1</b>	<p><b>Staffing of the Regional Office for coordination and program management</b></p> <p>One-year contract for one AfDB long-term consultants (LTCs) of the Regional Office has been granted in 2017, under GTF, hence this 2018 work plan/budget does not reflect his contract value for 2018, although his assignments will be executed in 2018. Another one-year contract will be granted to another AfDB long-term consultant in January 2018, under the same GTF.</p> <p>This is about fees for the long-term consultant dedicated to tasks of coordination and program management nature of TA component which have been funded under this budget line using the 2017-2018 GTF. Salaries of other long and short-term consultants, including support staff, are funded under the respective outputs to which they contribute (development and start-up activities of SPARS, and provision of TA to countries on newly developed cost-effective methods, data production, harmonization and dissemination, and administrative data).</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;"> <b>GTF: US\$ 173,244:</b> Newly requested for 2018.                       Activities funded by the GTF:                      Salaries for one Long-Term International Consultant.                 </td> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;"> <b>EU funds:</b> N/A.                 </td> </tr> </table>	<b>GTF: US\$ 173,244:</b> Newly requested for 2018.  Activities funded by the GTF: Salaries for one Long-Term International Consultant.	<b>EU funds:</b> N/A.
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<b>A1.1.3</b>	<p><b>Regional Steering Committee (RSTC) meetings</b></p> <p>The 4th meeting of the RSTC for Africa recommended that at least two days be planned for following meetings to allow in-depth discussions. This to allow members to digest and deliberate adequately on different agenda items. In 2018, it is planned to have the first meeting during the first quarter of 2018, and the other one by the end of the year. The first meeting will be mainly organized to review and approve the updated and final 2018 workplan/budget, including the forecast of the use of remaining EU funds, in case that a related no cost extension is granted by EU. The second one will be organized to review and endorse the results of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Country Assessment, take stock the achievements and impact of the implementation of the Global Strategy in Africa, and review and approve the 2019 workplan/budget in case that a related no cost extension is granted by EU.</p> <p>In addition to the 21 members of the RSTC, some resource-persons will be invited to attend and present/discuss some specific subjects at the planned meeting, particularly to showcase the achievements of the implementation of the Global Strategy in Africa. The estimation is based on the unit cost of previous similar meetings.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;"> <b>GTF: US\$ 0</b>                      Activities funded by the GTF: N/A.                 </td> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;"> <b>EU funds: US\$ 40,933 (EUR 30,700):</b> US\$ 933 (EUR 700) carried forward from 2017 and US\$ 40,000 (EUR 30,000) newly requested for 2018.                      Activities funded by the EU funds: As above.                 </td> </tr> </table>	<b>GTF: US\$ 0</b> Activities funded by the GTF: N/A.	<b>EU funds: US\$ 40,933 (EUR 30,700):</b> US\$ 933 (EUR 700) carried forward from 2017 and US\$ 40,000 (EUR 30,000) newly requested for 2018. Activities funded by the EU funds: As above.
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<b>A1.2.1</b>	<p><b>Planning and coordination meetings of the Regional Secretariat</b></p> <p>As per the Africa Action Plan implementation requirements, the Regional Secretariat includes representatives of all implementing agencies of the Research, TA and Training components (FAO, AfDB and UNECA, respectively). Given that the GO is implementing part of the TA activities in partnership with AfDB, the GO is also part of the Secretariat.</p> <p>To ensure a smooth implementation of planned activities, regular Africa Coordination Meetings are organized to discuss planning, coordination and management aspects of the implementation of the program. So far, six of such meetings have taken place.</p>		

	<p>In 2018, Africa Coordination Meetings will continue to be held on a quarterly basis, hence 4 in total, with about 10 participants from implementing agencies (AfDB, FAO, and UNECA). Furthermore, as host of the Regional Secretariat of the Action Plan, and being the lead implementing agency of the TA component on the continent, AfDB will also be represented at coordination meetings which will be organized by the Global Office. This estimation is based on the cost unit of similar previous meetings</p>	
	<p><b>GTF: US\$ 0</b></p> <p>Activities funded by the GTF: N/A.</p>	<p><b>EU funds: US\$ 37,957 (EUR 28,468):</b> US\$ 5,968 (EUR 7,500) carried forward from 2017 and US\$ 40,000 (EUR 30,000) newly requested for 2018.</p> <p>Activities funded by the EU funds: As above.</p>
<b>Output U1.1 - Training component appropriately managed</b>		
<b>U1.1.1</b>	<p><b>Staff recruitment and preparation of project documents</b></p> <p><b>Payments for long-term staff in charge of implementing the training component.</b></p> <p>The following staffing is foreseen for the delivery of the training component:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- L4 (USD 211,600) coordinating the training component</li> <li>- L3 (USD 173,700) providing programme management</li> <li>- 2 Team Assistants (USD 85,875)</li> <li>- Communication Consultant (USD 61,250) ensuring that the results of the training component are adequately integrated in the communication material.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>GTF: US\$ 424,100</b> (\$ 424,100 carried forward from 2017. No new budget is requested from 2018 allocation for this output in 2018)</p> <p>Activities funded by the GTF: Salaries for the L4, L3, one staff assistant for 12 months and recruitment of communications expert for 2 months</p>	<p><b>EU funds: US\$ 140,626 (EUR 105,469):</b> US\$ 54,751 (EUR 41,063 carried forward from 2017 and USD 85,875 (EU 64,406) newly requested for 2018.</p> <p>Activities funded by the GTF: recruitment of communications consultant for 10 months, salaries for the 2 admin assistants</p>
<b>U1.1.2</b>	<p><b>Backstopping the training program</b></p> <p>An allocation of additional US\$ 15, 000 is made to maintain list of training courses available to help the HR managers identify the opportunities to build capacities in agricultural statistics.</p> <p><b>Backstopping the Training Programme</b></p> <p>An allocation of additional US\$ 15,000 is made to maintain list of training courses available to help the HR managers identify the opportunities to build capacities in agricultural statistics</p> <p>The budget is going to support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• US\$ 12,000 for Travel of selected 6 HR managers to regional Events to participate in training needs data gathering, planning and analysis = (US\$ 2,000 (Ticket +DSA))</li> <li>• US\$ 3,000 for further upgrade the database of Trainees</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>GTF: US\$ 15,000</b> (\$ 10,000 carried forward from 2017, \$ 5,000 New activities for 2018).</p> <p>Activities funded by the GTF: As above.</p>	<p><b>EU funds: US\$ 0 (EUR 0)</b></p> <p>Activities funded by the EU funds: N/A.</p>
<b>U1.1.3</b>	<p><b>Advisory missions</b></p> <p>25 travels are planned with an estimated average cost of US\$2,600 per travel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visiting statistical training centers in line with the upgrading of training facilities and the support to the implementation of the training curricula.</li> <li>- Raising awareness and presenting the strategies and the main recommendations of the project about the importance of strategic human resources management and training needs</li> </ul>	

