ILO statistical programme in Asia-Pacific Region for 2016-2017

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1. Data collection programme

Provide **technical assistance** in the data collection, analysis and dissemination of work and labour force statistics (through labour force surveys or other household-based surveys) to at least some 11 Asia-Pacific member States:

- 3 from South Asia (Afghanistan, Maldives, Nepal);
- 4 from South-East Asia (Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Lao PDR, and Myanmar); and
- 4 PICs (Fiji, PNG, Samoa, and Tonga);

+ Support to building a statistical system for sub-annual LFS in Myanmar (quarterly LFS).

2. Capacity building programme

Increased capacity of ILO constituents in the data collection and use of work and labour force statistics for policy design and monitoring:

- 1 regional training on the 19th ICLS Resolution concerning statistics of work, employment and labour underutilization;
- Annual training sessions on labour migration statistics (organized in collaboration with KOSTAT, next is 26-28 October 2016);
- Other regional training: informal employment (with SIAP, July 2016), employment in rural economy, workshop on status in employment, etc.;
- Support to selected member States for participating in the ITC-ILO Turin training (such as the Academy for Labour Market Statistics and Analysis: [http://www.itcilo.org/en](http://www.itcilo.org/en)).
3. Support to monitoring SDGs (1)

- Decent Work Agenda has a specific Goal 8 on Decent work and economic growth (*Promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, employment and decent work for all*);
- But is also enshrined in some other 7 SDGs Goals such as Goal 1 (No Poverty), Goal 4 (Quality Education), Goal 5 (Gender Equality), Goal 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure), Goal 10 (Reduced Inequalities), Goal 14 (Life Below Water), and Goal 16 (Peace and Justice);

3. Support to monitoring SDGs (2)

- The current proposal on the Global Indicators Framework for monitoring progress towards achieving SDGs, as recently agreed by the UN Statistical Commission during its 47th Session in New York, includes some 37 decent work related SDGs indicators (in a total of about 252), spread into 30 of the 169 Targets;
- The 3rd Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs (30 March to 1 April 2016 in Mexico City) has proposed **ILO as the custodian of 14 SDGs indicators**;
- Support to member States in updating their comprehensive measurement of all elements of decent work (through LMIS) to effectively contribute to SDGs monitoring (such as in Fiji, Mongolia, Pakistan, Philippines, Samoa, and Viet Nam).
4. Implementing the 19\textsuperscript{th} ICLS

- The 19\textsuperscript{th} ICLS Resolution concerning statistics of work, employment and labour underutilization was adopted in October 2013;

- ILO has been developing tools and guidelines (model questionnaires and manuals) to assist member States in implementing the new resolution (out in December 2016);

- A programme on Pilot LFS is ongoing, covering 10 countries worldwide, including 2 from Asia-Pacific: the Philippines and Viet Nam;

- ILO recommend all its member States to measure their labour statistics in line with the new standards.