

Regional Workshop towards an ASEAN Statistical Report on MDGs Indicators

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Background

- ❖ AHSOM agreed, in 2009, to conduct a feasibility study towards an ASEAN Statistical Report on MDGs indicators
- ❖ A feasibility study was carried out in 2010 Q3 based on data and information available at the ASEAN Sec and international sources
- ❖ A Workshop was organised on 20-21 October 2010 to discuss the finding, outline, plan, and recommendations
- ❖ MDG focal points of 9 AMSs, UNESCAP, ARCMDG, AADCPII, and ASEAN-US TATF participated in the workshop

Rationale

- ❖ Joint Declaration on the attainment of the MDGs, March 2009
- ❖ Implementation of the ASCC Blueprint
- ❖ Policy formulation and analysis
- ❖ ASEAN aggregates for social indicators are largely not available
- ❖ Demand for ASEAN aggregates including absolute figures
- ❖ Demand for relevant information to facilitate the Narrowing Development Gap initiatives
- ❖ Absolute figures can be more alarming

Outcomes of the Study

Assessment of available country data showed that:

- ❖ All AMSs except Singapore has prepared at least one national MDGs reports;
- ❖ None of the AMSs' report covers all of the 60 MDG indicators;
- ❖ Some indicators have difference sources of data in the country;
- ❖ Indicators may have different definition across the AMSs;
- ❖ Some data may not be available for all countries.

Outcomes of the Study

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- ❖ Some data may not be available for the same reference period
- ❖ Some data may not have the same population subgroup
- ❖ Data may not be disaggregated enough to yield the desired level of aggregation – by sex, age group, urban-rural, etc

Those challenges and issues pose some difficulties in arriving at ASEAN level data

Outcomes of the Study

- ❖ Possible to come up with meaningful ASEAN aggregate, for some indicators;
- ❖ Differences in reference year can be meaningfully approached using data closest to the reference year;
- ❖ For some, the missing figures can be filled up with estimates (in collaboration with AMSs and concerned international organisation);
- ❖ For those, of which meaningful comparison is less likely, level change and change in discrepancies provide meaningful information

Recommendation of the Workshop

- ❖ The general approach:
 - ❖ AMSs should be closely involved
 - ❖ Should get AHSOM endorsement
 - ❖ Any estimate should be done in collaboration with AMSs and may also involve concerned international organisations
- ❖ Scope:
 - ❖ Should present ASEAN level data, Sub-ASEAN regional, and country level data
 - ❖ Absolute figures will be presented to extent possible
 - ❖ There will be no discussion on policies and programmes

Recommendation of the Workshop

- ❖ Objectives:
 - ❖ To present data on MDGs indicators to facilitate the monitoring of progress of ASEAN Community in meeting its commitments in achieving the millennium development goals
- ❖ Features: the report shall present
 - ❖ available data from 1990 onwards
 - ❖ ASEAN level data, country level data, and breakdown by CLMV-ASEAN6
 - ❖ tables, charts and maps
 - ❖ disparities within region; pace of progress; the number of years it will take to reach the targets
- ❖ Commencement date:
 - ❖ January 2011 - upon AHSOM endorsement

Recommendation of the Workshop

- ❖ To prepare the report every two years, starting with 2011. The second report should be 2013, and the third should be 2015
- ❖ A framework of 27 MDG indicators in support of the ASEAN Statistical Report on MDGs and to serve as a reference for future harmonisation
- ❖ The report shall be printed and uploaded in the ASEAN Sec website.
- ❖ A separate page is to be devoted to contain the database and metadata
- ❖ More maps and query facility to access data by indicator, by country and by year

AHSOM 11 support

AHSOM 11 in Ha Noi, 8-9 December 2010:

- ❖ noted the progress achieved through the feasibility study towards an ASEAN Statistical Report on the Millennium Development Goals Indicators;
- ❖ endorsed the Workshop Recommendations and the 27 MDGs indicators as recommended by the Workshop;
- ❖ requested ASEANstats to provide an assessment of the linkage of these indicators to the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Blueprint.

Further Steps

- ❖ Expected to commence in January 2011
- ❖ Shall involve 3 workshops: March 2011; September 2011; and October 2011
- ❖ EASCAB Programme provides support for the compilation of the first issue of the report
- ❖ Involvement of other development partners are, however, needed for:
 - ❖ Publication – if intended to have wider dissemination
 - ❖ Support for some AMSs/ additional participants
 - ❖ Selected country visit as needed
 - ❖ If TA in some countries is foreseen

Thank you.