	<p>assessment to national authorities, preferably at the same times where the technical assistance component has sent mission to the country, to create synergy and show that the three components of the project are one.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visiting the other components of the project and/or participating in selected events organized by the other components to align our strategies.</li> <li>- Coordination meeting with AfDB and the Global Office as well as taking part in high level conferences on agricultural statistics</li> </ul> <p>For the development and roll out of the Specialized training program as well as supporting the administration of the scholarship budget.</p>	
	<b>GTF: US\$60,000</b> (\$ 35,000 are carried over from 2017 and \$ 25,000 requested as New activity for 2018)	<b>EU funds: US\$ 0 (EUR 0)</b>
	Activities funded by the GTF: As above	Activities funded by the EU funds: N/A
<b>U1.1.4</b>	<p><b>Project Communication and Advocacy</b> (in line with the overall global strategy communication). A total allocation of USD 46,000 has been made of this output to cover the following activities :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Further development of Communication and advocacy materials and outputs</li> <li>- Maintaining the Training Component Website</li> <li>- Report to StatCom of the activities of the GS</li> <li>- Coordinate with the GO to disseminate the training material.</li> <li>- Preparation and dissemination of project materials in StatCom and other advocacy materials in major events</li> </ul>	
	<b>GTF: US\$ 46,000</b> ( \$ 21,000 carried forward from 2017 and \$ 25,000 requested as New activity for 2018)	<b>EU funds: US\$ 0 (EUR 0)</b>
	Activities funded by the GTF: As above	Activities funded by the EU funds: N/A
<b>Output U1.2 - Monitoring and evaluation activities of Training component</b>		
<b>U1.2.1</b>	<p><b>Annual meeting for project monitoring in the framework of AGROST</b></p> <p>A meeting for the monitoring of the implementation of the training component will be organized, which will gather 20 participants, with an average cost of US\$ 2,500 per participant (travel + DSA). US\$ 5,000 will be used for the conference facilities (room and equipment) and US\$ 5,000 will be used for translation. A total allocation of USD 103,854 is made for this output. This is aspired to cover the annual review meeting of 2017 that has been postponed to 2018 and the final AGROST review meeting to be held at the end of 2018.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AGROST meeting Jan 2018 will be held independently in Dakar, Senegal = US\$ 55,000</li> <li>• AGROST Meeting November 2018 will be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia = US\$ 48,854. This reduces staff travel cost from the total budget</li> </ul>	
	<b>GTF: US\$ 0</b>	<b>EU funds: US\$ 103,854 (EUR 77,890):</b> US\$ 60,000 (EUR 45,000) carried forward from 2017 and US\$ 43,854 (EUR 32,890) requested as additional funds for 2018.
	Activities funded by the GTF: N/A	Activities funded by the GTF: As above.
<b>U1.2.2</b>	<b>Evaluation</b>	



US\$ 30,000 will be used for monitoring the implementation of different activities of the project. This fund is expected to cover the planned end of engagement evaluation and its related preparatory and documentation activities.	
<b>GTF: US\$ 10,000:</b> Requested as additional funds for 2017.	<b>EU funds: US\$ 20,000 (EUR 15,000):</b> US\$ 10,000 (EUR 7,500) carried forward from 2017 and US\$ 10,000 (EUR 7,500) Requested as additional funds for 2018.
Activities funded by the GTF: Contributions to global evaluation expertise.	Activities funded by the EU funds for participation in Global and regional evaluation events.

## Output G1.1 – GO Management of the regional component

### Coordination of the regional component in Africa

This activity aims to ensure effective coordination in the implementation of the GO's TA plan and adequate communication between its various stakeholders.

In 2017, the coordination team of the technical assistance component managed by the Global Office was fully staffed, including a part-time TA coordinator, a full-time Project Officer and full-time assistant. A roster of senior experts was also created for the delivery of in-country TA activities. Two additional junior consultant positions (for a total of 6 positions since 2016) were filled to support the work of the senior experts and create a new generation of TA providers. The 6 long-term junior consultants from Senegal (2), Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Lesotho and Tanzania completed their full training on the cost-effective methodologies targeted by the TA plan and participated in TA missions under the mentorship of the senior experts.

Also, during this period, the Letter of Agreement with AFRISTAT was amended to reflect an increased participation of AFRISTAT in the delivery of technical assistance (new activities in Mali and increased number of missions per country) and in other GS activities (preparation of the second action plan, participation in the 25th session of the African Commission for agricultural statistics and participation in training of trainers activities on food balance sheets (FBS)). ENSEA-Dakar collaborated with the GO in the organization of a regional workshop on FBS and with ENSEA-Abidjan and EASTC for the organization and transfer of know-how on the use of CAPI. A Letter of Agreement with ENSEA-Abidjan for the delivery of technical assistance in Niger on the use of CAPI for agricultural surveys was also prepared and will be finalized in 2018.

Finally, the GO participated in three regional coordination meetings with other regional implementers, two RSCs and contributed to all the required reporting activities. Activities performed under the accelerated TA plan were communicated on a regular basis through the GS website in the form of 13 short articles and through AFRISTAT's quarterly newsletters.

#### In 2018, activities to be performed under this output include:

- General management of activities by the coordination team;
- Preparation and participation in one RSC meeting;
- Coordination with the other regional implementers (AfDB and UNECA) and implementing partners (AFRISTAT and ENSEA) through regular meetings;
- Production of reports and communication of results;
- Finalization of the Letter of Agreement with ENSEA for a joint-delivery of TA on CAPI and transfer of know-how on master sampling frame;
- Organization of the final conference, highlighting the results of the GS, including those of the TA component managed by the GO.

### G1.1.1

	<p><b>GTF: US\$ 243,029:</b> US\$ 327 carried forward from 2017 and US\$ 242,702 requested as additional funds in 2018.</p> <p>Activities funded by the GTF: As above Salaries: US\$ 186,066 Final Conference: US\$ 45,000 Travel: US\$ 9,963 (4 missions) Procurement: US\$ 2,000</p>	<p><b>EU funds: N/A</b></p>
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# GLOBAL OUTPUT 2

