

Abstract of Paper

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Laos's Statistical System is a decentralized system which consists of many data producers at the different level. In the last 2 government has pay a attention in developing and strengthening capacity of Department of Statistics (DoS) and setup institution from central down to lower levels in order to ensure the need of government and society.

DoS, which belongs to Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI), is the coordinating body of production and dissemination of statistics and information within the national statistical system. The responsibility of sector oriented statistics lies with the line ministries. Dos has attempted to collect data on socio and economic development from time to time through different method. The Population Census was conducted in 1985 with support from UNFPA and TA from UNDP. Second census is Agriculture census in 1998 and many sample survey were implemented.

However it is a challenge to provide a complete picture of business operating in the country from such mentioned censuses or sample surveys. Therefore the Economic Census was conducted in 2006 under the support from Swedish government. This gives us a complete frame for sample surveys. In this paper will briefly explain the methodology, scope and coverage of the first CE Census. The paper also share general structure of Lao establishment in 2006 and highlights some lessons learned from this Economic Census 2006.