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COUNTRY CONTEXT

- Statistics Law of 2005
  - NIS as the primary data producer and coordinator of the national statistical system
  - Designated statistics produced and reported by various ministries and agencies
  - Statistics Advisory Council and Statistics Coordinating Committee
  - Statistics Master Plan (SMP) 2008-20015

- 2012 Medium Term Review of the SMP showed:
  - huge funding gap and heavy dependence on development partners and donors for financing statistics; and
  - increased share of government funding to NIS from 25% to 33% for the period 2009-2011 but much less for the NSS.
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OBJECTIVES

- Provide insights on past and current financing of the national statistical system;
- Assess future financing requirements and priorities and inquire on how national expenditure planning for statistics could be improved;
- Analyze factors that facilitate or hinder support to statistics and the measurement of support to statistics; and
- Understand the rationale for financing statistics by development partners and donors, and seek recommendations for better coordinated financing.

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METHODOLOGY

- Organizing the CRESS country team
- Launching forum
- Scope of the data
- Analytical framework
- Data collection, transmission, validation and processing
- Data analysis and report preparation
- Data dissemination and communication; documentation
More on organizing the CRESS country team; institutional arrangements

- NIS to lead implementation through a CRESS team
- Statistics Coordinating Committee to provide overall direction and endorse the outputs of the CRESS initiative
- PARIS21 to guide and assist directly and through international and national consultants

More on the scope of data

- Institutional resources: national and external
- Types/classification of statistical activities: UNECE Classification on Statistical Activities
- Types/classification of expenditure: personal services, maintenance and other operating expenses, capital outlays, financial transfers
- Temporal coverage: 2013-2016 & 2017-2019
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METHODOLOGY

More on the data collection

- Primary mode of data collection: questionnaire in MS Excel format
- Other data collection modes: key informant interview; focus group discussion; bilateral consultation; document research
- Data transmission: preferably via email
- Data management: CRESS database administered by NIS

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METHODOLOGY

More on the data dissemination and communication; documentation

- Guiding principle: promote learning towards action
- Tools: archives and communication plan
- Benefits: reference for better expenditure planning, e.g., medium term expenditure framework
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More on the analytical framework

- Sources of data/respondents:
  - National Institute of Statistics
  - Ministries and agencies with designated statistics
  - Other institutions collecting critical data for key development frameworks (NSDP, SDGs)
  - Local government units that use indigenous resources to produce or use local level data
  - Development partners that have significantly contributed to financing of statistics such as:
    - International organizations and donors
    - Academic and research institutions
    - Non-governmental organizations
    - Private sector institutions and individuals
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METHODOLOGY

More on the analytical framework

- Quantitative analysis
  - Levels and trends of past to current commitments (budget and/or expenditures) for statistics
  - Financing mix including extent of indigenous funding in relation to external support or vice versa
  - Share of funding for statistics to national expenditure and GDP
  - Future commitments (proposed/planned/pipeline) for statistics and impact on key progress indicators

- Qualitative analysis
  - Factors that facilitate or hinder financing of statistics and its measurement
  - Past/current practices in expenditure planning and financing for statistics, by national government and development partners, e.g., key considerations, approach, process, tools, etc.
  - Suggested reforms or changes in expenditure planning and financing for statistics, if needed
  - Prospects for integrating CRESS in the monitoring and evaluation of statistics development
CRESS CAMBODIA QUESTIONNAIRES

Questionnaire 1 – NSS Respondent Information

Respondents:
- NIS
- Ministries and agencies with designated statistics
- Other institutions that produce and report statistics for official purposes

Information requested:
- Agency profile on statistics
- Key information on financial commitments/expenditure for statistics, statistics projects, and statistics personnel

| Total budget/expenditure for statistics in your organization, ministry, or agency |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| From domestic sources           | Total approved budget per Budget Law |
|                                 | Total actual expenditure per Budget Settlement |
| Other government sources        | Non-government sources          |
| From external sources           | Approved budget/financing commitment |
|                                 | Actual expenditure/disbursement |

Number of statistics projects implemented during the period 2013-2016
- With financing from your organization/ministry/agency
- With financing sourced from other domestic sources
- With financing sourced from external sources

Number of proposed/planned statistics projects for 2017-2019
- With financing from your organization/ministry/agency
- With financing commitment/planned budget from other domestic sources
- With financing commitment/planned budget from external sources

Number of authorized positions as of 31 December
Number of filled positions as of 31 December
CRESS CAMBODIA QUESTIONNAIRES

Questionnaire 2 – Statistics funding from domestic sources, 2013-2016

Respondents:
- NIS
- Ministries and agencies with designated statistics
- Other institutions that produce and report statistics for official purposes

Information requested:
- Approved annual budget for statistics per Budget Law by major expenditure category
- Funding for non-regular / non-recurring / special projects on statistics
- Financing received from other government agencies and domestic sources

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Questionnaire 2 – Statistics funding from domestic sources, 2013-2016

Approved annual budget for statistics per Budget Law
- Personal services
- Maintenance and other operating expenses
- Financial expenses
- Capital outlays

Is budget for statistics a separate budget line item in the approved budget of the organization/department or ministry/institution?

