

The Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES) is the nodal agency for implementation of Support for Statistical Strengthening (SSS) Scheme of MoSPI strictly as per the approved State Programme/ MoU through the nine Themes/ Components

SL	MOU COMPONENTS / ITEMS
1	Statistical Applications
2	Preparation of State Strategic Statistical Plan(SSSP) and signing of MOU by States with G/o India
3	Implementation of recommendations of Technical Groups / Bodies for filling up existing and expected / emerging data gaps, including State/UT specific additionalities
4	HRD issues, with a focus on Training for Capacity Development and Skills Enhancement/ up gradation, including support to Regional Training Centres
5	Introduction of Innovative Techniques and Methodologies for improving the efficacy of statistical processes and operations
6	Holding of regular/periodic (say once every year) User-Producer dialogues, stakeholders' consultations and Conduct of periodic (say annual) surveys on user-satisfaction
7	Dissemination of Annual Reports on the performance of State Statistical Systems and improving the cost effectiveness and ease of data access
8	Data quality and efficiency improvement measures
9	Advocacy Issues viz. Publicity and IEC (Information, Education and Communication) to improve usage of Statistical Products & services

1. **Component 1: Statistical Applications:** DES has undertaken software development through NIC on
 - a. Creation of DES Portal – the work is ongoing and NIC is finalizing the work
 - b. Development of Application for Crop Statistics, Vegetable Statistics, Land Use Statistics and Meghalaya Employee Census – Currently is undergoing domain Registration for DES.
 - c. Development of Application for Irrigation Statistics and Crop Irrigated Area - the work is ongoing and NIC is finalizing the work
2. **Component 2: Preparation of State Strategic Statistical Plan (SSSP) and signing of MOU by Meghalaya with G/o India:** DES has prepared and completed the document for SSSP and the SSS State programme for the state, with the seed money grant of Rs. 10 lakhs from the Ministry.
3. **Component 3: Implementation of recommendations of Technical Groups for filling up existing and expected / emerging data gaps, etc:**
 - a. **Conduct of Studies to improve estimation of Gross State Domestic Product:**
 - i. The Technical Committee has been constituted by the Government on the 4th September, 2019 to supervise over the studies taken up to improve the estimation of GSDP of the State of Meghalaya.
 - ii. 4 (four) firms have been shortlisted and Request for Proposals (RfPs) have been submitted on the 9th December, 2019.
 - iii. Technical experts for the technical committee for examination of the proposal from the firms is being nominated by the concerned Ministries.
 - iv. Technical Evaluation of the technical proposals will be convened soon
 - b. **Development of Methodological improvements in conducting CCE on selected crops and methodologies for new selected crops**
 - i. The proposal for the development of methodology for CCE on squash including methodological improvement on cashewnut, pineapple, arecanut, citrus fruits, ginger and potato, cabbage, cauliflower, tomato and beans has been submitted to IASRI, New Delhi which was agreed upon and the process is in its final stage.
 - ii. DES has received proposal from IASRI for development of Methodological improvements in conducting CCE on some crops and methodologies for new selected crops and awaiting SIC approval.
4. **Component 4: HRD issues, with a focus on Training for Capacity Development:**
 - a. DES has conducted training during 2019-20 wherein resource person from MoSPI and IASRI imparted training to the officers and staff of DES both in Shillong and outside the state
 - b. DES is currently conducting trainings for the officers of the DES in the State and some training programmes outside the state are in the offing
5. **Component 5: Development of GIS application for statistical activities:** Currently, the G/o Meghalaya through the Planning Dept has procured the ArcGIS, which is Cloud-based software to create and share interactive web maps, developed by the Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI), a global company with leading edge global innovation. The ArcGIS Software can be used free of cost by all the line depts of the State Govt. The DES with the help of officials of ESRI has

taken up installation of the software. The capacity building programme for the official of the DES will be taken up soon.

- 6. Component 6: Details of Review Meetings:** Ministry conducts Review meetings with DES on a regular basis for monitoring and midterm appraisal and necessary recommendations. Further, the DES regularly arranges the State HLSC Meeting and the State Implementation Committee (SIC) meetings for proper implementation of the approved activities
- 7. Component 7: Digitization and dissemination of the State and Districts Statistical Handbook:** DES has taken up with NIC, Meghalaya for digitization and dissemination of the State and Districts Statistical Handbook.
- 8. Component 8: Data quality and efficiency improvement measures:**
 - a. Data collection and compilation of local level database: Proposal from Planning Dept, G/o Meghalaya for taking up the work is awaited
 - b. Survey of movement of goods in Meghalaya: this activity has been proposed by the Commissioner of Transport, Department of Transport, G/o Meghalaya. The DES has taken up with the concerned department accordingly.
 - c. Data collection on Jhum / Bun cultivation: Data collection / Creation of Geo-Database for Jhum / Bun cultivation is being taken up by the Director, Soil And Water Conservation, G/o Meghalaya and the work is ongoing
 - d. Feasibility study for using geo spatial technology for estimating the area of major crops in the State: Applications of Geospatial technology for acreage estimation of selected crops and development of a mobile app (including a visual dashboard system), for planning and monitoring of Crop Cutting Experiment (CCE) in Meghalaya, has been taken up by North Eastern Space Application Centre, Dept of Space, GoI, (NESAC), Umiam, Meghalaya and the report of the study has been released during June, 2022
 - e. SDG activities: MBDA, Planning Dept., G/o Meghalaya has taken up the activity and the report on the activities has been submitted during June, 2022
 - f. Study/survey on Crime against women & children in the State of Meghalaya: CID, Police (Home) Dept, G/o Meghalaya has initiated the survey / study on crime against women in the state. The Dept is taking the work through outsourcing
 - g. Study/survey on drugs users in the State of Meghalaya: the Office of the Additional Director General, CID, Police (Home) Dept, G/o Meghalaya has taken up the study/survey on drugs users in the State of Meghalaya,
 - h. Study on Road accidents in the State of Meghalaya: SCRB, Police (Home) Department, G/o Meghalaya has initiated to take up the survey / study on road accidents in the state. The Dept awaits SIC approval to for a go ahead with the selected qualified firm
 - i. Compilation of the First Socio-Economic Review of Meghalaya: DES has completed the compilation and printing of the report
- 9. Component 9: Advocacy Issues viz. Publicity and IEC (Information, Education and Communication) to improve usage of Statistical Products & services:** The DES observes National Statistics Day on the 29th June, 2019 and 2021 through use of public information systems to highlight the significance of official statistics in policy and governance at the DES and at the District and block level. The DES will observe National Statistics Day on the 29th June, 2022 along with the rest of the country on the theme “Data for sustainable development”