

# PARIS21 COMMENTS ON VIETNAM CRESS

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# *Scope of Presentation*

- Comments on preliminary findings
- Recommendations towards moving the CRESS agenda forward in Vietnam
- The future of CRESS – why it is important

# *Comments on preliminary findings*

- **Some details about the Report** (already communicated to CRESS Vietnam Team)
- **Need to highlight some lessons learned**
  - Many challenges were encountered but CRESS Vietnam achieved better than expected results (response rates/cooperation from respondents even if many were not able to provide the data needed)
  - Care in addressing confidentiality issues on data collected by the NSO/GSO, in line with the FPOS

# *Comments on preliminary findings*

- **Need to highlight some lessons learned**
  - Desirability of involving the budget officers of line ministries to help the statistical units/focal point for statistics in filling up the questionnaires on the statistical budget

# *Comments on preliminary findings*

- **Highlight contributions to best practices from CRESS Vietnam**
  - Integration of CRESS data collection with Monitoring of NSDS (VSDS)
  - Collection of CRESS data from provincial statistical offices
  - Design of separate questionnaires for NSO/GSO from the questionnaires for line ministries

## *Comments on preliminary findings*

- Need to clearly **indicate contribution of development partners** in financing the Vietnam statistical system
- **Include information on the financing allocated for subnational** (provincial statistics) if data on these were collected

# *Recommendations moving forward*

- Institutionalization of the CRESS activity as regular statistical program in the Vietnam statistical system (VSS)
  - Included in the CRESS Vietnam Report recommendations
  - Could be included in the Vietnam Strategy for the Development of Statistics/Advance Release Calendar of VSS
  - Result of the current CRESS exercise could be used as benchmark for succeeding assessments on statistical resources
  - Care in ensuring comparability of CRESS data over time

# *Recommendations moving forward*

- Continuing efforts by PARIS21 ( benefitting from lessons learned from pilot countries) to **refine/improve the CRESS processes/ questionnaires**
- **Greater investment in statistical human resources should be key priority in the VSS** (quantity and quality aspects) and must be periodically monitored



# *Recommendations moving forward*

- Strengthening GSO's role as coordinator of the Vietnam Statistical System to facilitate better financing for statistics and better monitoring of financing for statistics
  - not only in terms of generating data for policy uses and decision-making but also in identifying resource needs and appropriate allocation to different data producing units in accordance with their data support to monitoring the Vietnam National Development goals
  - Also in advocating for a statistical line item budget in the different ministries

## *Recommendations moving forward*

- Deepen the collaboration/partnership between the GSO and the Ministry of Finance to further increase the budget for statistics and to improve the reporting of the statistical budget (separate budget line item for statistics)

# *Recommendations moving forward*

- Sustainability of statistical development is supported greatly by development partners in the short/medium term but is dependent more on individual country commitment to finance statistics in the long term

# *Recommendations moving forward*

- In order to gain support for statistics,
  - Ensuring relevance of statistical outputs to emerging concerns, particularly to monitoring progress of the national and global development agenda
  - Sustaining statistical advocacy efforts, taking advantage of advocacy tools already developed by PARIS21

# *The future of CRESS – its importance*

- Link to the Agenda 2030 on Sustainable Development with greater number of indicators on SDGs (230) to be monitored and reported
- More granular data and frequent and timely monitoring required

# *The future of CRESS – its importance*

- Alternative sources of data (including greater use of administrative data and possibly big data) are expected to be used in combination with traditional sources (e.g., surveys, census) in generating official statistics

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