"Strengthening National Statistical System in Myanmar"

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Institutional Setup and History

❑ Established in 1952 as CSED by Central Statistical Authority Act No.34 of 1952

❑ Reorganized as CSO in 1974

❑ CSO act as Statistical Authority of Myanmar (by Statistics Law 2018) as a National Statistical Coordinating Body

❑ Extended Regional Offices in 2012

❑ 29 Regional Offices

❑ 689 Staff (269 in Head Office, 420 in Regional Offices)

The Role of CSO

- Collecting Data and Monitoring

- Assurance of sound methodology

- Coordination of the national statistical system involving public sector – private sector – academia – civil society

- Provision of methodological support

- Advise in the interpretation of data and trends

- Bridge between Stakeholders and CSO

Strengthening National Statistical System

Legal
- **Developing Legal Framework (Statistics Law)**
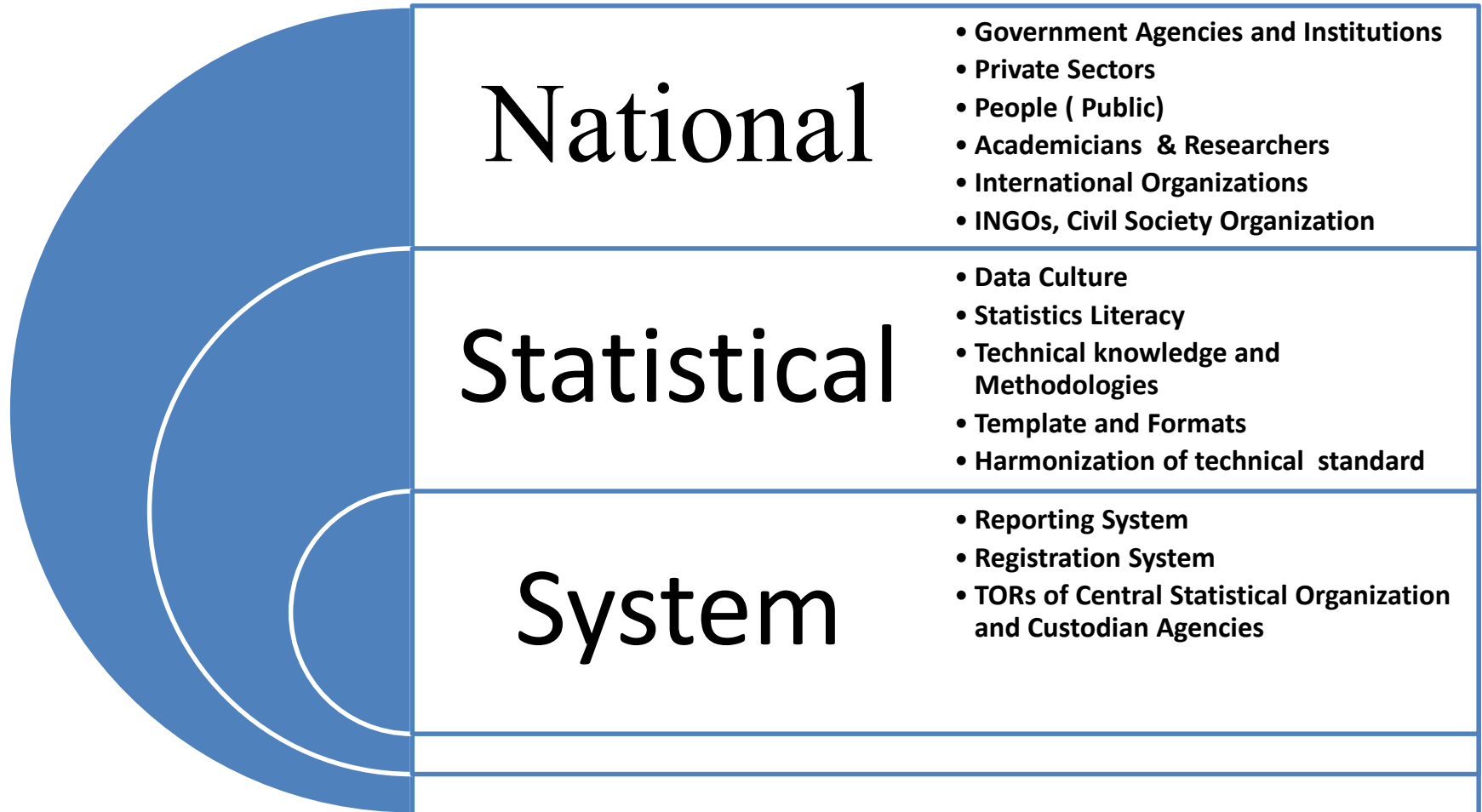- Developing Statistical Policy Brief

