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Advancing official statistics for the 2030

Agenda for Sustainable Development:

progress made in support of the collective vision and framework for action by groups responsible for regional initiatives of the Committee on Statistics and by the secretariat

Progress in implementing the Asia-Pacific Regional Action Plan to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics **

Summary

The development of a regional implementation plan for the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics was endorsed at the second session of the Committee on Statistics and a Steering Group for Agricultural Statistics was established to oversee the regional implementation of the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics.

The present document reports on completion of the first Global Action Plan of the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics and the final meeting of the Regional Steering Committee for Asia and the Pacific for the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics.

1. In December 2018, the first Global Action Plan of the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics concluded. The Global Strategy was designed as a comprehensive framework for improving the availability and use of agricultural and rural data for evidence-based decision-making.
2. At its final meeting, held virtually in March 2019, the Regional Steering Committee for Asia and the Pacific for the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics reviewed and approved the final report of the regional office. The Regional Steering Committee has since disbanded.

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3. The region continues to benefit from the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics as cost-effective methodologies are mainstreamed into national agricultural and rural statistics programmes and FAO capacity development initiatives. For more details on the achievements of the first Global Action Plan and the Regional Steering Committee as well as the set-up for the Second Global Action Plan of the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics please see ESCAP/CST/2020/2, Section II, Action Area B: Assuring quality and instilling trust in statistics.
