The Global Strategy is a programme that oversees the implementation of a wide-reaching comprehensive framework for improving the availability and use of agricultural and rural data, necessary for evidence-based decision making.

**On the road to the Second Phase**

1. **Provide technical assistance and training on cost-effective methods to countries**
   - Strengthen countries’ capacities to use innovative approaches in data collection and to boost data production

2. **Use a Modular Approach** for more effective programme execution

3. **Establish methods to ensure greater accountability and to improve coordination and implementation with partners**

4. **Simplify existing governance structure**

5. **Increase advocacy and dissemination efforts to ensure visibility and awareness of the programme’s cost-effective methodological tools and their benefits focusing on the country level**

6. **Adopt an innovative funding strategy**
**MAIN SUCCESSES**

- Regarded as an international benchmark on agricultural statistics
- Met the evolving demands for data at the regional and international levels as well as the data needs of countries
- Developed and published 37 guidelines that provide cost-effective data collection methodologies for agriculture statistics
- Improved statistical capacities at country level

**MAIN SHORTCOMINGS**

- Three regions did not fully benefit from the Global Strategy due to funding gaps
- Limited commitment at the regional level
- Technical assistance at the country level begun late
- Insufficient advocacy efforts, particularly at the regional level

* Modular Approach: The principle of using a Modular Approach is to implement the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural & Rural Statistics through a set of distinct but complementary “modules or investments” that can be developed independently and carried out by various partners.