Institutional
- Strengthening the role of CSO (**Mitigation of Weaknesses in Decentralized Statistical System)**
- Ensuring Cooperation Mechanism (Central and Regional Committees for Data Accuracy and Quality of Statistics-DAQS, Forming Clusters)
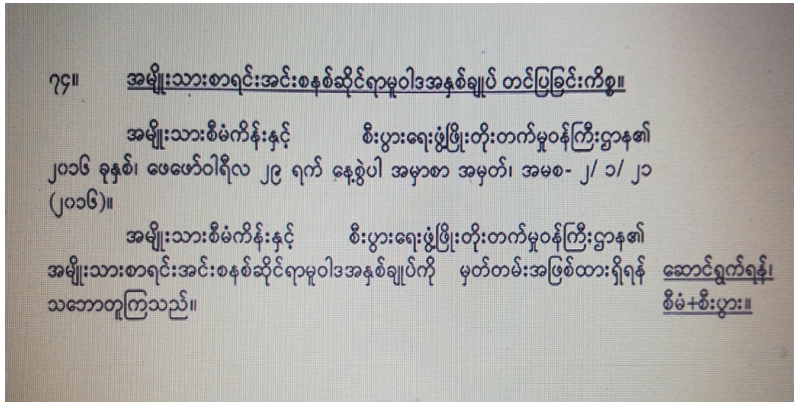
Implementation
- National Strategy for Development of Statistics-NSDS
- International Cooperation on Statistics Sector (UNSD, UNESCAP, SIAP, ASEAN Stat, WB, UNDP, UNICEF, other DPs etc.)
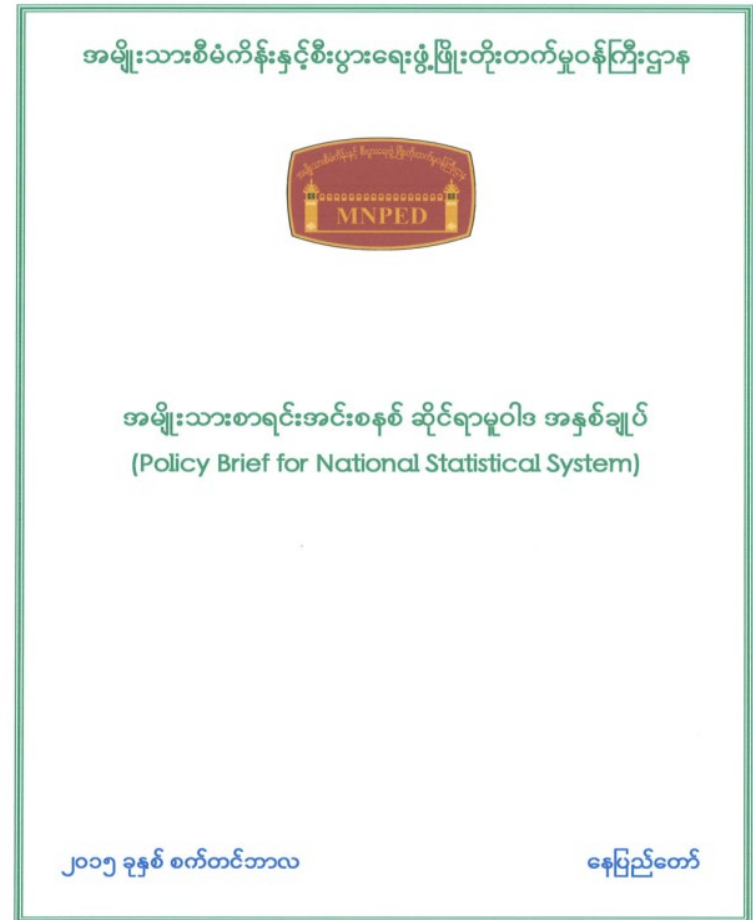- Strengthening Capacity and Developing ICT and Data Infrastructure

