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Regional statistical development  
Central Statistical Organization of Myanmar closely cooperates with the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) Committee. There are six working groups formed under the ACSS Committee to strengthen statistical capacity.  
In this light, CSO is active participating in Working Group on Statistics of International Trade in Services (WGSITS), Working Group on Data Sharing, Analysis, Dissemination and Communication (WGDSA), Working Group on International Merchandise Trade Statistics (WGIMTS) and Working Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (WGSDGI).  
The 11th Session of the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) Committee was held on 12 October 2021 (closed session) via Video Conference. The Meeting discussed for implementation of the ASEAN-Help-ASEAN Framework (AHAF) for capacity building in key fields of statistics; Development of Concept Note on the Pilot Project of Big Data Utilization for Enhancing the ACSS Official Statistics; Development of Metadata Template in supporting the implementation of the ACSS Open Data Implementation Framework; Revision of the Broad Framework for the Sustainable Development of ASEAN Statistics (BFSDAS); and Development of Quality Synthesis Report along with the Enhanced Methodological Handbook of IMTS Data.  
To enhance the statistical cooperation between Myanmar and other ASEAN statistics groups including ACSS committee to stakeholders, "The Forum on Cascading the Outcomes of Meetings of the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) Committee and other ASEAN Bodies" was led by CSO in 2018 to ensure quality of statistics among ASEAN and other countries.  
Moreover, CSO participates in capacity development trainings with Development Partners such as International Monetary Fund, World Bank, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the United Nations Development Programme and Asia Development Bank etc.  
The Open Data Inventory (ODIN) measures how complete a country’s statistical offerings are and whether their data meet international standards of openness. Myanmar stands at global rank of 87th with an overall score of 51. The coverage and openness score of Myanmar ranks 5th in the region for the overall statistical capacity index according to the annual report of ODIN 2020.  
Due to the pandemic of COVID-19, meetings are held via online platform, and some difficulties are faced due to unstable internet connection. Data sharing system of Myanmar is still weak because the processes involves among various relevant ministries. Technical, financial resource, human resource and capacity are still limited.
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