EAR Pilot - Overview of FPMIS data for ESS

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Background

This document shows a summary report of information contained in FPMIS for use in the ESS Activities Repository (EAR), AGSTATS, and a proposed Functional Technical Network for Agricultural Statistics (FTN). Through consultation with ESS colleagues and managers, the following information for EAR is required:

1. Project Title
2. Country (recipient)
3. In country partner institution
4. Status
5. Month year start
6. Month year finish
7. Country contact
8. FAO contact
9. Funding agency
10. Budget
11. Potential Synergies.

It was suggested that some of this information (i.e. 1,2,4,5,6,8,9,10) may be readily available in FPMIS so some exploratory analysis of FPMIS data was undertaken. However the data is of varying quality and indeed some follow-up with team capacity building focal points will be required. This report provides an overview of some results and tabulations of the FPMIS data, and draws conclusions on what can be used for EAR.

A step-by-step approach was taken so that colleagues who are more familiar with FPMIS can make suggestions and comments on the tabulation and analysis of the information to improve its usefulness.

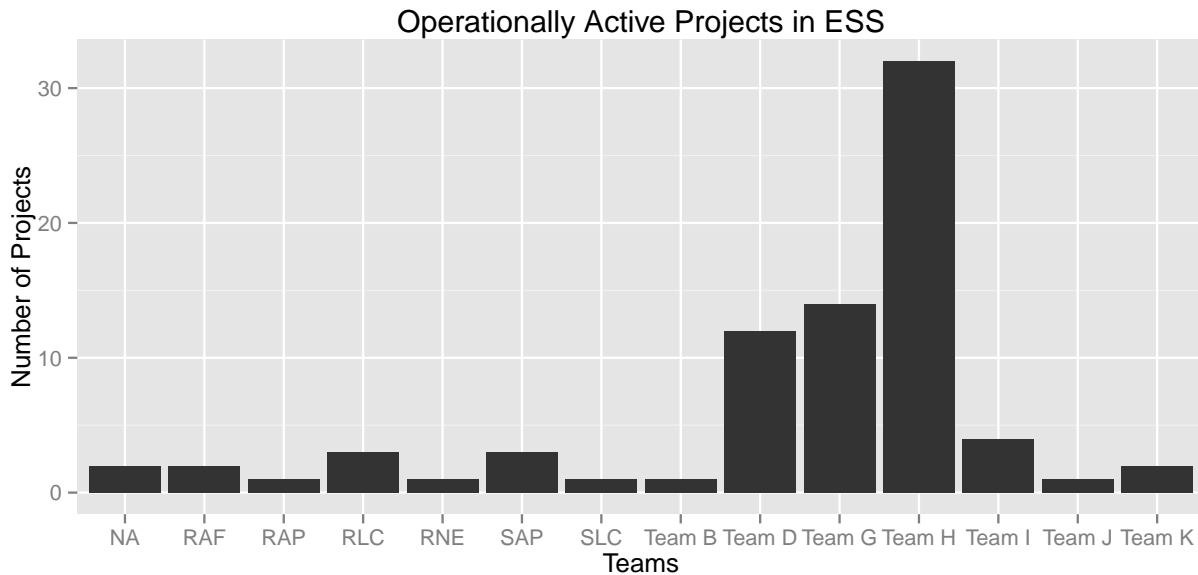## Data export, operationally active projects, geographic coverage

First, a search was performed by Lead Technical Unit, **ESS**. **All** was selected as Project Status. .Below is a cross-tabulation showing number of projects by **Classification** and **Status**.

