

1. The Partnership has mostly engaged in the sharing of information. This was instrumental in taking issues raised at the global level and molding them into regional partnerships. Several important activities and partnerships resulted, including on: (i) CRVS; (ii) Better coordination on statistics training; and (iii) the Asia-Pacific Regional Action Plan to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics.

2. However, a lack of resources has hampered the Partnership from taking more initiatives.

3. Further, there is now the Thematic Working Group on Statistics under the Regional Coordination Mechanism, created in the context of the SDG agenda. This makes it important to consider the role of the Partnership and how it can be re-positioned/re-organized/re-considered.

4. Some ideas discussed by the group included:

(i) Continuing the Partnership as an information sharing platform. The Partnership would also provide information to the TWG. (However, it was noted that information sharing needs to be structured appropriately. Gathering information is time-consuming if it is to be done comprehensively and provide a good basis for future planning.)

(ii) Having the Partnership support more coordination of partners at the country level

(iii) Come up with a plan for raising funds for statistics activities for the countries.

5. The guidance of the Committee would be important in how the Partnership can be repositioned in the context of the Thematic Working Group on Statistics under the Regional Coordination Mechanism. In particular:

• Which kind of activities of a partnership could be useful for countries?

• Which kind of coordination and shared activities is it that they would like to see?