Stakeholders to participate in the Strengthening National Statistical System

National
- Government Agencies and Institutions
- Private Sectors
- People (Public)
- Academicians & Researchers
- International Organizations
- INGOs, Civil Society Organization

Statistical
- Data Culture
- Statistics Literacy
- Technical knowledge and Methodologies
- Template and Formats
- Harmonization of technical standard

System
- Reporting System
- Registration System
- TORs of Central Statistical Organization and Custodian Agencies

Policy Brief

- Policy Brief on National Statistical System which is in line with the UN Official Guideline and ACSS Code of practice has been lunched

Statistics Law of Myanmar

Approved by Pyidaungsu Hlattaw in 22nd January 2018.

Statistics Rules

- Final Consultation process done in April 2019
- 12 Chapters , 53 paragraph
- Received comments from Union Attorney General Office
- Revising the Rules as per comments
- Submission to Cabinet with the approval of ministry

National Strategy for Development of Statistics

➢The Myanmar NSDS has two phases in line with international standard:

- ▪Phase I : **Core Strategies**
- ▪Phase II: **Implementation Action Plan**

➢ The NSDS action plan is structured around **9 Strategies** and **38 Actions.**

Clusters for Implementation of National Strategy for Development of Statistics

1. National Accounts Statistics
2. Survey Coordination and Statistical Standard
3. Agriculture and Rural Sector Statistics
4. Vital Statistics
5. Energy Statistics
6. Environment Statistics
7. Trade and Investment Sector Statistics
8. Macroeconomic Monitoring and Financial Statistics
9. Social Statistics
10. Demography Statistics

Statistical Coordination, Guidance Mechanisms and Leadership

➢ Under the Statistics Law, the Central Committee for Data Accuracy and Quality of Statistics (CCDAQS) is led by the Vice President, HE U Henry Van Thio.

- To establish quality National Statistical System

- To supervise National Strategies for Development of Statistics Implementation

- To support the implementation of development plans and policies

According to the Statistics Law, Vice President H.E. U Henry Van Thio attending Central Committee Meeting for Data Accuracy and Quality of Statistics meeting(2/2019)
30.7.2019

Union Minister, H.E. U Soe Win

Vice President , H.E .U Henry Van Thio

- To establish quality National Statistical System

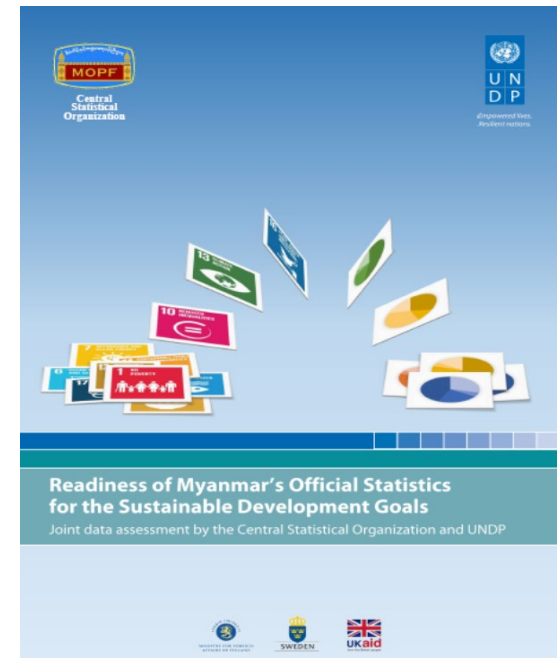- To implement National Strategy for Development of Statistics

Statistics Sector Coordination Group (SSCG) (2/2019) (26.9.2019)

- To coordinate in addressing resource gap with the development partners
- To implement of National Strategies for Development of Statistics (NSDS) to upgrade the quality of national statistical system

