RPES Implementation at regional level

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We are progressing towards 2020 target

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2011 2013 2015 2017 2020

Today
**4 substantive priorities were identified by the Steering Group given the large scope (2013)**

1. Labour/employment statistics
2. Household income/expenditure statistics
3. Structural business statistics/BRs
4. Measurement of natural resources

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**RPES is producing regional goods and services for developing economic statistics**

- Peer-to-peer exchanges
  - Reviews of national studies under Russian Federation-funded project are stimulating share of practices, e.g. Armenia-Tajikistan on trade-related surveys and Mongolia-Russian Federation on measuring value added of agricultural sector

- Asia-Pacific Economic Statistics Week seminar and its outputs

- Activating partnerships among international/regional organizations

- Revamped Capacity Screening for 2017
ESCAP in-country support aims to address 5 issues

- Need for an **NSS-wide assessment** covering institutional, organizational and domain-specific issues (Peer Reviews)

- Improvement of the underlying data for main **national accounts** indicators (including the SEEA) and **business statistics** (In-depth assessments & followed by research and technical assistance)

- Building of capability not only for routine data production but also for understanding the statistics and scrutinizing the **quality of statistics** (National research projects)

- Need for **institutional capacity building** for training (Materials, ToTs)

- **Coordination**: Doing all of this under the NSO’s leadership together with all concerned national agencies and development partners

The DFID-funded project aims at increased availability of high quality economic statistics and improved capacity of national statistical systems to produce quality economic statistics

**Output A**: Improved knowledge on the strengths and weaknesses of national statistical systems in project countries

**Output B**: Improved capacity of national statistical training institutions on the Core Set of Economic Statistics

**Output C**: Improved technical knowledge and statistical infrastructure in national statistical systems for the production of quality economic statistics
The success of the project depends on full partnership with the national statistical systems

- Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Timor-Leste and Viet Nam
  - Develop together with ESCAP a concept note and a plan for implementation in country
  - Ensure alignment with national priorities (national development plans, NSDS, etc.)
  - Confirm absorption capacity (timing of project, human resources, coordination with other development partners in country)

Ensure sustainability (post-project vision)

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Output A: Reviews

- Developed a review tool for the Maldives
  - Legal setting and fundamental principles
  - NSS structure, coordination, planning/programming
  - NSO organization, resources, policies/practices, relations with stakeholders, international cooperation
  - Data sources, registers, processes and quality
  - Domain-specific questions on economic statistics
Output B: Training

• Training materials based on Core Set areas
• A working group under SGRPES?
  – Prioritize areas where training materials are needed
  – Function as a network for training on economic statistics (modelled on the SIAP-supported network for the coordination of statistical training)
• E-learning, training of trainers with a view to developing national training capacities

Training Discussion

• Could the Steering Group create a task force to prioritize the training materials needs taking the Core Set as reference?
Output C: Resource Facility

• Funding for national studies from around the region
• Substantive scope delineated by the Core Set and RPES
• ESCAP, experts from SGRPES and development partners involved in technical reviews
• The approach piloted with the RF-funded project for the Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia and Tajikistan

General Statistical Office of Viet Nam
“Business registers data used for official statistics”

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COMMENTS
Data would be very useful to scope frames; impute for missing data; and model data to replace direct collection.

Needs for improvement:
• Reconfigure time frame
• Negotiate an MOU with the Tax Office for implementation

Adjustment:
Proposal under review
Resource Facility Discussion

• Current criteria for selection:
  – Aligned with the priorities of RPES
  – Explains expected impact of the research on the compilation of national accounts in line with up-to-date international standards
  – Supports the national development plans
  – Falls within technical and human capacities of implementing agency
• How about reference to SDGs and gender aspects in selection criteria?

Resource Facility Discussion 2

• Are the Steering Group members content with their role as technical reviewers?
• Considering various capacities for proposal development could a research-based course be considered to support countries with special needs?
## Training Activities

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<td>Chiba, Japan</td>
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- Invitations to all ESCAP countries
  - Focus on developing countries, countries with special needs: subject to funding
- Agricultural statistics related training-RAP priority countries
- Countries encouraged to nominate appropriate participants