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Maldives appreciates strongly supports the work carried out by ESCAP together with FAO & SIAP ^{and other partners} in developing the agriculture and Rural Statistics in this region.

I would like to note ^{with appreciation} the support provided to the Maldives in ~~the~~ undertaking the in-depth country assessment and work on developing the SPARS for the country.

Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture of together with the National Bureau of Statistics is working closely with FAO regional office in ~~BKK~~.

We are ~~going~~ to introduce a ^{next year} survey on agriculture production, conduct CAPI trainings and to introduce use of tablets for the collection of data for this agriculture survey; together with the support of FAO. ~~Thank~~ This will help ~~the~~ in improving the GDP estimates for the industry.