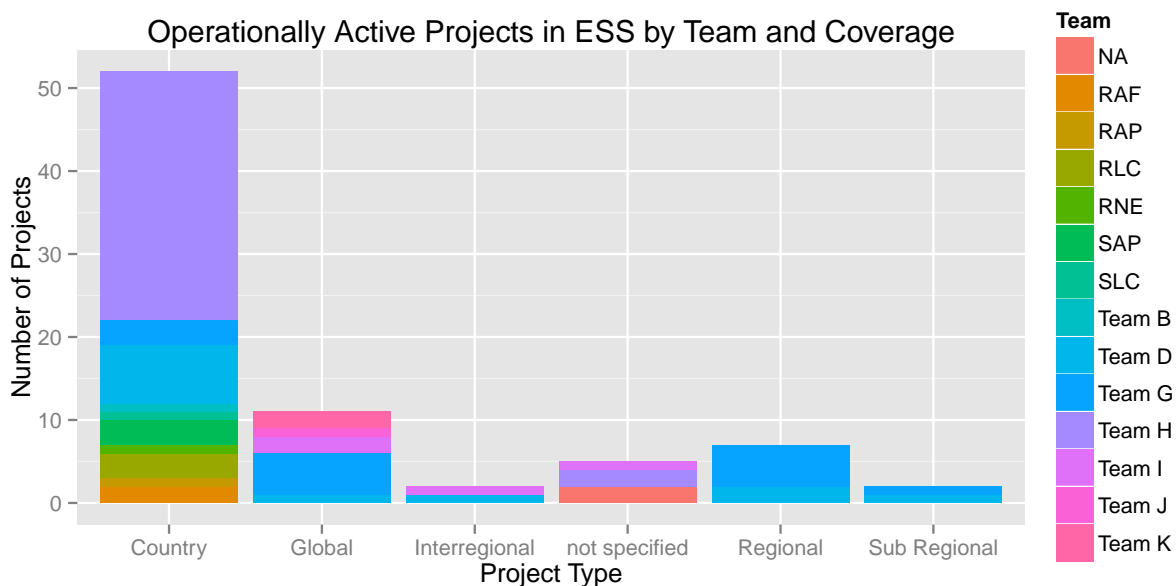| ProjectStatus	Assistance to Member Countries	Infrastructure, Administration & Support
Activities Completed	8	0
Operationally Active	79	3

Table 1: Number of Projects by Project Status and classification

EAR, AGSTATS, and the FTN will focus exclusively on **Operationally Active** and capacity building projects in developing countries. Accordingly the data was filtered for **Operationally active** projects, that are classified as **Assistance to Member Countries**. There are only *78* of these projects in FPMIS.
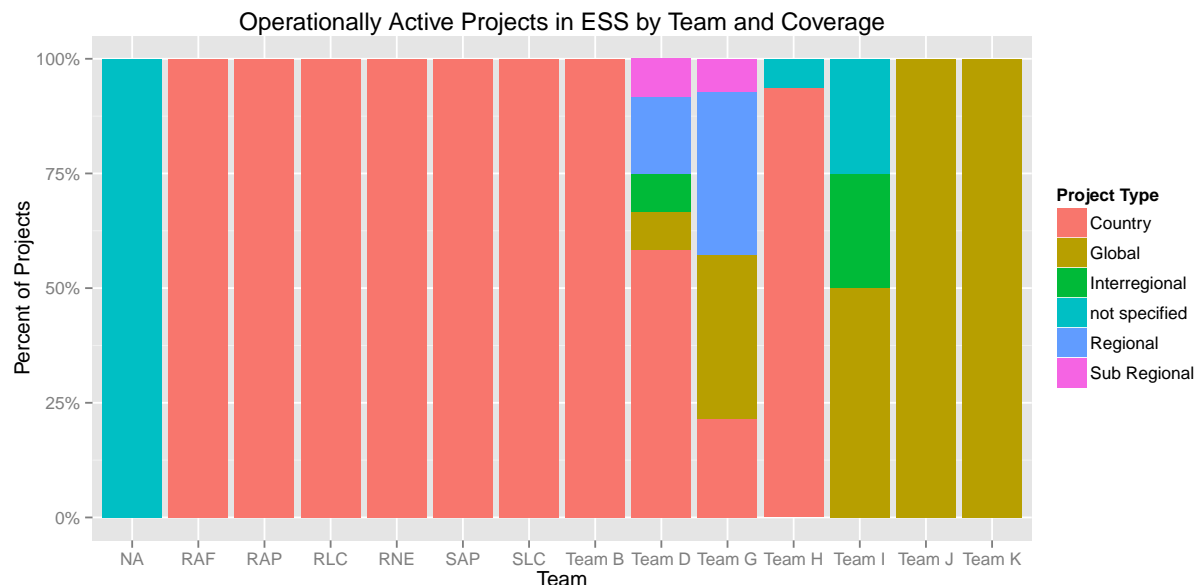
Team H (Census) has the most of projects by far with 32, Team G (Global Strategy and AMIS) has the second most with 16, and Team D (Food Security Statistics) has 12 projects. The regional offices (RAF, RAP, RLC, RNE, SAP, and SLC) have a combined total of 13 projects. *Note: Team was determined by project title, and staff. In 2 cases, the team coud not be determined.*