Output A2.1 - National governance mechanisms supported		
A2.1.1	<p><b>Support to National Agricultural Statistics Committees and National Technical Working Group activities</b></p> <p>In addition to establishing National Strategy Coordination units which include heads of agricultural statistics within the Ministry of Agriculture and National Bureau of Statistics (50 countries have already done so), countries are further being supported, through the opportunity of developing Strategic Plans for Agricultural and Rural Statistics (SPARS), to set up National Coordination Committees (NCC) and Technical Working Groups (TWG) on Agricultural Statistics. The NCCs and TWGs include representatives of all sub-sectors of agriculture as a whole. It is therefore considered to continue supporting critical operations of those national governance structures in following ways, but not limited to: Technical support (through national consultancies) to local experts, technical and expert meetings to discuss, review and validate national work plans, validation of data such as Minimum Sets of Core Data (MSCD), workshops of data producers/users and decision-makers for advocacy purposes, etc., focusing on countries where SPARS development is being carried out. 11 countries (Congo Dem Rep, Congo Republic, Chad, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Guinea Conakry, Lesotho, Niger, Sao Tome &amp; Principe, and Togo) are to be covered with an average unit cost of USD 30,000 per country (it covers, local transportation, conference room, logistics, reporting, printing, documentation, etc.)</p> <p>These activities were planned and budgeted for in 2017 under EU funds. As the 2<sup>nd</sup> EU funds instalment has not been received yet, it is proposed to carry forward those activities in 2018.</p>	
	<table border="1"> <tr> <td><b>GTF: US\$ 0</b> Activities funded by the GTF: N/A.</td> <td><b>EU funds: US\$ 310,000 (EUR 232,500):</b> Requested as additional funds for 2018. Activities funded by the EU funds: As above.</td> </tr> </table>	<b>GTF: US\$ 0</b> Activities funded by the GTF: N/A.
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Output A2.2 - Country Assessment (CA) process		
A2.2.1	<p><b>Workshop on the CA processes, data compilation and publication</b></p> <p>The first CA carried out in 2013 has provided the baseline information on the state of National Agricultural Statistical Systems in Africa (Agricultural Statistics Capacity Indicators -ASCI-). The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Regional Steering Committee meetings held in April 2014 and October 2015, respectively, recommended that the CA be undertaken every two years to measure the progress being made in implementing the Global Strategy in Africa, hence the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> CAs in 2015 and 2017 respectively. The Global M&amp;E framework and GSC meeting also recommended that CAs results be used by regions for assessing specific performances at country and regional levels in the development of agriculture statistics during the course of the implementation of the Global Strategy. In 2016, Africa conducted its 2<sup>nd</sup> CA, with 2015 as reference year to measure the progress being made in implementing the Action Plan of the Global Strategy in Africa, and related ASCI results have published in August 2017.</p> <p>Early 2018, the 3<sup>rd</sup> CA process will be undertaken, for 2017 reference year, to measure the impact of the Global Strategy to countries, and a related report will be prepared and published before end of 2018. Activities to be carried out will include, as per the past, following activities: (i) a regional validation workshop for National Strategy Coordinators from all countries and resource-persons (about 65 participants) for USD 150k (tickets, accommodation and per diem, conference room, interpretation cost), (ii) data processing and generation of ASCI results, (iii) Publication of the report, with detailed analyzed results for USD 50k (editing, printing and distribution).</p> <p>The estimation of the cost is based on the unit cost of previous CAs.</p>	
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<b>A2.2.2</b>	<p><b>Proving TA to countries for undertaking in-depth CA as part of SPARS</b></p> <p>The second stage of SPARS development (Assessing) involves an IdCA of all subsectors of agriculture. Previously, the IdCA was understood to be a standalone activity. However, to speed up the process, the Rabat Workshop of November 2013 recommended to undertake this activity as part of the SPARS process, as per the standard Guidelines. Funds under this activity line will complement that of the Activity A2.3 in terms of backstopping missions (20 missions in total, with USD 5000 per mission, including tickets and per diem).</p>	
	<p><b>GTF: US\$ 0</b> Activities funded by the GTF: N/A.</p>	<p><b>EU funds: US\$ 97,859 (EUR 73,394):</b> US\$ 11,984 (EUR 8,988) carried forward from 2017 and US\$ 85,875 (EUR 64,406) newly requested for 2018. Activities funded by the EU funds: As above.</p>
<b>Output A2.3 - Strategic Plans for Agricultural and Rural Statistics (SPARS) as components of NSDS</b>		
<b>A2.3.2</b>	<p><b>Development and start-up activities of SPARS</b></p> <p>So far, 9 countries have already completed their SPARS development process (Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Senegal and Kenya), and two other countries are about to do the same (Rwanda and Zambia). The similar work is still being carried out in 13 other countries (Congo Dem Rep, Congo Republic, Chad, Ethiopia, Eq. Guinea, Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Guinea Conakry, Lesotho, Niger, Sao Tome &amp; Principe, Seychelles, and Togo). By the end of the implementation period of the Global Strategy, this will make a total of 24 countries with SPARS developed.</p> <p>In fact, in their comments on the preliminary 2016 Workplan/Budget, the RSTC members have advised to decelerated the TA provision on SPARS development so that more attention, time and resources can be devoted to TA provision on newly developed methods. It was therefore decided to extend TA provision on SPARS development, in addition to those where the work is already going on, to only those countries (24) which have already received a positive firm response from the Bank to support them. The target for 2018 is to finalise the work in the remaining 13 countries.</p> <p>International and national consultants will be recruited to assist with SPARS development, where this has not been done yet (in above 13 countries), and funds will be allocated to cover their fees (for running related workshops to train concerned staff, in particular technical working group members, on the whole process of undertaking SPARS development, and publication of the SPARS documents). The cost is of USD 364,000 for national consultants (USD 28,000 per country, for 5 consultants/country, and for 13 countries), and USD 60,000 for 100 man-day of international consultant.</p> <p>For RECs to own and support SPARS development and implementation process in their respective member countries, they will be associated to key AfDB related backstopping missions. At the same time, this will be an opportunity for building REC capacity in this field so that they can provide any future similar TA to other countries in need and/or to future SPARS generations.</p> <p>Bulk of these activities were planned and budgeted for in 2017 under EU funds. As the 2<sup>nd</sup> EU funds instalment has not been received yet, it is proposed to carry forward those activities in 2018.</p>	
	<p><b>GTF: US\$ 0</b> Activities funded by the GTF: N/A.</p>	<p><b>EU funds: US\$ 424,377 (EUR 318,283):</b> Newly requested for 2017. Activities funded by the EU funds: As above.</p>

<b>Output U2.1 - Training program integrated, coordinated, and aligned to other parts of NSSs</b>		
<b>U2.1.1</b>	<b>Integrating training needs into agricultural statistics plans</b> No allocation has been made for this activity in 2018.	
	<b>GTF: US\$ 0 (EUR 0)</b> Activities funded by the GTF: N/A.	<b>EU funds: US\$ 0 (EUR 0)</b> Activities funded by the EU funds: N/A.
<b>Output U2.2 - HR managers trained to be more effective (Phase 1 for 40 countries)</b>		
<b>U2.2.1</b>	<b>Training of HR managers in Agricultural statistics offices on statistical Human capital strategy design and integration and statistical training needs assessment</b> No allocation has been made for this activity in 2018.	
	<b>GTF: US\$ 0 (EUR 0)</b> Activities funded by the GTF: N/A.	<b>EU funds: US\$ 0 (EUR 0)</b> Activities funded by the EU funds: N/A.



