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**PLENARY SESSION 4: FINANCING THE  
MODERNIZATION OF AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS:  
STATISTICAL CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE  
AND RESOURCE MOBILIZATION**

**TANZANIA MODEL - ASSP**

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# ***A Busan Action Plan for Statistics***

- **BAPS is organized around five actions that define priorities for improving statistical systems in developing countries;**
- **Each action encompasses a range of possible activities at the national, regional, and international level, including vertical and horizontal programs. The vertical programs are directed toward improving the quality and capacity of national statistic systems and promoting their use in policy making; and**
- **The horizontal or sectoral programs set standards for data collection and reporting, implement new methodologies, and increase coordination among statistical agencies at all levels (LEVERAGING TECHNOLOGY IN DATA PRODUCTION) .**

## **Is there any Success Story of International Level aiming at providing support in the field of Statistical Capacity Building in line with BAPS Action?**

- The answer is “Yes” NSDS and RSDS which aims at Coordinating and Harmonization of statistical capacity both at national, regional and international has contributed towards development of statistics in different areas such as:
  - Institutional Development and Legal Reforms within NSS;
  - Training;
  - Funding;
  - Statistical Infrastructure;
  - Physical Infrastructure; and
  - Statistical Development and Dissemination.
- All these success definitely have added value for money in the development of statistical capacity through international support in the developing Countries including Tanzania.

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- In Tanzania for instance, due to political will and Government commitment in the development of the statistics as it responds to good governance, peace and stability, accountability, the NSDS is being supported under the WB Statistical Capacity Building (STATCAP) Adaptable Program Lending (USD 30 Million) since 2010 when NSDS was endorsed.
- This loan has managed Tanzania NBS to continue producing quality statistics and according to the 2015 WB assessment on Statistical Capacity in Africa; Tanzania was ranked No. 6 out of 54 Countries in Africa. However challenges are remains in the area of periodicity and especially in the area of economic statistics also sustainability.

# Should Agricultural Statistics be Funded Independently?

- What has been done in Tanzania in terms of financing Agricultural Statistics Strategy Plan (ASSP) will lead to “YES” or “No”
- In Tanzania the implementation of NSDS is in line with Joint Assistance System -JAST Principles and all statistical activities are aligned with the Government Structures. Annual Reviews with KPI's is mandatory to followed achievements of the agreed activities. In Tanzania this process is all about Government Budget Support (GBS). For the Statistics Review an independent Review is normally done between the Government and partners
- The overall ASSP objective is to improve and build a fully integrated NSS in which Agricultural Statistical Stakeholder's (MDA's) work is coordinated and harmonised. In this regard therefore the proposed implementation arrangement for NSDS is embedded within government structures.

# Should Agricultural Statistics be Funded Independently?

- Based on the current ASSP experience in Tanzania it is important to have an independent basket fund for agricultural statistics. The current modality that is being used to support ASSP is through basket fund - SWAP approach (common reporting for all DP's);
- Based on my own experience Agricultural Statistics should be funded independently just like Population and Housing Censuses;
- In Tanzania FAO – Country Office is the lead development partner for the ASSP whilst National Bureau of Statistics serve as a coordinator.
- Under Sector Working Group of Agricultural Statistics, Ministry of the Agriculture serve as the chair and FAO – Country Office – co-chair. Development of annual work plans review of progress report including M and E is done under SWG and later to the Joint Steering Committee for approval
- Annual Review is done through involving all stakeholders in the NSS.

# Challenges for Countries in Terms of the Financing Data Collection

- Statistical Governance in some developing countries are not clear;
- Statistical activities are not given much priorities in the national budgeting just like other sectors such as water and energy to mention just a few;
- Less political will in the data production as it will foster transparency, accountability and results in the developing countries. The outcome is for the developing countries Governments to be reluctant on putting much resources in the data collection;
- Less involvement of the partners in the data production such as private sector, CSO's, NGO's, data scientists, researchers and individuals because at NSO's much concentration is on the production side instead of thinking providing services to the users.
- Inadequate technologies and innovations in the data production that leads to high costs

# The Way Forward.

- Tapping opportunities around Global SDG's, Tanzania has registered as a Member of Global Sustainable Data Development;
- Africa Agenda 2063 – with Seven Aspirations; Commitment from the Ministers responsible for Finance, Planning and Economy to allocate 0.15 percent of the National Budget to the development of the Statistics – March, 2016;
- Integrating statistics activities in the national development plan - 5YDP (2016/17 -2020/21);
- Statistician in developing countries to continue promoting data utilization and dissemination through establishing dash boards, data labs and so on (SHaSA).



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