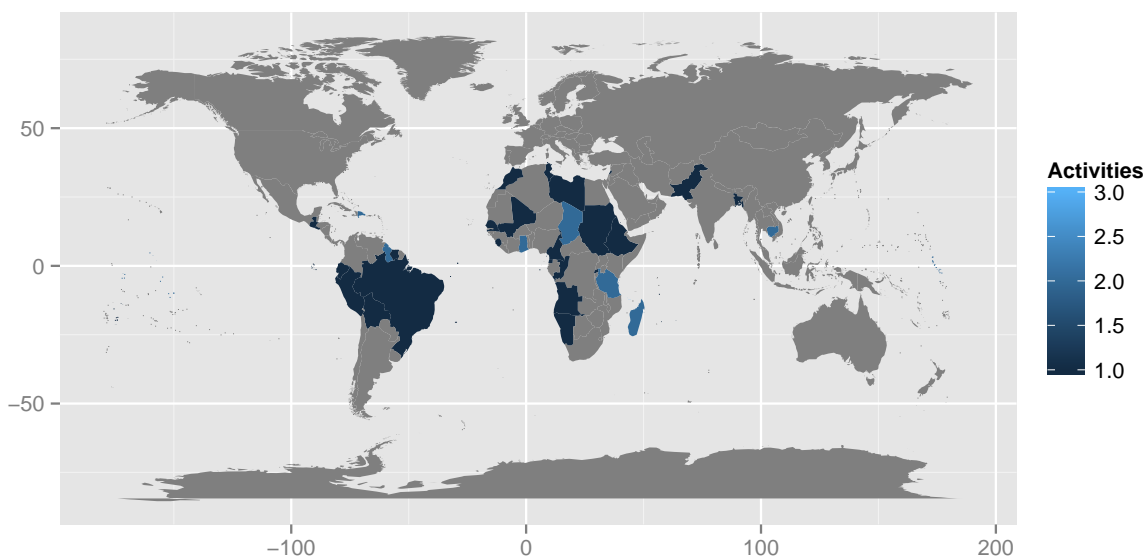### Operationally Active Projects in ESS

Then the number of projects were plotted by team and geographical coverage. By far, most of the projects are country level projects dominated by Team H, while only Teams K, J, I, G, and D have "Global" level projects. Team G projects account for the lion's share of Global and Regional projects.

Operationally Active Projects in ESS by Team and Coverage

It may also be interesting to understand what kinds of projects certain teams have, as shown in the graph below.

Operationally Active Projects in ESS by Team and Coverage

The focus of EAR will primarily be on country-level activities, and indeed for projects listed as *Country* in FPMIS, the country is provided in the system, but not for others. All of the countries that are beneficiaries of projects who coverage is marked *Country* are plotted on the map. There are 25 countries plotted with 1-3 projects in each.

The table shows the project titles of Team G. The country beneficiary can in many cases be determined by the Project Title; however, I suspect that this should be confirmed with the team focal point. See project for AMIS in the table. the **determination of country beneficiaries can be automated for projects listed as "Country" for geographic coverage, or projects that have the country benificiary in the title. The rest will require some follow-up with team focal points.**

