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Activity 2.G: Development of Master plan for agriculture statistics in Bosnia and Herzegovina for the period 2020-2030 – 7

Component 2, Agricultural Statistics

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List of Abbreviations

BHAS	Agency for Statistics of Bosnia and Herzegovina
BiH	Bosnia and Herzegovina
CBBH	Central Bank of Bosnia and Herzegovina
EC	European Commission
EU	European Union
FBiH	Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
FIS	Institute for Statistics of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
MS	EU Member State
RSIS	Institute for Statistics of Republika Srpska
RTA	Resident Twinning Adviser
ToR	Terms of Reference

1. General comments

This mission report was prepared within the EU Twinning Project "Further Support to the Reform of the Statistics System in Bosnia and Herzegovina". It was the 8 (as activity E was divided into two separate missions) mission to be devoted to the Agriculture Statistics component of the Project.

The purposes of the mission were:

- For the BC's to get feed-back from the Swedish STE's on the Master Plan for agricultural statistics in Bosnia–Herzegovina developed for the period 2024-2029

The RTA, who have drafted this short mission report, would like to express his thanks to all officials and individuals from Bosnia and Herzegovina met for the kind support and valuable information, and which highly facilitated the work.

This views and observations stated in this report are those of the RTA and do not necessarily correspond to the views of EU, BHAS, FIS, RSIS, CBBH, Statistics Denmark, Statistics Finland, Statistics Sweden and The Italian National Institute of Statistics.

2. Assessment and recommendations

At the very first mission in July 2021 a frame for a Master Plan was developed by the MS and BC's in cooperation. After that, most of the missions in the project were used to prepare the pilot agricultural census and to analyse the results herof. On a study visit to the Swedish Board of Agriculture in June 2023, the work on the Master Plan was resumed based on the frame made at the first mission. In August 2023 a joint meeting with the BC's and the RTA was held and it was agreed that the BC's should start working on the MP themselves, while the Project would be standby with assistance. In late November, the Project received a Master Plan, by the BC's decided to cover the period 2024-2029 in local languages. After translation, it was forwarded to the Projects Swedish STE's in order for them to provide feed-back. It shall be highlighted that the STE's only had two work days to squeeze in time to read the plan.

The below assessment and recommendations is made under the assumption that nothing was lost in the translation of the document.

Assessment of the Plan:

- The Plan is very ambitious, lots of work to be done
- Agricultural Census is very important for the future work (currently planned for Q4 2024)

Recommendations for the Plan:

- To include a plan for regularly updates, so Plan doesn't end up in as a "dead document"
- To implement references to EU regulations ([Link](#)) in future updates of the Plan
- To assess the risk, if the census will be postponed/cancelled
- To harmonise the implementation plan in the end of the document with the dates stated under the specific statistic areas. This a difficult task as international support is assessed needed for the areas in the implementation plan
- To formalise internal BIH coordination
- To specify lacking deadlines, for instance for livestock statistics
- To formalise how to document processes and results of statistics
- To harmonise the structure of the Plan

Annex 1. Terms of Reference for the current mission

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1. Mandatory result

The component on Agricultural Statistics has three main objectives:

- 2.1 Master Plan for Agriculture statistics for the period 2020-2030 developed and adopted (with clearly defined objectives, timetable of implementation for the implementation of the objectives and precisely defined responsibilities of all stakeholders.)
- 2.2. Cooperation among all stakeholders improved
- 2.3. Protocol(s) on cooperation and exchange of data among all stakeholders adopted

Indicator / Relevant Milestones / Internal deadlines:

- Master Plan for Agriculture statistics in BiH available on web
- Identification of stakeholders at national and entity level
- Responsibilities of each stakeholder clarified
- Overview of currently available data both administrative and from surveys
- Development of roadmap for implementation
- Development of initial budget for agricultural census
- Definition of SRPG ~Statistical Register of Agricultural Holdings
- Development of high-level cooperation agreements / Memorandums of Understanding
- Protocols describing specific exchange of data

2. Purpose of the activity

- For the BC's to get feed-back from the Swedish STE's on the Master Plan for agricultural statistics in Bosnia–Herzegovina developed for the period 2024-2029

3. Expected output of the activity

- Input for potential updates of the Master Plan.

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