World Bank Group’s
Support on Econ Statistics
in Asia and the Pacific

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Improving Economic Statistics

- Good economic statistics require a system-wide perspective as main economic aggregates draw from many statistical and administrative sources
- The World Bank helps countries improve
  - The national system as a whole
  - Specific / critical statistical programs
- Country ownership of the improvement program is essential for success!
What do we do

- Ensure our support is:
  - properly sequenced,
  - meet partner country needs
  - coordinated with other donor partners

- Assessments
  - Build from past assessments, if available
  - Founded on best practices, existing assessment tools & guidelines

- Advise
  - From leading experts in the field

- Financing
  - Small and large scale, for data productions and reform agendas

Working on the foundation and on specific areas

- National statistical system
  - Institutional & legal framework
  - Data production framework
  - Data dissemination & user relations

- Critical statistical systems (e.g. SNA, Household surveys)
  - Focus on improving key indicators
  - Prioritize source data improvements
  - Prioritize data integration methods (as eco stats draw from many sources)
  - Improve subject matter knowledge and expertise
What we do: advice and finance in partnership

- Provide sequenced technical advice and financing for improving the national system and critical areas
- Coordinate our support with other donor partners

Ongoing Stats Projects in Asia and the Pacific (Econ Stats related)

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Two examples: Price Stats and National Accounts

**Price Statistics**
- International Comparisons Program (ICP)
  - (In collaboration with Asian Development Bank)
    - Price data collection
    - PPP estimates for GDP and breakdown

**National Accounts**
- Involvement in the rebasing of national accounts
  (ex. Malaysia, Bhutan, …)
- National accounts activities for ICP
  - Detailed expenditure breakdown