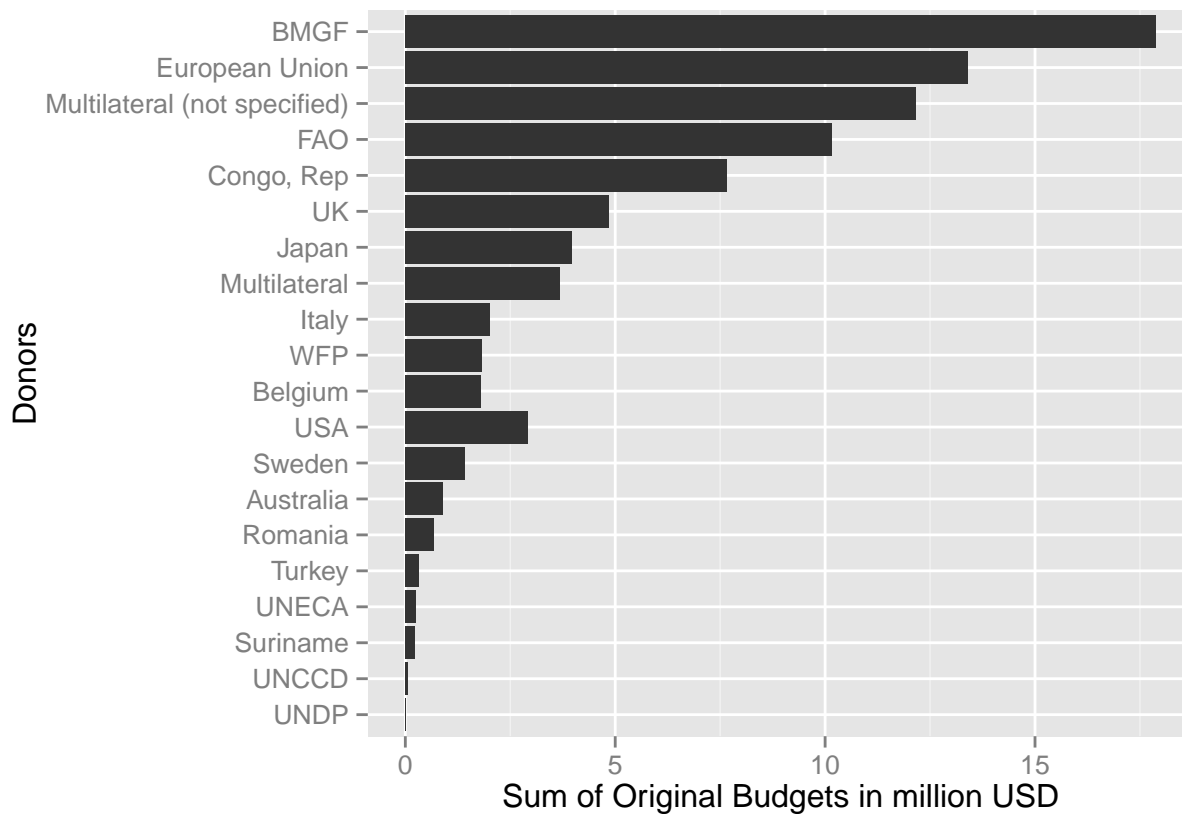| GeographicalCoverage	ProjectTitle
Global	Strengthening Agricultural Market Information Systems (AMIS) globally and in selected countries (Bangladesh/India/Nigeria) using innovative methods and digital technology
Global	Strengthening Agricultural Market Information Systems in India using innovative methods and digital technology (Baby Project)
Global	Strengthening Agriculture Market Information Systems in Bangladesh
Global	Strengthening Agriculture Market Information Systems in Nigeria using innovative methods and digital technology (Baby Project)
Regional	Strengthening Agricultural Market Information in Thailand and the Philippines - Regional Component
Regional	Strengthening Agricultural Market Information in Thailand and the Philippines - Global Component
Global	Global Component- Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics
Regional	Near East Regional Component- Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics
Regional	Asian Regional Component- Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics
Regional	Latin America Regional Component- Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics
Sub Regional	CIS Regional Component- Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics

Donors

For every project in FPMIS, a donor is listed. A table below shows the number of projects by donor. As demonstrated in the table, some are simply listed as "multilateral" with out a list of donors, and some others listed as multilateral show a single donor.

Donor	Projects
BMG	6
Congo, Rep	1
ECA - United Nations Commission for Africa (UNECA)	1
European Union	4
FAO	47
Italy	2
Japan	3
Multilateral	3
Multilateral: Australia (24%); USA (38%); Sweden (38%)	1
Multilateral: BMG (0%); UK (0%); Multilateral (100%); Italy (0%)	1
Multilateral: Belgium (100%); Multilateral (0%)	1
Multilateral: Multilateral (100%); UK (0%)	1
Romania	1
Suriname	1
Turkey	1

Donor	Projects
UK	1
UNDP	1
USA	1
United Nations Convention to combat desertification (UNCCD)	1
World Food Programme Administered Trust Fund	1

The **Total Budget** and **Donor** parameters in FPMIS can be used to compute the amount provided by each donor. In the case of multilateral donors if shares were entered into the system, they have been incorporated in the calculation. The category "Multilateral (not specified)" likely refers to the Global Strategy Global Trust and because of its size, may hide some difference for the donors invovled. This would require follow-up.

Conclusions, and Next Steps

In conclusion, FPMIS can provide most of the data required for EAR (i.e. 1,4,5,6,8,10), however in some cases 2, and 9 will require follow-up with the respective team focal point. Numbers 3, and 11 will always require follow-up. More specifically:

1. The country beneficiares of projects whose coverage is marked as "Country" are available in FPMIS.

2. Some country beneficiaries of regional, interregional, etc. projects can be determined from the titles. For others, follow-up with team focal points will be required.
3. FPMIS does not contain capacity building activities that are not standalone projects in FPMIS.
4. Donors information is not always available for multilateral projects.
5. There are some descrepancies in FPMIS like projects for which the NTEs have passed, but are still classified as 'operationally active'.
6. The donor and original budget needs to be reviewed for possible gaps.

The next steps: 1. Create EAR table for projects, and populate with information from FPMIS for 3 teams. Attempt to fill in missing information by follow-up.