Development of Myanmar SDG Indicators

- ❑ SDGs Data Assessment Report
- ❑ SDGs Baseline Report
    - • 196 Indicators presented in this baseline report
    - • In total 320 "split" indicators
    - • 61% of SDG Indicators available

Readiness of Myanmar's Official Statistics for the Sustainable Development Goals
Joint data assessment by the Central Statistical Organization and UNDP

Measuring Myanmar's starting point for the Sustainable Development Goals
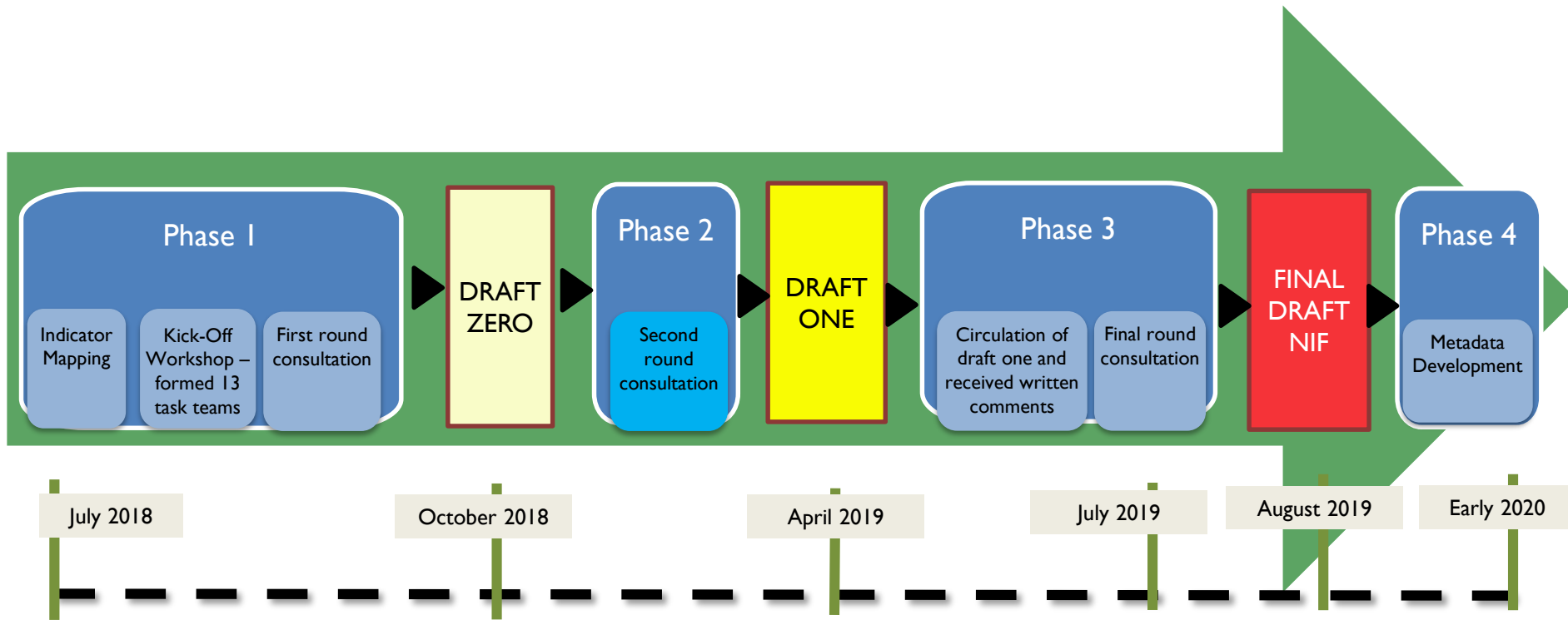SDG Indicator Baseline Report

Awareness raising Workshops on SDGs Monitoring and Evaluation

❑ Awareness raising Workshops on

SDGs Monitoring and Evaluation :
- Kachin State
- Kayah State
- Chin State
- Mon State
- Shan State
- Yangon Region
- Mandalay Region
- Magway Region
- Sagaing Region

Developing National Indicators Framework for Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan (MSDP)

