Asia-Pacific Economic Statistics Week
Bangkok, 2-6 May 2016

PHASE II
Strengthening capacity of NSSs in priority countries to produce and disseminate economic statistics, including national accounts in accordance with 2008 SNA

Project Support Meeting
4 May 2016 Bangkok, Thailand
Statistics Division, ESCAP

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

• Designed within framework of the Regional Programme on Economic Statistics in Asia and the Pacific (RPES)

• Aims at helping economic statistics producers in priority countries to produce and disseminate economic statistics in line with the Core Set and internationally agreed methodologies

• Funded by the Russian Federation

• Project Priority countries: Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Viet Nam
Concept Note outlining priorities for target countries

Phase I
- Consultation with concerned countries and partners
- Sub-regional Training Workshop on Changes in 2008 SNA, Affecting GDP Compilation
  - June/July 2014
  - Astana, Kazakhstan
- High-level Meeting on Coordinated Implementation of International Standards for Macroeconomic Statistics
  - September 2014
  - Vladivostok, Russia

Phase II
- Region-wide capacity screening assessment
- National studies to expedite in-country Implementation
- Dissemination of results in a regional meeting

2013 - 2014
2015 - 2016
KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT WITHIN RPES

OBJECTIVE: To promote the effective sharing of knowledge, experiences and technical know-hows

Online regional knowledge hub on economic statistics

- Information about RPES governance, its Core Set and core components
- Core Set: Reference Materials and National Summaries
- Knowledge Base: Assessments of NSS, NSS Strategies and Workplans, Standards and methodologies on ES
- National Studies will be disseminated in English and Russian

http://communities.unescap.org/economic-statistics
PHASE II OBJECTIVES

Contributes to the production of improved quality of economic statistics through national research on selected economic statistics areas with a view to assessing adherence of national practices to agreed international standards.

Aims at improving analytical skills of the national statistical offices, encouraging partnerships across the national statistical system and using the findings of national studies for improving economic statistics and as inputs for statistical development plans which support Regional Programme outputs.
Call for National Research proposals  
(Feb-March 2015)

Project priority countries provide maximum of three areas of economic statistics to focus on with justification

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Project Consultation Meeting  
(24 March 2015)

- Held in Bangkok, Thailand
- Review implementation of Phase I and consider research proposals for Phase II
- Attended by Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Russia and Viet Nam
- Proposals presented by Afghanistan, Viet Nam and the Kyrgyzstan

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Additional National Research proposal submission  
(May 2015 – March 2016)

Interested project priority countries submit national studies for approval
Aligned with the priorities of RPES
Explains expected impact of the research on the compilation of national accounts in line with up-to-date international standards
Supports the national development plans, in relation to 2008 SNA implementation
Falls within technical and human capacities of implementing agency

1. ESCAP reviews received proposals
2. Selected Steering Group members and field experts review proposals
3. ESCAP in consultation with selected NSO draft LoA
4. ESCAP internal review of the LoA first draft
5. ESCAP Grants Committee reviews LoA for the approval
6. After approval, ESCAP and selected country sign LoA
LETTER OF AGREEMENT (LoA)

Contractual arrangement to undertake technical cooperation activities contributing to ESCAP’s and the partner’s achievement of their respective work programmes and/or mandates

Three parts of LoA:

- **The Main Body** - provides information on the proposed partner institution
- **Annex I** - Terms of Reference of the Project Activities
- **Annex II** - Standard Terms and Conditions

Annex I:

- Overall Objective
- Role of ESCAP and role of partner institution
- Joint activities and time frame
- Budget
- Payment schedule
- Reporting requirements
National Statistical Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic
“Assessing the state of business statistics and improving its coverage in the Kyrgyz Republic”

Reviewed by experts at Project Consultation Meeting
24 March 2015

COMMENTS
Possible sustainable impact on economic statistics quality (medium-to-long term)

Needs for improvement:
- Analysis of data gaps for business statistics
- Coverage of/access to business register

Adjustment:
Report identifying gaps and related recommendations incorporated in LoA
National Registration and Statistics Office of Mongolia

“Use of Yield of agricultural productivity and producer prices for estimation of agricultural production”

Reviewed by:
Selected Steering Group Members & Experts from FAO

- Mr Romeo Recide - Philippines Statistics Authority
- Mr Andrey Tatarinov - Rosstat, Russia
- Mr Quang Vinh Pham - General Statistics Office, Viet Nam
- Mr Allan Nicholls - FAO Regional Office Bangkok
- Mr Mukesh Srivastava - FAO Regional Office Bangkok

COMMENTS

Experience and results sharing with neighboring regions of Russia is commended

Needs for improvement:
- Review/Assessment of current methodology for estimating GVA of livestock sector
- Detailed action plan

Adjustment:
Methodological support document provided & action plan incorporated in LoA
Agency on Statistics of the Republic of Tajikistan
“One-off sample survey on trade margin”

Reviewed by:
Selected Steering Group Members & Trade Experts

- Mr Lusya Khachatryan - National Statistical Service of the Republic of Armenia
- Mr Dipankar Sinha - Ministry of Commerce & Industry, India
- Mr Joseph Mariasingham, - Asian Development Bank
- Mr Andrey Tatarinov - Rosstat, Russia

The topic is an urgent issue for statistics’ further development

Needs for improvement:
- Action plan with appropriate activities and timeframe
- Clearly defined scope, sampling coverage and size
- Survey Piloting

Adjustment:
Scope and sampling coverage and size changes in proposal
General Statistical Office of Viet Nam
“Business registers data used for official statistics”

Reviewed by:
Selected Steering Group Members & Experts
• Mr Jonathon Khoo, Australian Bureau of Statistics
• Ms Luisa Ryan, Australian Bureau of Statistics
• Mr Fazrul Azlan Othman, Department of Statistics Malaysia

COMMENTS
Data would be very useful to scope frames; impute for missing data; and model data to replace direct collection.

Needs for improvement:
• Reconfigure time frame
• Negotiate an MOU with the Tax Office for implementation

Adjustment:
Proposal under review
PHASE II: PROJECT SUPPORT MEETING

4 May 2016, Bangkok, Thailand

Expected Outcomes:

1. Confirm scope and terms of national studies
2. Monitor progress of the national studies and help accelerate project implementation based on preliminary results of the national studies
3. Discuss scope and modality of the final seminar for sharing the results of the national studies.
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