

In the spirit of moving forward together and leaving no one behind, the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) had agreed to implement initiative of ASEAN-Help-ASEAN Framework (AHAF) for statistical capacity building. The main objectives on this initiative are to reduce dependency to external support, to provide opportunity for ASEAN Member States to share relevant issues and their corresponding best practices, and to support ACSS in developing and implementing a more sustainable capacity building program which, in the end, would contribute to the enhancement of statistical capacity in ASEAN Member States and ASEAN Secretariat.

Since January 2021, ACSS has implemented 22 capacity building activities under ASEAN-Help-ASEAN Framework which cover the areas of SNA, international trade statistics, international investment statistics, SDG Indicators (including sharing experiences on VNR), Dissemination and Communication of Statistics, and institutional strengthening. The activities are carried out virtually in various forms such as regional, sub-regional and national training as well as bilateral technical assistance with all resource person coming from ASEAN Member States and Statistics Division of the ASEAN Secretariat.

It is our hope for ACSS to continue this initiative, not only to strengthen statistical cooperation, but also to improve the provision of more relevant, reliable, timely and comparable official statistics for better response to the greater data needs.