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# 1. Overview of the review Statistical Law

## A. The implementation of Statistical Law:

- ❖ Lao Statistical Law was approved by NA in June, 2010;
- ❖ The Lao Statistical Law included (10 parts; 6 chapters and 63 articles);
- ❖ In previously, the implantation of Statistical Law:
  - The organization restructuring and staffs;
  - The implementation of Strategy Development National Statistics System (2010-2020);
  - The budget is independently (It is the first time which government approve the budget directly into Statistical activities)

# 1. Overview of the review Statistical Law (Cont')



## B. The reason for revising the Statistical Law:

- ❖ The Constitution had improved, new government and the National Socio-Economics Development Plan (5 Year Plan, Vol. VIII)
- ❖ Statistics Commission had approved new 10 Principles; SDG'I- response by IWG (International Expert Working Group); SDG 2030 Agenda ( Leaving no one behind);
- ❖ In Lao PDR-the challenges:
  - The implementation of Environment and Security of Statistics in the Statistical Law is not yet implemented
  - In recently, the global concern the important of Environment Statistics and Lao government also regard to the important this issued such set up 6s and green cities

# 1. Overview of the review Statistical Law (Cont')

- ❖ Register System: In previously, Lao PDR not yet implemented especially Civil Register Vital Statistics (CRVS) and Business Register (BR);
- ❖ Statistics Council in Statistical Law mentioned only the Statistics Council can be establish by the agreement of the Lao government; In fact, it is not yet set up;
- ❖ Statistics organization system of Lao PDR have improved, however, some point is still not yet clearly, so the implementation is also not unify such as:
  - In the horizontal system from central to local level;
  - In the vertical system for village level is still not yet set up
  - Coordination mechanism and official statistics report between vertical system and horizontal system (including powerful directive)

## 2. The way to improve statistical Law

- ❖ To Conduct the evaluation of the implementation Law;
- ❖ Organized the consultation meeting on improving the statistical law in the whole country;
- ❖ Organize the workshop passed the draft of statistical law with the vertical and horizontal organization;
- ❖ Study from domestic law and foreign countries;
- ❖ Consultation with expert on law.



### 3. The participation on improving statistical law



- ❖ To establish working group on improving statistical law:
  - LSB
  - Ministry of Justice
  - Expert on law
  
- ❖ Organized meeting overture from:
  - Vertical System of the Statistics organization
  - Horizontal System of the Statistics organization

## 4. Timeline for Activities (6 steps according to the Law on Making Legislation for consideration and approval:

### 1. LSB up to 11/2016:

- Preparing all the documents and organizing consultation workshops including study statistical law from other countries and consultation with expert from abroad;
- Draft of improving Statistical Law (6-7/2016).

### 2. MPI (12/2016):

- Organized consultation workshop with all departments in MPI for improving Statistical Law;
- The Minister of MIP approved.

## 4. Timeline for Activities (6 steps according to the Law on Making Legislation for consideration and approval (Cont')):



### 3. Ministry of Justice (12/2016-10/1/2017):

- MPI sending Draft of improving Statistical Law to Ministry of Justice for consideration and confirmation correctly;
- Ministry of Justice approve and send to Prime Minister (1/2017).

### 4. National Assembly (1/2017):

- Pass Statistical Law in Lao Government meet;

## **4. Timeline for Activities (6 steps according to the Law on Making Legislation for consideration and approval(Cont’):**



### **5. People’s Supreme Council (4/2017):**

- The notification has issued for passing the new statistical law and improving law for 5 years (2016-2020) and identify the detail pass in National Assembly in each year including 6 months in the beginning and ending of the year (6/2016);
- Commission Law of National Assembly organize workshop for preparing, overture and understanding agreed on content for improving statistical law (2/2016);
- Pass People’s Supreme Council about Draft of improving Statistical Law (4/2017)

### **6. President of Lao PDR has issued Decree for the announcement (6/2017)**

- Improving by comment from National Assembly members and making completely statistical law for President of Lao PDR has issued Decree for the announcement (6/2017).

## 5. Expectation from new Statistical Law:

- ❖ Upgrade powerful directive and negotiation power on Government's budget;
- ❖ To identify Statistics work are more clearly especially Data collection system for official statistics; Report system and Data dissemination (Via ICT and Press release);
- ❖ Reorganization and staffs include Human Development;
- ❖ Coordination mechanism include connection, cooperation and coordination;
- ❖ Integrated international standards for official statistics.



**Thank you for your kind attention!**