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PACIFIC STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN FOR AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERY STATISTICS: FIRST TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP

Pacific Agriculture and Fisheries Statistics Strategy

Agreements from Day 1&2

11-12 April 2016. Novotel, Lami. Fiji.

Session 2

- ToR was finalised and agreed upon with the following amendments:
 - Change word from ‘endorse’ to ‘clearance’ to reflect the size of the group and need for official endorsement through other mechanisms
 - Add point 2 & 6 together to clarify that part of reviewing the documents includes sharing them with national colleagues.
 - Add wording on timely responses to requests for inputs on documents.

Session 3

- Vision, Mission and Objectives broadly accepted with the following notes:
 - Remove the word ‘sustainable’ from natural resources. The goal is to support sustainable natural resource use but we will collect info on sustainable and unsustainable practices.
 - It is ambitious to cover users and producers. Users and producers are not working well together currently BUT it is the appropriate way forward. ‘If we don’t try when will it happen?’
 - There are also some promising signs of coordinated working: (e.g. current HIES methodology, working groups on post disaster needs assessment, example of Samoa, the fact that we are all in this meeting) where this is beginning to work.

Session 3

- Integration of agricultural statistics into the national statistical system is a valid objective but further discussion is required on specifically how that would be achieved.
- Separate objective on capacity building is good as it highlights the importance and also fits with TYPSS and GS.
- Should add the word 'sustained' to the capacity building objective to show we're looking at long term capacity building (even though unlikely to be long term technical assistance per se).

Session 4 (timing)

- 10 yrs is appropriate.
- Preparatory phase to end in 2017 is appropriate followed by 3 phases of three years.
- Review will need to be in built at the end of phases to further elaborate the activities.

Session 4 (scope)

- The following sectors will be included in the scope of the strategy:
 - Crop, livestock, forestry, fisheries, aquaculture
 - Include land use and land tenure
- They will support work happening on the following thematic areas:
 - Food security, disaster risk management, sustainable natural resource management/environment

Session 4 (scope ctd.)

- The following questions were considered:
 - Should handicrafts and agro-processing be included?
 - Should fishery holdings be included (e.g. the non-household sector)?
- Answer =Depth of activities in the sectors will depend on requirements as determined by the core set of regional indicators.

Session 4 (countries)

- All SPC PICTs to be included (22 incl PNG and East Timor)
- Activities will be regionally focused (e.g. applicable to significant number of PICTs not individual countries)
- No fixed groups, activities and national level engagement will be on a case by case basis
- How will countries determine what they do and don't sign up for/ask for?

Session 5

- The approach to construct a core set of indicators by definition will ensure data needs are met.
- By using existing data collection mechanisms we will align with TYPSS and GS activities.
- It will meet ‘key’ data requirements- not all

Session 5

- Amendments:
 - Include activity on new collection mechanisms (as determined by core indicators). This may include production data.
- Other activities for inclusion under the other objectives:
 - Training manuals and guides on using the ag + fishery modules of the PHC
 - Training for enumerators on ag module for PHC
 - Training for farmers on data collection
 - Build on existing Pacific regional ‘south-south’

Session 6: Integration

- Happy with activities as proposed.
- We will not support the development of national level agricultural statistics strategies where they do not exist- the focus is on strengthening agriculture statistics in other relevant strategies e.g. NSDS (or equivalent) and Ag Policies and Plans

Session 7: Dissemination (1)

- Suggested activities are appropriate with the following additions:
 - Work on websites to be done regionally and nationally
 - Additional support to be brought in to expand on specific communication activities to be included into the activity plan for Preparatory Phase and Phase I.
 - Broaden wording on HIES factsheets

Session 7: Dissemination (2)

- Additional activity on support to GIS maps
- Amend activity on data access policies to include MoAs as well as NSOs.

Session 8 (Capacity)

- Activities agreed with the following amendments:
 - Make sure activity lines reflect training activities of GS
 - Include training of farmers (possibly through secondary schools and further education colleges and extension services)
 - Change wording to specify using e-learning as a delivery methodology
 - Use TYPSS skills audit to inform development of curricula
 - Additional activities on TWG prior to ag censuses and surveys
 - Include attachments to governments for support prior to running censuses and surveys
 - Split activity DA3 to better clarify capacity building activities on use of data

Session 9 (Roadmap)

- Document cleared with the following amendments:
 - Endorsement to be gained through HOAFS/MOAFS
 - Advocacy/awareness raising through TYPSS PSSC, FEMM, CRGA, HOPS, MSG + Takavulana regional events, PAPP Steering
 - National level events not to be conducted
- Communications to include:
 - Materials/events around world statistics day
 - 1 pager for information prior to endorsement
 - Information on the PAPP website

Did we meet our objectives?

- Finalise the ToR for the Working Group
- Finalise timeline and activities for development of the P-SPAF in the Roadmap
- Agree on vision and key objectives of P-SPAF roadmap
- Agree on timelines, topic and country coverage of P-SPAF
- Received guidance on specific activities under the objectives.