Our aim is to move countries up to the next level towards better data ...

- **Basic**
  - Lacking statistical infrastructure;
  - Little government commitment and use of data; less need for international comparable data

- **Intermediate**
  - Basic data channels in place; some commitment to data use; data fragmented across ministries; coverage and relevance; regional comparisons

- **Self-sustaining**
  - Stable information system, good links between users and producers of data, responsive to relevant policy issues, but the demands are more complex.
  - International comparisons used widely

**AIMS Regional strategy and action programme for capacity-building**

- To improve human, technical and institutional capacities for data collection, processing, quality control, analysis and dissemination through training, workshops, and advisory support, with an emphasis on national education statistical information system

**NESIS for policy planning, evaluation and monitoring**

- Organize national task force and design/adapt diagnostic survey,
- Conduct survey of needs of statistics users and feasibility studies of statistics providers,
- Organize and assist national teams for pilot development and testing of modules,
- Formulate and negotiate terms of contract for pilot projects,
- Assist countries in formulation of action plan, projects and fund-raising for national projects,
- Assist and facilitate implementation within national sector reform programs and projects

**Major issues in SCB in Asia**

- Lack of collaboration among the different stakeholders
  - Users vs. Producers
  - Departments within the Ministries
  - MOE and other ministries and institutions
- Lack of institutionalization
  - Donor driven (where most of the demand for data comes)
  - Vicious cycle of poor data
  - Vested interest from the government
- Project approach
  - Many donors
  - Different objectives
  - Own vested agenda
  - Competing rather than collaborating
  - No sustainability
Major issues in SCB in Asia

- Weakness in dissemination
  - Timeliness
  - Too little useful information
  - Do not reach the real users
- Little use of statistics
  - Don’t know how to use
  - Current practices do not essentially require statistics
  - No useful information is available for analysis
- Partial information
  - Attention is paid to fulfill the limited scope of project needs rather than to establish a system
- Too much emphasis on technological issues
  - Spend more time on what kind of software should be used rather than how to improve the quality of data

Challenges ahead

- Decentralization
  - Roles and responsibilities of EMIS as well as planning of the delivery of education services are shifted to the sub-national and local levels
- Increased demand for Information
  - Monitoring international and national developmental targets and goals
  - Evidence-based policy making
- Institutionalization
  - Project approach to programme approach
  - Patch work fix to a systemic change
  - Standardization, harmonization and integration
- Rapidly changing technology
  - Yesterday: PC; Today: Internet; Tomorrow: Wireless ??
  - Impact of technological changes in EMIS
  - How do we catch up to a rapid technology development

AIMS SCB Activities

- UIS SCB Project for EFA FTI countries (funded by EU)
  - Bangladesh, Pakistan, Viet Nam
- Building national capacity in NESIS and EFA monitoring and evaluation (Cambodia, Myanmar, Nepal, Thailand)
- The development and piloting of capacity building application tools and manuals

Strengthening statistical capacity-building in Asia

Currently implementing countries

- EU SCB Programme
  - Bangladesh
  - Pakistan
  - Viet Nam
- Development of NESIS
  - Nepal
- Workshops, trainings, advisory missions
  - Cambodia
  - Indonesia
  - Iran
  - Pacific Islands
  - Thailand

Snapshots from Asia
Work plan at 33 C5 (Monitoring EFA)

- **Bangkok (regional level)**
  - Publish reports on EFA achievements; enhance capacity for analysis and advocate use of data for national EFA Planning
- **Bangkok (cluster level)**
  - Provide technical support to development of EFA Monitoring and training (Myanmar, Cambodia, Lao and Thailand)
- **Hanoi**
  - Build capacity through training session, development of monitoring and evaluation systems with involvement of local actors and stakeholders
- **Phnom Penh**
  - Assist EFA secretariat and partners to conduct annual review and report on achievement. Train supervisors and monitoring using EFA/GMR model

Work plan at 33 C5 (Monitoring EFA)

- **Delhi**
  - Strengthen capacity of key MOE personnel (design evaluation mechanism to measure impact of policies and strategies)
- **Dhaka**
  - To ensure data accuracy and build capacity
- **Kathmandu**
  - Build and strengthen capacity of MOES through provision of quality statistics and annual reports on programming exercise

How we can work together...

- Past experience on our support and collaboration
  - To implement the activities described in your work plan,
  - do you foresee to seek the support from the Regional Office?
    - Kind of support (technical, financial)
    - Type of collaboration (co-partner, call-on support, joint activities)
    - Type of activities (technical mission, training, workshops...)
  - Are there any partners at country level?