Phase 1
- Indicator Mapping
- Kick-Off Workshop – formed 13 task teams
- First round consultation

DRAFT ZERO

Phase 2
- Second round consultation

DRAFT ONE

Phase 3
- Circulation of draft one and received written comments
- Final round consultation

FINAL DRAFT NIF

Phase 4
- Metadata Development

| July 2018 | October 2018 | April 2019 | July 2019 | August 2019 | Early 2020 |

Current Status of National Indicator Framework

- CSO has been implementing the NIF, supported by UNDP.
- 289 indicators have been proposed by the 13 Task Teams covered in the Report, in average 10.3 indicators per MSDP strategy.
- The share of SDG indicators is 39% and National indicators is 61%.
- Readily measurable indicators is 73%.
- The indicators for strategic level is 72% and the project level is 28%.
- There is still room to delete a further number of indicators which could bring the total number of indicators under the desired ceiling of 280.

Statistical Business Register

➤ Technical assistance by UNESCAP and ADB

Objective

▪ To provide survey frame for business surveys and enable the CSO to become the center for business surveys in Myanmar

Activities

▪ Data collection, compilation, cleaning, analyzing, and importing records

▪ Development of CSO SBR system

▪ Improve collaboration with CDCs/ DAOs

▪ Raise awareness of SBR for State/ Region CSO office staffs to improve data quality

▪ Launching of CSO-SBR

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Bloomberg Data for Health Initiative

➤Technical assistance and financial by the University of Melbourne and Bloomberg Philanthropies.

Activities

- Implement automated verbal autopsy to capture the causes of death for non-facility deaths in 42 townships starting from Jan 2018

- Train 4000 doctors from 160 hospitals on Medical Certification of COD to improve the availability and quality of COD data for hospital deaths

- Strengthen the capacity of CSO and MOHS staff on ICD 10 coding, data quality control, monitoring, compiling and analysis

- Incorporate VA curriculum into BHS training schools and MCCOD curriculum into medical schools

- Maximize utilization of data in planning and policy making

Capacity Building

Trainings jointly cooperation between ADB and CSO with Japan Poverty Reduction Fund

- Trainees of Trainer on Basic Applied Statistics – 9 times
- Replicated Training on Basic Applied Statistics – 28 times
- Training of Trainer on Intermediate Applied Statistics - 3 times
- Replicated Training on Intermediate Applied Statistics - 9 times
- R Software Training – 1 time

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Trainings are supported by ROK Cooperation Fund (MKCF)-1

- Special Training for Capacity Building
- Fresher Training for newly appointed Deputy Statisticians
- Coordination meeting on National Statistics Policy to align with Regional Office Work plans
- Awareness raising on statistics law
- Computer Training on Basic Course
- Training for Introduction to Statistical Methods and Analysis
- Workshop on SDG Awareness Raising and Monitoring and Evaluation for SDG Implementation in States and Regions

Trainings are supported by ROK Cooperation Fund (MKCF) – 2

- Basic English Course Training

- Intermediate English Course Training

- Upper English Course Training

- Basic Knowledge on Macroeconomics and Development Economics Training

- Research Methodology Phase I Training

- Research Methodology Phase II Training (Section 1 and 2)