# GLOBAL OUTPUT 4

## Output A4.1 - Provision of TA to countries on the use of newly developed cost-effective methods, data production, harmonisation and dissemination

### Providing TA on Agricultural Cost of Production (AgCoP) statistics

The identification of Technical Assistance needs conducted in November 2014 in Africa has indicated that 15 countries (Algeria, Botswana, Cabo Verde, Egypt, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Malawi, Morocco, Nigeria, Sao Tome et Principe, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Sudan, and Zambia) consider the AgCoP Statistics as one of their top three priorities. Later on, 8 other countries have also expressed the same priority need given that similar initiatives are on-going there (Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Rwanda, Senegal, Togo, and Tunisia).

To launch and accelerate the provision of TA on AgCoP Statistics in above countries, countries' subject experts have been trained on the use of the manual developed to that end. Two training workshops for French and English Speaking countries have been organized in Hammamet (from 07-11 March 2016) and in Cairo (from 03-07 April 2016), respectively. Two participants per country (those responsible for AgCoP Statistics, or Agricultural Statistics if AgCoP statistics activities are not undertaken yet there) attended the workshops: one from the Ministry of Agriculture and another from the National Statistical Office. This has given them the opportunity to share experiences and best practices in producing good quality AgCoP statistics.

Among the recommendations and the conclusions made by both workshops, there is a critical need to deliver specific well targeted TA which is tailored to actual country needs on the matter. To better identify these TA specific needs, an assessment was made to enquire if AgCoP activities are undertaken, the level of implementation and sectors covered if yes, and specific activities/areas for which a technical assistance is needed to improve their AgCoP Statistics production.

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A detailed concept note on AgCoP TA delivery model has been developed, discussed and agreed upon by both implementing parties of TA (AfDB and GO/FAO). A user-friendly Excel Model to generate AgCoP indicators has been developed. Field tested and is expected to be used by countries in needs.

To that end, and complementary to a similar TA which is being provided by the GO to three countries (Botswana, Seychelles and Zambia), AfDB started doing the same in **Tunisia and Cabo Verde** where the first exploratory/diagnosis missions have been undertaken which have resulted in the development of roadmaps of all activities to be undertaken. There is a plan to extend it to other 3 countries (**Lesotho, Madagascar, and Malawi**). Lesotho and Madagascar are added here (comparatively to the list of last year) based on a strong interest for assistance that they have expressed. This will be done in partnership with respective RECs (**AMU, ECOWAS and COMESA**). The development of those Roadmaps for activities to be undertaken will be followed by actual TA backstopping missions, including on the use of the AgCoP Excel Model.

The cost is estimated based on an average unit cost of USD 30k per country (based on the cost of the first country).

**GTF: US\$ 0**

Activities funded by the GTF: N/A.

**EU funds: US\$ 149,667 (EUR 112,250):** US\$ 36,667 (EUR 27,500) carried forward from 2017 and US\$ 113,000 (EUR 84,750) newly requested in 2018.

Activities funded by the EU funds:

- Consultants and RECs backstopping missions;
- Support staff and other local expenses;

		- National consultants.
<b>A4.1.2</b>	<p><b>Providing TA on Master Sampling Frame (MSF)</b> TA has been provided to Rwanda for using an efficient Multiple Frame Survey methodology (area and list) system, which is running successfully.</p> <p>To expand that initiative to other countries in need and complement the TA that the GO will be providing to Cabo Verde, Cote d'Ivoire, Madagascar and Mali on the same theme, an identification of the actual TA needs on MSF is being carried out, which will result in the development of the related concept note on TA delivery model on MSF so that further support can be given to 8 selected countries which have indicated that MSF is among the three top priorities (Senegal, Benin, Morocco, Burundi, Kenya, Mozambique, Seychelles, and Tanzania). To that end, a more focussed training workshop on MSF has been scheduled to take place from 11-16 December 2017, in Rwanda, for above countries. Their respective RECs will also attend those workshops. The emphasis of the training will be on hands on experience and concrete and best practices cases (through field-visits on sites), transfer of know-how and discussion on countries specific problems on the topic. The purpose is to provide these countries with enough knowledge to address their specific tasks in the implementation of the concerned topics and to empower RECs to take over for further TAs to other countries. The trainings will also be an opportunity to build partnerships and to identify further resource persons for south-south cooperation for future similar TA.</p> <p>Thereafter, bilateral TA will be provided to each of them (through follow-up/backstopping missions and possible local training workshops) to train a wide range of country participants on the use of MSF. Yet, an exploratory mission to do so has been conducted in <b>Benin</b>, in November 2017, and the same will be done to other selected countries in need, including but not limited to: <b>Senegal and Tanzania</b>.</p>	
	<p><b>GTF: US\$ 60,250:</b> Newly requested for 2018.</p> <p>Activities funded by the EU funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Salary fees for one international short-term consultant;</li> </ul>	<p><b>EU funds: US\$ 101,201 (EUR 75,901):</b> Newly requested for 2018.</p> <p>Activities funded by the EU funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fees for one international short-term consultant (for USD 55,000);</li> <li>- Consultant and RECs (<b>ECOWAS and EAC</b>) backstopping missions for USD 45,000 (9 missions in total).</li> </ul>
<b>A4.2.1</b>	<p><b>Providing TA on data reconciliation and reviewing/compiling MSCD, and administrative data</b></p> <p>Following the recommendation made by countries, AfDB has developed a User Manual on MSCD compilation so that this work is undertaken by countries in a consistent and harmonized way.</p> <p>The User Manual has been reviewed and endorsed by countries, and has been used for effectively compiling MSCD time series for the period of 2000-2015.</p> <p>A workshop to discuss country MSCD was held in Tanzania, in December 2016. Data submitted by countries have been carefully checked and validated by AfDB team. Validated MSCD constitute baseline data to measure how countries are progressing in producing those data both in quantity and quality. Data for 47 countries have been onto the African Information Highway (AIH) Data Portal. In 2018, countries will be requested to update their MSCD with 2016-2017 data which will need to be reviewed and validated</p>	

