Development Strategies for Dissemination of Official Statistics Towards Climate Change

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Overall introduction on NSS of Lao PDR

- Decree No. 140/PM on Organization and Activities of the National Statistical System which was approved on 20 August 2002 sets forth that:
- The National Statistical System (NSS) is a system for collecting, collating, analysis and dissemination of official statistics
- The NSS of the Lao PDR is a system that possesses organizational organs embedded in and accountable to ministries, ministry-equivalent agencies, provincial, district and village authorities, and different production units.
- The organizational system of the NSS comprises:
  - The **Department of Statistics (DoS)** is an organ of the Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI). The DoS is the coordinating body of production and dissemination of statistics and information within the national statistical system
  - **Systems of statistical organizations** in the line ministries, ministry-equivalent agencies, provincial, district and village authorities, production and service units.
What we have achieved (Cont.)

**Censuses and Surveys**

1. Three fundamental Censuses:
   - Population and Housing Census,
   - Agriculture census,
   - Economic census

2. Sample Surveys:
   - Lao expenditure and consumption survey
   - Annual household survey
   - Annual enterprise survey
   - Quarterly enterprise survey
   - MICS
   - LRHS
   - Others
Cooperation between DoS and MRC

• DoS provides data to MRC regularly and as per request,

• Participation in survey and research which the organization conducted.

• Participation in seminar, workshop and meeting both internally and internationally related to the MRC, example: - Annual users and producers workshop.
  - Workshop organised by LNMC
What we have achieved

• Based on the Decree 140/PM, the role of NSS is increasing in terms of data production, dissemination and cooperation both internally and internationally
• Coordination of the NSS has made progress and continue to improve the coordination between producers and users of statistics
• Number of staff both at the center and locally have upgraded their knowledge and skills, however the number staff is still limited
• Producing official statistics (Economic Statistics, Social and poverty Statistics) to support evaluation of the implementation of the fifth social-economic development plan (2006-2010), MDGs and monitoring other national programme.
Strategy for Development of the National Statistical System (NSDS) in Lao PDR 2010 to 2020
Development strategies and programmes towards effectiveness and efficiency

The objectives of the strategic plan are:
1. To ensure orderly and sustained development of statistics;
2. To ensure that the National Statistical System (NSS) is well placed to produce the required statistics to monitor and evaluate the goals and outcomes of developmental programmes and projects;
3. To ensure that the NSS is able to attract and retain professional statisticians and obtain adequate funding for statistical activities; and
4. To advocate for proper recognition for statistics in planning, decision-making and adequate support for the production of statistics.
Development strategies and programmes towards effectiveness and efficiency

Improving Policy, Regulations & Institutional Framework

1. To strengthen stakeholders’ awareness and participation in statistical production
2. To assess and implement phased development of NSS statistical units
3. To upgrade periodically knowledge, skills and competence of NSS Statisticians
4. To promote resource mobilization and effective use of scarce resources for statistical production
5. To improve the effectiveness of statistical policy and legislation
6. To improve coordination among government statistical units and the donor community
Development strategies and programmes towards effectiveness and efficiency

2. Developing Statistical Infrastructure
   7. To promote the use of common concepts, standards, classifications in line with international acceptance and improve consistency in official statistics
   8. To improve dissemination and sharing of information with the general public as well as increase access to data, storage and archiving of information.
Development strategies and programmes towards effectiveness and efficiency

3. Data Development and Management
   9. To carry out the statistical program of production and services in order to enhance quality and relevance.
   10. To improve timeliness, and undertake further data analysis and interpretation of available statistics.

4. Rationalizing Investment in Physical Infrastructure & Equipment
   11. To assess NSS information systems and required infrastructure in the districts.
   12. To network and link NSS databases to government-wide ICT infrastructure,
Data exchange and Dissemination

- Provide in existing and new publications explanatory notes such as item definitions in glossary form, methodological notes on classifications used, data sources and survey design
- Provide users with a Metadata presentation available on the website for major surveys and censuses
- Extensive use of web-site release of data in particular short-term indicators and summary findings from large surveys
- The DoS does not yet have the capacity to allow releases of statistics on a pre-announced schedule or make statistics available to all users at the same time but will adopt these principles as a long term strategy
- The DoS will make it clear what estimate is regarded as official in paper publications or on web-sites
- Presentation of geographical distributed statistics using GIS mapping has become an emerging methodology. The DoS will take advantage of this area and has got some experience in using this system already.
Future Plan

• Lao PDR is developing a Statistical Law and will submit this to NA in June 2010
• Development of the advocacy tools of the NSDS 2010-2020 in order to ensure all communities are aware and support the of implementation the NSDS successfully.
• Continue to improve the data collection and compilation on environmental Statistics, to provide data more timely
• Continue to cooperate with MRC to collect data related to the effect of change at the Mekong level.
Conclusion

• Based on the 10 principles of the United Nations Statistics, Lao Department of Statistics will continue producing and providing official statistics, particularly the Environment Statistics to support of monitoring of climate change in collaboration with all both internal and international organizations which the 41st session of the Statistics Commission and the AHSOM10 addressed.
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