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**UPDATE ON THE SECOND PHASE OF THE GLOBAL
STRATEGY TO IMPROVE AGRICULTURE AND RURAL
STATISTICS**

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Significant **Achievements** of the 1st Phase (2012-2018):

2012

Complete upgrade of the most relevant existing agricultural statistical methods and development of new modern cost-effective methods.

Support to 40 countries who now have Strategic Plans for Agricultural and Rural Statistics (SPARS) and better coordination of agricultural statistics within the national statistical system.

Development and delivery of a **fast-track cost-effective technical assistance model** involving sub regional partners.

Creation and delivery of training programmes that have tangibly increased the overall statistical capacity of beneficiary countries.

2018



GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR IMPLEMENTING PHASE 2

Focus on **technical assistance** and **training** at country level on methods developed in Phase 1

A **modular approach** built on a set of distinct but complementary components that can be developed independently

Support to countries on the use of **innovative approaches** and **modern tools** in data collection



Increased **advocacy** and **dissemination** efforts to ensure visibility and awareness of the programme

Simplification of the **governance structure**

Greater **accountability** and improved **coordination** with partners



Strategic **Priorities** for the 2nd Phase (2020-2025):

2020

Supporting governments, institutions and practitioners as they strive to improve their agricultural statistical systems by sustainably developing capacities.

Targeting governance and transparency as key drivers to the success of a transformative strategy.

Provision of Technical Assistance to more countries and continuation of **training efforts** that have proven successful in the 1st phase.

Spurring innovation in ways that will give rise to new and more effective approaches to capacity development, data collection methods, analysis and use.

2025



PHASE 2 IN THE CONTEXT OF A CHANGING ENVIRONMENT

Increased
demand for
innovative tools
and approaches

Countries need data covering social, economic and environmental dimensions.

Modern cost-effective tools and methods developed in the 1st phase of the Global Strategy need to be widely used.

New approaches to capacity development are needed to target a broader range of capacities at all levels (individual, organizational and systemic).

New
initiatives
affecting the
demand and use
of agricultural and
rural statistics

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) agenda challenges the capacity of countries to report on key national data.

Regional and sub-regional initiatives and programmes, such as CAADP in Africa, depend upon the compliance of countries with reporting requirements.

The new landscape of agricultural statistics introduced by the FAO programme for monitoring SDGs and the 50 by 2030 initiative will further increase the need for strengthened statistical capacities and systems to ensure optimum results.



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5 MAIN OUTPUTS

15 ACTIVITIES

150 INVESTMENTS

**BUDGET: 50 M
USD**

ARENA 1



Effective
implementation
bodies

- Efficient governance and management
- Relevant partnerships
- Effective advocacy and communication

ARENA 2



Sustainable
agricultural
statistical systems

- Strategic statistical plans aligned with policies
- Sustainable funding for agricultural statistics
- Tools for better orientation of investments

ARENA 3



Skilled people
and effective
governance

- Adequate human resource management policies
- Capacities of training institutions strengthened
- Scholarships and e-learning/distance programmes enhanced

ARENA 4



Cost-effective
data collection
systems

- Technical assistance on cost-effective methodologies
- Development of new cost effective methods
- Development and dissemination of practical implementation guidelines

ARENA 5



Growing use
of data for
policy purposes

- Guidelines and support to countries on data analysis
- Increased user data literacy and better policy formulation/monitoring
- National agricultural indicator framework development



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