	<p>before their publication. A more user-friendly and robust online data compilation tool will be developed and countries will be trained for its use.</p> <p>Some of the countries (Botswana, Cote d'Ivoire Mozambique, Nigeria and Zimbabwe) have also indicated a need for TA on data reconciliation. Rwanda and Malawi have also indicated a need of TA on administrative data. Needed bilateral missions to discuss on the matter with concerned national counterparts have been carried out in <b>Nigeria, Cote d'Ivoire and Mozambique</b>, and the same will be done for <b>Botswana, Zimbabwe, Rwanda and Malawi</b>. These missions will be followed by real TA on identified key areas concerned by data reconciliation issues.</p> <p>The contract of the M&amp;E Expert is being renewed for the remaining period of program (end of 2018) to continue overseeing M&amp;E activities, including MSCD activities and related data reconciliation. One junior will be recruited for one year-contract, and provision will be made to extend the contract of the international long-term consultant.</p>	
	<p><b>GTF: US\$ 150,000:</b> Newly requested for 2018.</p> <p>Activities funded by the EU funds:</p> <p>Training workshop on the MSCD compilation tool, and validation of data (for 60 participants)</p>	<p><b>EU funds: US\$ 199,466 (EUR 149,600):</b> Newly requested for 2018.</p> <p>Activities funded by the EU funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fees for the M&amp;E Expert and 1 young statistician (USD 145k);</li> <li>- Consultant backstopping missions for USD 55k (for about 10 missions in total, for 2 missions/country)</li> </ul>
<p><b>A4.2.2</b></p>	<p><b>Providing TA on compiling Food Balance Sheets (FBS)</b></p> <p>The new Guidelines on FBS compilation and Excel Model have been produced by the GO for use by countries.</p> <p>Based on above instruments, two technical meetings on setting-up Supply Utilization Accounts (SUA) and FBS systems will be organized; these workshops will be followed by TA follow-up missions to countries to ensure that the FBS Excel Model is installed and functioning properly, and that national FBS teams are fully trained on their use and analysis of the results.</p> <p>The following 12 countries have expressed that compiling FBS is one of their top priority: Kenya, Cote d'Ivoire, Lesotho, Namibia, Togo, Eq. Guinea, Gambia, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Swaziland, and Tanzania. They will all participate in the above workshop, including their respective RECs. Thereafter, the following four selected countries (<b>Cote d'Ivoire, Togo, Tanzania, and Kenya</b>) will be bilaterally assisted, through backstopping missions, to set up functioning national SUA/FBS systems during the year 2018 (in addition to the other countries which are being assisted by the Global Office for the same).</p> <p>Two short-term consultants will be recruited to assist on TA provision on FBS compilation.</p>	
	<p><b>GTF: US\$ 82,253:</b> US\$ 2,253 carried forward from 2017 and US\$ 80,000 newly requested for 2018.</p> <p>Activities funded by the GTF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Salary fees for 1 short-term consultant (USD 52,000);</li> <li>- Consultant/RECs backstopping missions (USD 30,000)</li> </ul>	<p><b>EU funds: US\$ 171,858 (EUR 128,893):</b> US\$ 4,447 (EUR 3,335) carried forward from 2017 and US\$ 167,411 (EUR 125,558) newly requested for 2018.</p> <p>Activities funded by the EU funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Salary fees for 1 ST consultant (USD 52,000);</li> <li>- Workshops and setting up SUA/FBS systems at country level (USD 30,000 per country and for 4 countries)</li> </ul>



**A4.2.3****Providing TA on Computer-Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI)**

As per the identification of TA priority needs conducted in November 2014 by AfDB, following six countries are in need of CAPI: Burkina Faso, Ghana, Malawi, Mali, Swaziland, and Tunisia. Later on, five other countries (Cameroon, Liberia, Rwanda, Senegal, and Zambia) have expressed the same need and interest. There are also twelve countries where surveys and/or censuses are ongoing or planned, hence potential candidates for using CAPI (Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Niger, Togo, Angola, Botswana, Kenya, Mozambique, Namibia, Tanzania, and Uganda). This makes a total of 22 countries in need of TA on the use of CAPI.

To respond to that need, and based on training materials produced by the Global Office of the Global Strategy, two training workshops have been organized for English and French speaking countries, respectively. An identification of the actual needs on the use of CAPI has been also carried out and a concept note for the related TA delivery model is being finalized. Thereafter actual TA on this subject will be provided to countries in need. Yet, such bilateral TA have been initiated in Senegal in 2017, and the same will be done for **Burkina Faso and Liberia** early 2018, including follow-up missions to **Senegal**. The three countries were selected based on their strong need for the use of CAPI, as expressed by their respected requests.

**GTF: US\$ 50,037:** Newly requested for 2018.

**EU funds: US\$ 80,000 (EUR 60,000):** Newly requested for 2018.

Activities funded by the GTF:

- Consultant/RECs backstopping missions (for 10 missions in 3 countries)

Activities funded by the EU funds:

- Salary fees for 1 consultant;

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#### Provide TA on the use of Computer-Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI) tools for effective data collection

The initial objectives of this activity were threefold:

1. Organization of two intensive 10-days hands-on training sessions on CAPI in two statistical schools (ENSEA, EASTC). The training sessions will target young IT experts or statisticians in 20 countries where the surveys or censuses are ongoing or planned
2. Transferring know-how to the statistical departments of three SROs (UEMOA, EAC and SADC) and two statistical schools (ENSEA and EASTC)
3. Following up on and assisting in the execution of fieldwork in three countries (Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya and Namibia) by the end of 2017. If possible, this fieldwork should be linked with the fieldwork undertaken on the other TA activities.

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In 2017, the GO organized a regional 5-days' hands-on training session on the CAPI (Survey Solutions) software in partnership with EASTC (Tanzania) and participated in a similar regional workshop in Côte d'Ivoire, organized by AfDB and ENSEA-Abidjan. In total, 51 participants from 19 countries and 37 institutions benefited from these two trainings.

Also during this period, the TA activities on CAPI were conducted in three countries. Originally, assistance on CAPI was planned for in three countries (Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya and Namibia), but after assessing the capacity development needs, it was recognized that this assistance would no longer be required in Côte d'Ivoire and Namibia, as these countries have enough expertise in the use of CAPI. As an alternative, it was decided to provide assistance on CAPI to Niger and Botswana and link this assistance with the field work undertaken in these countries on livestock statistics (see G4.1.5). As a result, TA activities on CAPI in these two countries were included in TA protocols and will be implemented in

