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Samoa wishes to commend the enormous efforts made by ESCAP, SIAP, FAO and ADB in the promotion of different programs to support Agriculture and Fishing Statistics via the Global Strategy to Improve Agriculture and Rural Statistics. For small island nations with small economies that rely heavily on imported food and many other materials for good living, all efforts to promote our agriculture systems and fishing economy to ensure food security for the growing populations, calls for high quality statistics to ensure that appropriate policies, relevant training, and, research are put in place to sustain the Agriculture and Fishing sectors.

Just a few weeks ago, 11 islands countries including Samoa have been selected by FAO to start methodologies and data collection in existing census and surveys for SDG 2.1.1 (prevalence of undernourishment) and 2.1.2 (prevalence of food insecurity) which are not available in countries. This project will start early next year.

In that regard, we fully support continuous international support for the proposed second phase of the Asia-Pacific Regional Action Plan to improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics.