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“The Agriculture and Forestry Research supporting Socio-Economic
Development Plan”

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- **Brief introduction on NIER**

- Background of NIER**

- +Establishment in 2016 according to Decree 205/PM

- +Combined from SRU (Strategy Research Unit), NERI and CT of MPI

- +Position as a Ministry.

- Main role and responsibilities**

- +Conducting research to support formulation and implementation of policies, strategies and plans of government.

-Organization structure

- +Center for Socio-Economic Science and Policy Research
- +Center for Macro-Economic Research and Economic Restructure
- +Center for Enterprise and Integration Research.
- +Information and Training Center.
- +Cabinet.

-Some of key ongoing research projects/assignments from GoL

- +National Green Growth Strategy
- +Management system and efficiency of PIP
- +Management of efficiency of land use
- +Efficiency of hydropower and mining
- +SEZ.
- +Many research projects supported by international organizations and government of foreign countries.

- **Agriculture and Forestry Research supporting Socio-economic Development Plan**

- Importance of agriculture and forestry research

- +Socio-economic development goals

- LCD-graduation
 - SDGs
 - Developing country with upper middle income.

- +Prioritizing development of agriculture and forestry sector

- One of key sector driving economic growth
 - Key sector providing jobs and income for generation for rural population
 - Key sector reducing poverty

- +Prioritizing agriculture and forestry research

- Providing statistical data, information and policy recommendations to support development of agriculture and forestry sector as well as NSEDP.

-Current situation of agriculture and policy research

+Achievements

- Establishment of number of research institutes and centers involving in agriculture and forestry research. (NAFRI, NIER, ERIT, ERI, etc.).
- Number of research findings and publications related.
- Employment of these research findings for formulation and implementation of agriculture and forestry development policy, strategy and action plan as well as NSEDP.

+Limitation

- Lack of strong coordination network among research institute and centers involving agriculture and forestry research.
- Lack of efficient research strategy and action plan supporting development of that sectors
- Lack of efficient mechanism to mainstream research finding into process of policy formulation and implementation.
- Many small scale, very specific and isolated research topics.
- Many overlapping research topics.
- Some of research topics do not development priority.
- Limited financial support and human capitals.

-Discussion how to strengthen agriculture and forestry research to support policy formulation and implementation.

+Establishment of the national and sectorial research network to support national, sub-national and sectorial policy formulation and implementation with strong focal point for carrying out following main tasks:

- Capacity building for research institutes and centers.
- Funding mobilization.
- Managing and mainstreaming research findings into policy formulation and implementation process.

+Development of a national (updated) and sectorial research framework and action plan to support policy formulation and implementation.

Thanks for Your Attention