	<p>2018. In Kenya, TA was provided in collaboration with EASTC in the form of technical training on CAPI-Survey Solutions and support during the implementation of small-scale field work on decent work in the agricultural sector.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the GO did not manage to establish partnerships with the SADC Secretariat, UEMOA and EAC although these last two organizations participated in the regional workshops. This could be explained by the lack of human resources capacity and the fact that these organizations do not have an official mandate for the delivery of TA assistance on the topics targeted by the accelerated TA plan.</p> <p><b>For 2018, activities to be performed under this output include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The provision of in-country hands-on training on Survey Solutions in <b>Niger</b> and <b>Botswana</b>;</li> <li>- The provision of support to Niger and Botswana in the development of CAPI questionnaires and the organization of field work using CAPI;</li> <li>- The transfer of know-how to <b>ENSEA-Abidjan</b> during TA activities in Niger;</li> <li>- The preparation of reports for each country (Niger, Botswana and <b>Kenya</b>), which will include some cost estimates and recommendations on how to implement CAPI in a large-scale agricultural survey.</li> </ul> <p>For these activities, direct support will be provided by two statisticians from the GO (including one junior African statistician) and one statistician from ENSEA-Abidjan.</p>
<p><b>G4.1.2</b></p>	<p><b>Providing TA on building Master Sampling Frames (MSFs) for agricultural sample surveys such as AGRIS</b></p> <p>The initial objectives of this activity were threefold:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Training the national staff of four countries (Cabo Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Madagascar and Mali) in the development of an MSF, with the objective of preparing the implementation of an AGRIS;</li> <li>2) Transfer of know-how to AFRISTAT;</li> <li>3) In collaboration with FAORAF and AFRISTAT, assisting the four countries in undertaking fieldwork and formulating an AGRIS proposal to be integrated into the SPARS;</li> <li>4) Supporting the mobilization of resources for funding AGRIS at national level.</li> </ol> <p>In 2017, TA activities to be performed in Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Madagascar and Mali were agreed upon with national authorities during the initial inception missions conducted by AFRISTAT and funds for these activities were committed. National staff from these four countries was also trained by experts from AFRISTAT and the GO in the development of MSFs, with the ultimate objective of preparing the implementation of an AGRIS.</p> <p><b>In 2018</b>, the following activities will be undertaken by <b>AFRISTAT</b> and the GO according to the letter of agreement signed with AFRISTAT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Master sampling frames will be developed in the four targeted countries (<b>Cabo Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Madagascar and Mali</b>) and tested through field work;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Results of the field test will be analyzed and presented during restitution workshops;</li> <li>- Assistance will be provided in formulating an AGRIS proposal that will ultimately be integrated into countries' SPARS;</li> <li>- If time permits, support in the mobilization of resources for funding AGRIS at national level will also be provided.</li> </ul> <p>Direct support for these activities will be provided by one senior expert from AFRISTAT, one junior statistician posted in AFRISTAT, senior statisticians from the GO (authors of the guidelines), one senior statistician from FAORAF and one junior African statistician posted in FAO headquarters. Trainers from <b>ENSEA-Abidjan</b> will also be included as observers in the various activities performed in Côte d'Ivoire as an effort to develop the capacity of this regional training centre to provide short-term training on the creation and use of Master Sampling Frames for agricultural statistics.</p>	
<p><b>G4.1.3</b></p>	<p><b>Provide TA on measuring Agricultural Costs of Production (AgCOP)</b></p> <p>The initial objective of this activity was to provide training and TA to three SADC countries (Botswana, Seychelles and Zambia) for the compilation of Cost of Production statistics. The activity will be carried out in partnership with the SADC Secretariat to ensure an appropriate transfer of know-how at regional level.</p> <p>In 2017, TA protocols have been established with Botswana, Seychelles and Zambia in support to the measurement of agricultural costs of production (AgCoP). National staff of these three countries received technical training on recommended methodologies to measure AgCoP and on the compilation tool developed by the GO to assist countries in calculating the various cost indicators. Gaps analyses were also performed on questionnaires and methodologies used by these three countries and recommendations made to address these gaps. Recommendations were further discussed at the country level and taken into account in the tools and methodologies to be tested during the field work. Finally, field work was completed in Seychelles and Zambia.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the GO did not succeed in establishing a partnership with the SADC Secretariat. The lack of human resources capacity and the fact that this organization does not have an official mandate for the delivery of technical assistance on AgCoP are the two main reasons.</p> <p>In <b>2018</b>, activities to be undertaken under this output include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The organization of field work on the measurement of cost of production in Botswana;</li> <li>- The analysis of the data collected during the three field tests in <b>Botswana, Seychelles and Zambia</b> using the compilation tool developed by the Global Office and presentation of results in a validation/restitution workshop;</li> <li>- The production of a final report.</li> </ul> <p>For these activities, direct support will be provided by three statisticians from the Global Office, including one junior African statistician posted in FAO headquarters.</p>	<p><b>EU funds: N/A</b></p>
	<p><b>GTF: US\$ 144,501:</b> US\$ 43,923 carried forward from 2017 and US\$ 100,578 requested as additional funds in 2018.</p> <p>Activities funded by the GTF: As above Salary: \$US 108,048 Travel: US\$ 36,453 (6 missions involving 2 to 3 experts)</p>	<p><b>EU funds: N/A</b></p>

	<p>Activities funded by the GTF: As above  Salary: \$US 71,839  Travel: \$US 31,161 (5 missions involving 2 experts)</p>	
<b>G4.1.4</b>	<p><b>Providing TA on Post-Harvest Losses (PHL)</b></p> <p>The objective of this activity was to provide training and TA to three SADC countries (Namibia, Malawi and Zimbabwe) in estimating post-harvest losses. The support will be provided to these countries jointly with the SADC's Statistical Department so as to ensure a sustainable transfer of know-how at regional level.</p> <p>In 2017, TA protocols on the assessment of post-harvest losses have been established with Malawi, Namibia and Zimbabwe and funds for these activities were committed through LoAs in Namibia and Malawi. National staff of these three countries received technical training on recommended methodologies to measure post-harvest losses. Gaps analyses have also been performed and discussed with national project teams on these countries' current questionnaires and methodologies that are being used to produce the necessary indicators. Tools and methodologies were developed/improved based on these discussions and preparation of their testing has started.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the GO did not succeed in establishing a partnership with the SADC Secretariat on this topic either. The lack of human resources capacity and the fact that this organization does not have an official mandate for the delivery of technical assistance on agricultural statistics are the two main explaining factors.</p> <p>In <b>2018</b>, the following activities will be undertaken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Field work on the assessment of post-harvest losses will be conducted in <b>Malawi, Namibia and Zimbabwe</b>;</li> <li>- Data collected during the field tests will be analyzed with national staff during a workshop using a set of SPSS programs developed by the GO;</li> <li>- Results of the field work will be presented in a validation/restitution workshop;</li> <li>- A final report will be produced for each country.</li> </ul> <p>Direct support for these activities will be provided by two senior statisticians (authors of the guidelines) and two junior statisticians (including one young African statistician) from the GO.</p>	
	<p><b>GTF: US\$ 175,000:</b> US\$ 89,497 carried forward from 2017 and US\$ 85,503 requested as additional funds in 2018.</p> <p>Activities funded by the GTF: As above  Salary: \$US 102,873  Travel: \$US 47,442 (12 missions involving 2 experts)</p> <p>Training and field test: US\$ 24,685 (Zimbabwe)</p>	<p><b>EU funds: N/A</b></p>
<b>G4.1.5</b>	<p><b>Provide TA on Livestock, including Production and Nomadic Livestock (LIVE)</b></p> <p>The initial objectives of this activity were threefold:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Training the national staff of Niger and Botswana in the adoption of methods for estimating livestock and livestock products, and methods for enumerating nomadic and semi-nomadic livestock;</li> <li>2. Successfully transferring know-how to the statistical departments of SADC and UEMOA;</li> </ol>	



3. In collaboration with SADC and UEMOA, assisting the two countries in undertaking field work.

In 2017, TA protocols on the improvement of livestock statistics have been established with Botswana and Niger and in Botswana, funds for these activities were committed through a Letter of Agreement. National staff of these two countries received technical training on recommended methodologies to measure livestock production and productivity. In Niger, training on the enumeration of nomadic and semi-nomadic livestock was also provided. Gaps analyses were performed and discussed with national project teams on these countries' questionnaires and methodologies that are being used in livestock surveys. Tools and methodologies have been developed/improved based on these discussions and preparation of their testing has started.