Total other (non-regular/nonrecurring/special) budget allocation/financing for statistics projects
- Personal services
- Maintenance and other operating expenses
- Financial expenses
- Capital outlays

Profile of all statistics projects with budget allocation/financing included in Budget Law
- Name of statistics project/activity
- Main purpose/nature
- Statistical domain
- Total budget allocation
- Project/activity part of bigger program/project?
- Project/activity included in the SMP/NSDS?
CRESS CAMBODIA QUESTIONNAIRES

- Questionnaire 2 – Statistics funding from domestic sources, 2013-2016
  - Amount of financing received from other government sources, if any
    - Main purpose/nature
    - Statistical domain
    - Was the financing used to undertake programs/projects in the SMP/NSDS?
  - Amount of financing received from non-government sources, if any
    - Main purpose/nature
    - Statistical domain
    - Was the financing used to undertake programs/projects in the SMP/NSDS?

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- Questionnaire 3 – Statistics funding from external sources, 2013-2016
  - Respondents:
    - NIS
    - Ministries and agencies with designated statistics
    - Other institutions that produce and report statistics for official purposes
  - Information requested:
    - Profile of statistics projects funded / supported by external sources (development partners and donors) including financing information
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- **Questionnaire 3** – Statistics funding from external sources, 2013-2016

### Statistics Project Profile

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<th>Main purpose/nature</th>
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<th>Key outcomes/outputs</th>
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<th>Duration of the project</th>
<th>Project start and end</th>
<th>Source/s of financing</th>
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If project/activity part/component of a bigger program/project, provide name of bigger program/project.

- Project/activity included in the SMP/NSDS?
- Benefits/changes of institutionalization of outputs
- Challenges of institutionalization of outputs
- Source of data/information / Means of verification

### Financing Information

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**Note:** The document contains a table and text that outline questions related to statistics funding from external sources. The table includes fields for project details, nature of support, and financing information.
Questionnaire 4 – Statistics funding from domestic sources, 2017-2019

Respondents:
- NIS
- Ministries and agencies with designated statistics
- Other institutions that produce and report statistics for official purposes

Information requested:
- Proposed / planned statistics projects with expected / proposed financing from other domestic sources (other than own allocation) for 2017-2019
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Questionnaire 5 – Financing for statistics from development partners/donors, 2013-2016

- Respondents:
  - International development partners and donors

- Information requested:
  - Agency profile and respondent information
  - Profile of statistics projects funded / supported by the organization including financing information during the period 2013-2016

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| Main purpose/nature |
| Statistical domain/s |
| Key outcomes/outputs |
| Key activities |
| Period statistics project/activity was committed/approved |
| Duration of statistics project/activity |
| Start and end of project/activity |

| Project/activity included in the SMP/NSDS? |

*If project/activity part/ component of a bigger program/project, please provide following info:*

| Name of bigger program/project |
| Main focus of bigger program/project? |
| Total cost of bigger program/project |

| Source of data/information / Means of verification |
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**Questionnaire 6 – Financing for statistics from development partners/donors, 2017-2019**

- **Respondents:**
  - International development partners and donors

- **Information requested:**
  - Agency profile and respondent information
  - Profile of proposed / planned statistics projects to be funded / supported by the organization including financing information for the period 2017-2019
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SOME NOTES FROM THE PHILIPPINES’ PILOT

- Questionnaire should be accomplished jointly by the budget officer and the officer in charge of statistics operations/statistics project.
- It is best for national institutions to coordinate with international development partners and donors on statistics projects financed by external sources. [Coordination among international development partners/donors is also advised especially for statistics projects with shared financing.]
- Use of the UNECE Classification of Statistical Activities can result in multiple classification.

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SOME NOTES FROM THE PHILIPPINES’ PILOT

- Consultancy services directly paid for by international development partners and donors should be accounted for.
- Estimation may be necessary for
  - Costing the personal services for statistics of multi-tasking personnel
  - Costing the statistics component of large programs/projects
  - Financing for statistics during the period 2013-2016 for projects that extend beyond the said period
- How to encourage full cooperation and commitment of ministries and agencies and development partners to the CRESS initiative!
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EXPECTED OUTPUTS

- CRESS Cambodia following an agreed format
- CRESS Cambodia Database
- Co-ordination arrangement on financing statistics in the country
- Filled-out CRESS questionnaires

Thank you.

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