Postgraduate Diploma in Statistics :PGDS

➢ CSO is conducting Postgraduate Diploma in Statistics in Graduate School of Administration and Development (GSAD).
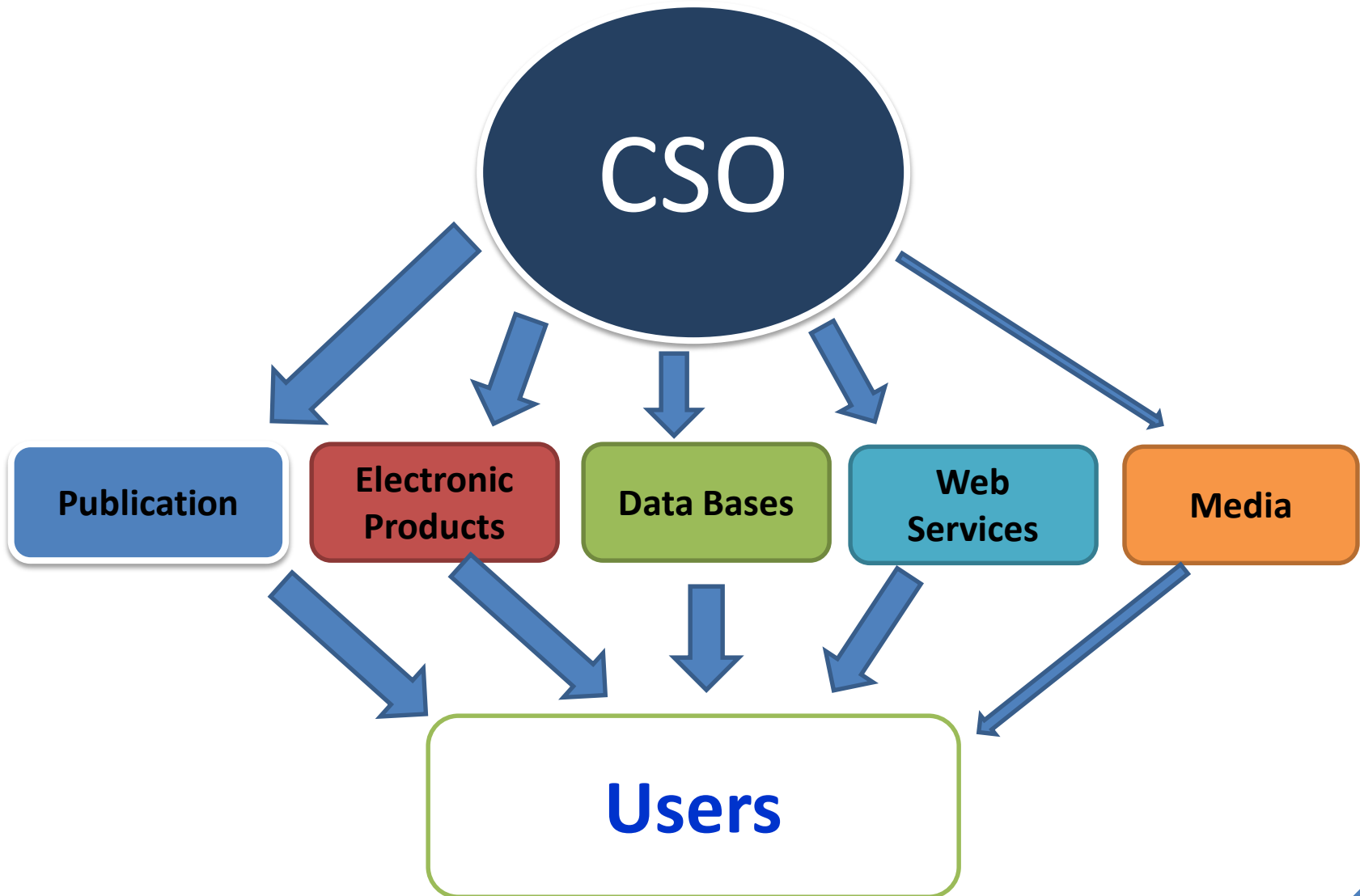

Objective

➢ To facilitate easy education of staff from various departments in Nay Pyi Taw and to support in building the nation with excellent civil servants.

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Data Dissemination

Challenges

- The application of new technology into statistical activities is still limited due to insufficient capacity and funds

- Limited capacity to analyze and synthesize large volumes of data for decision-making

- Statistics production and dissemination are still not comprehensive
Open access to development cooperation information

- Data comparability, quality, usefulness, timeliness

- Investment in developing institutional capacities in statistics field

Way Forward

- To set up a long term cooperation between the CSO and other offices
- To establish Statistical Code of Practice(CoP)for the production of official
- To supervise the related departments producing official statistics by law
- To modernize data collection, ICT, dissemination (Website and others)
- Law enforcement for coordination, collection and cooperation

Way Forward

- To promulgate the Statistics Rules and Law Enforcement

- To implement NSDS (2019-2024)

- To implement Metadata for NIF and Indicator Report

- To enhance Capacity Building at Statistical Training Center

Thank You