Unfortunately, the GO did not succeed in establishing partnerships with the SADC Secretariat and UEMOA. This can be explained by the lack of human resources capacity and the fact that these organizations do not have an official mandate for the delivery of TA on livestock statistics. As an alternative, the GO will provide joint support to Mali with AFRISTAT as a capacity-building effort in the area of livestock statistics.

In 2018, one additional country (**Mali**) will receive assistance on Livestock statistics. The activities started in 2017 in **Botswana and Niger** will continue.

Assistance on Livestock statistics was requested by Mali in the second half of 2017. As it did not represent a large investment compared to the relative gain in quality that could result from this assistance, the GO agreed to provide this support in partnership with **AFRISTAT**. It will take the form of technical training on the recommended methodology to estimate livestock products and productivity and a gap analysis of the country's current tools and methodology used to measure these phenomena. Recommendations will be directly included in the livestock survey planned by Mali in 2018.

In addition, the following activities will be undertaken:

- Field work on the measurement of livestock products and productivity (including for nomadic and semi-nomadic livestock) will be conducted in Botswana and Niger;
- Data collected during these field tests will be analyzed with national staff during a workshop and the results will be presented in a validation/restitution workshop;
- A final report will be produced for each country.

Direct support will be provided by the main authors of the guidelines on livestock statistics and two young African statisticians. Activities in Mali will also be supported by one senior expert from AFRISTAT and one junior statistician from the GO posted in AFRISTAT.

**GTF: US\$ 152,500:** US\$ 71,655 carried forward from 2017 and US\$ 80,845 requested as additional funds in 2018.

Activities funded by the GTF: As above  
Salaries: \$US 67,685  
Travel: \$US 66,123 (8 missions involving 2 experts)  
Training and field test: US\$ 18,692

**EU funds: N/A**

#### **G4.1.6**

#### **Provide TA on compiling Food Balance Sheets (FBS)**

The initial objectives of this activity were threefold:



1. Organizing an intensive 10-day hands-on training session on FBSs in one statistical school (ENSAE) by mid-2017. The training may also include an overview of the methodological approaches to estimate food consumption, in relation to other ongoing methodological developments of the GS. The training session will be organized for carefully selected statisticians from 12 countries;
2. Transfer of know-how to AFRISTAT and the ENSAE;
3. Follow up and assist three countries in the use of the FBS methodology (Guinea, Benin and Madagascar), with AFRISTAT progressively taking over by the end of 2017.

In 2017, AFRISTAT, ENSAE-Dakar and the GO organized a regional 5-days' hands-on training session on the new methodology to produce Food Balance Sheets (FBS) and the FBS compilation tool developed by FAO. The training took place in Senegal and 40 participants from 13 countries and 31 institutions benefited from it.

Additionally, during this period, TA activities were conducted in four countries (Benin, Guinea, Madagascar and Mali). Support in Mali was provided during the year based on budget savings and Mali's request for support. For each of these countries, TA protocols were prepared following initial inception missions. In three countries (Benin, Guinea and Madagascar), technical training on the compilation of FBS was provided and national staff have already started to gather the necessary information for the production of the FBS.

**In 2018**, the following activities will be conducted:

- In-country training on the compilation of FBS will be conducted in Mali;
- National staff from **Benin, Guinea, Madagascar and Mali** will prepare their Supply and Utilization Accounts (SUA) table and compile their FBSs with support at distance provided by **AFRISTAT** and the GO team.
- The results of the SUA tables and the FBSs will be discussed and finalized through validation workshops;
- A final report will be produced for each country.

In addition, another country (**Cameroun**) will receive assistance on the compilation of FBSs in 2018. As for the other countries, the activities in Cameroun will consist in:

- The organization of an inception mission to launch the activities related to FBSs compilation (creation of a technical working group, analysis of potential data sources, determination of the scope of the FBS commodities) and to mainstream the TA activities to be performed;
- The provision of in-country hands-on training, which will allow Cameroun to collect all the necessary information to compile its FBSs;
- The analysis of the first results obtained during the compilation of Supply and Use Accounts and Food Balance Sheets and correction of errors;
- The validation of the FBSs and preparation of the final report.

These additional technical activities were possible due to savings realized in the delivery of the overall TA plan for Africa.

Direct support for these activities will be provided by one senior expert from AFRISTAT, one junior statistician from the GO posted in AFRISTAT, as well as two senior and three junior statisticians from FAO's Statistics Division (ESS).

**GTF: US\$ 141,500:** US\$ 27,629 carried forward from 2017 and US\$ 113,871 requested as additional funds in 2018.

**EU funds: N/A**

Activities funded by the GTF: As above  
Salaries: \$US 77,000

	Travel: \$US 56,000 (8 missions involving 2 experts) Training: US\$ 8,500	
<b>Output U4.1 - Reinforcing the capacity of training providers in agricultural statistics</b>		
<b>U4.1.1</b>	<b>Strengthening the capacity of training centers through partnerships and twinning arrangements</b>	
	<p>A total of US\$ 53,000 have been budgeted for this output. The two activities within this output for the year 2018 are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sponsoring of 10 training center teachers/lecturers to participate in Global Office and Technical Assistance trainings. US\$ 22,000. (Calculated @ US\$ 1200 for tickets and US\$ 1000 for DSA of 5 days)</li> <li>Trainers exchanges between training centers teachers (2 weeks in another training center) for 8 trainers. (Calculated at Ticket US\$ 1000 and DSA for 15 days at US\$ 197/day) = US\$ 31,000.</li> </ul>	
	<b>GTF: US\$ 53,000</b> (\$ 38,000 carried forward from 2017 and \$ 15,000 New requests for 2018)	<b>EU funds: US\$ 0 (EUR 0)</b>
	Activities funded by the GTF: As Above	Activities funded by the EU funds: N/A.
<b>U4.1.2</b>	<b>Review/adaptation (to Africa context) of guidelines and training material produced at global level, and development, production and translation of curricula, syllabuses &amp; relevant teaching materials</b>	
	<p>For the development, adaptation, testing and dissemination of 4 short training modules and syllabi US\$ 20,000 and 1 EGM (US\$ 45,000) for the validation of the materials has been allocated for 2018. The detailed activities under this output include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of syllabi in collaboration with GO</li> <li>Adaptation of the training material developed by the GO to the African context</li> <li>Two Expert Group Meetings for validation of short training modules and syllabi</li> <li>To ensure that the syllabi are in line with the latest methodologies, the GO will be included in the validation process.</li> </ul> <p>For carrying out above activities the following budget has been allocated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>US\$ 20,000 (at USD 5,000 adaptation cost per training material. The cost involves hiring subject matter expert to gather and adopt contextualized training material). Four training materials will be adopted.</li> <li>US\$ 45,000 for One Expert Group Meeting for the validation of the materials has been allocated for 2018. The detailed costs under this output include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18 Experts (@ USD 1000 for Tickets and USD 1200 for DSA)= USD 39,200</li> <li>Conference Room and Logistical Cost = USD 5,000</li> <li>Documentation and reporting = USD 1,000</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	<b>GTF: US\$65,000</b> (Carried forward from 2017)	<b>EU funds: US\$ 0 (EUR 0)</b>
	Activities funded by the GTF: As Above	Activities funded by the EU funds: N/A.
<b>U4.1.3</b>	<b>Upgrading training facilities and improving access to relevant material</b>	
	<p>USD 40,000 is allocated under this output to provide infrastructure and training equipment support for additional two statistical training centers in the region (USD 20,000 per STC).</p> <p>Support has been already provided to 4 lead STCs (ENSEA- Abidjan, ISSAE- Yaoundé, ENSAE- Dakar and EASTC- Dar es Salaam) in the region. Four additional STCs have been identified as potential candidates for implementing agricultural statistics training</p>	

