INTRODUCING MODERNIZATION INTO THE STATISTICAL SYSTEM IN THE KURDISTAN REGION

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Objectives

- To present the experience of Kurdistan Region Statistics Office (KRSO) into modernization, as well as challenges facing KRSO

Outlines

- Background & Introduction
- Vision
- Obligation
- Roadmap
- Improvement of Implementing the Roadmap
- Problems and Difficulties
- Future Steps
- Conclusion
Background and Introduction

- Provinces: Erbil, Suleymani, Duhok, and Halabja
- Area: 46,861.41 km²
- Population: 5.61 million in 2016, 2.82 million males and 2.79 million females
- Urban area: 81.56%
Background and Introduction

• Life expectancy at birth: 75.1 years in 2016
  – 73.4 years for males
  – 76.2 years for females
• Growth rate: 2.6 in 2016 and expected to be 2.2 in 2020
• Under-five population: 12.67% in 2016
• Unemployment: 13.53% in the second half of 2015, while 7.13% in the second half of 2014
Background and Introduction

• Establishment of KRSO: 2002, less than 10 staff in headquarter, now has more than 70
• Offices: headquarter, 6 main offices, 13 sub-offices
Vision

• To provide trustworthy statistical data for all
Obligation

• To strengthen statistical agent in conducting efficient and effective statistics

• To create competent and professional statistics community, supported by the latest information technology for statistical advancement
Obligation

• To increase the implementation of classification standards, concepts and definitions, and measurements which are universal in every statistics collection
• To increase the quality of statistical information services for all parties
• To increase coordination, integration and synchronization of statistical activities
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• Improvement in key statistical areas:
  – Population and labor force
  – Communication and transportation and Trade
  – Environment
  – Agricultural
  – Industrial
  – Price Consumer Index (CPI)
  – Education and health
  – Construction and building
  – GDP
  – Statistical Analysis

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• Information and communication technology and infrastructure:
  – IT staff
  – Website
  – New adequate building

• Human resources:
  – CSO
  – UNFPA
  – RAND
  – Etc.
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• Implementing the roadmap
  – Providing statistics to policy makers, business, and community
  – Labor force survey
  – Designing a system for collecting policy relevant data for the Kurdistan region
  – Social protection strategic framework
  – Reforming the economy for shared prosperity and protecting the vulnerable
  – Training courses
  – Higher education
  – Website
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• Problems and difficulties:
  – Composition of statistical organization
  – Lack of skilled statisticians
  – Human resources
  – Appropriate building
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• Further steps:
  – Statistics law
  – Human resources
  – Performance in statistical areas
  – Developing the statistical organization
Conclusion

• The success of KRSO is focusing on key statistical areas; still need to be improved
• KRSO needs both statistical and non statistical employees to strength its management
• High skill ICT staff will improve KRSO
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