	<p>development owing to their current experience in providing training in the same area. As a result, based on a comprehensive assessment of infrastructure capacities, the support will be provided to two selected STCs out of the following four.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Makerere University , Kampala, Uganda</li> <li>• ENE-Maputo, Mozambique</li> <li>• INSEA-Tunis, Tunisia</li> <li>• CAPMAS, Cairo, Egypt</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>GTF: US\$ 0</b></p> <p>Activities funded by the GTF : N/A.</p>	<p><b>EU funds: US\$ 40,000 (EUR 30,000)</b></p> <p>New requested funds for 2018</p> <p>Activities funded by the EU funds: Support to additional 2 statistical training centers as mentioned above.</p>
<p><b>U4.1.4</b></p>	<p><b>Harmonizing &amp; synchronizing curricula &amp; qualifications between training centers and countries, conducting course evaluations and establishing a process for accrediting qualifications for different courses</b></p> <p>No budget allocations have been made for this output for the year 2018.</p>	
	<p><b>GTF: US\$ 0:</b></p> <p>Activities funded by the GTF: N/A.</p>	<p><b>EU funds: US\$ 0 (EUR 0)</b></p> <p>Activities funded by the EU funds: N/A.</p>
<p><b>U4.1.5</b></p>	<p><b>Training Workshops on Newly developed methods to support the curricula profiles of Statistical training centers</b></p> <p>A total of USD 800,612 is allocated for the year 2018 in regard to the provision of short term training of trainers' workshops in newly developed methods in agricultural statistics. <b>With a focus on Statistical Training Centres, the following training of trainers have been planned in the year 2018:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Training of trainers events on newly developed methods in agricultural statistics are planned for this year. These training of trainers are based on the materials developed from the Global office on the following topics. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cost of Production</li> <li>- Post-harvest losses</li> <li>- Decent work and youth employment</li> <li>- Gender and agricultural statistics</li> <li>- Basics in agricultural statistics</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Five regional training of trainer's workshops, one per topic, in Francophone countries are planned. The total cost breakdown for this is US\$ 352,190, consisting Costs per training of Trainers session (US\$ 70,438) will cover travel for 30 participants per training, Conference logistics and arrangements as well as documentation.</li> <li>○ Five regional training of trainers' workshops, one per topic, in Anglophone countries. US\$ 352,190. Similar breakdown as above will apply.</li> <li>○ The methodology is to have these trainings available at the various sub-regional and regional STCs in the region. As a result, these Training of Trainers will be delivered in two regional training centres (EASTC-Dar Es Salaam and ENSEA-Abidjan) and ECA's Institute of Economic Development Planning –IDEP located in Dakar, Senegal.</li> <li>○ The budget breakdown also includes sponsoring the participation of 13 trainers/lecturers in the 9-month training program on agricultural statistics in order to strengthen the capacity of the STCs: US\$ 96,231.</li> </ul>	

	<b>GTF: US\$0</b> Activities funded by the GTF: N/A	<b>EU funds: US\$ 800, 612 (EUR 646,992):</b> US\$ 96,231 (EUR 72,173) carried forward from 2016 and US\$ 704,381 (EUR 528,286) requested as additional funds in 2017.
<b>Output U4.2 - Providing scholarships for short and long term studies and funding short term training arrangements</b>		
<b>U4.2.1</b>	<b>Providing short term, in-service training in priority area and promotion of distance and e-learning</b> In support of the specialization program, a total of US\$ 103,048 has been allocated for training staff in agencies producing agricultural statistics using various short-term, in service, distance or eLearning methods. These training activities will be organized, with the participation of statistical training centers, and will focus on staff working in agencies producing agricultural statistics that cannot leave their offices in order to take a nine months training abroad, or staff from countries for which no statistical training centers is able to give the nine-month specialization program in their official language.  List of workshops to be confirmed after the training needs assessment. Possible short term training courses include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Basics in Agricultural Statistics</li> <li>- Decent Work – youth employment</li> <li>- Gender and Agricultural statistics</li> <li>- Cost of Production</li> <li>- Post-harvest losses</li> </ul> And other additional courses to be further developed in 2018	
	<b>GTF: US\$ 55,700:</b> Carried forward from 2017.  Activities funded by the GTF: Preparation of the eLearning materials and syllabi- Consultants for materials preparation, upgrading the eLearning platform	<b>EU funds: US\$ 53,048 (EUR 39,786):</b> Newly requested for 2018.  Activities funded by the EU: trainer fees and travel, logistical expenses as well as documentation
<b>U4.2.2</b>	<b>Providing scholarships for long and short term studies</b>  <b>Providing scholarships for long and short term studies</b> A total of 34 scholarships have been planned for the year Each scholarship for the specialization programme in agricultural statistics is calculated at US\$ 7,500 per student for a maximum of one year in 2018. The cost includes return ticket from the origin country and monthly stipend for the student to be calculated per country of study. This year, the scholarship support will go to countries that have not been previously serviced through this arrangement. Currently, there are four STCs administering the scholarship programme through a framework MoU signed with ECA. These are ENSEA- Abidjan, ISSAE- Yaoundé, ENSAE- Dakar and EASTC- Dar es Salaam.  The strategy for the scholarship provision is to cover the basic statistical training for a large number of beneficiaries targeted at creating the required critical mass of experts in agricultural statistics.	

	<p><b>GTF: US\$ 255,394</b> (USD 244,235 carried forward from 2017 and \$ 11,159 newly requested for 2018).</p> <p>Activities funded by the GTF: 34 scholarships for the year 2018</p>	<p><b>EU funds: US\$ 0 (EUR 0)</b></p> <p>Activities funded by the EU funds: N/A.</p>
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