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**NBS: "A ONE-STOP CENTRE FOR OFFICIAL STATISTICS IN TANZANIA."**



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## We Need Better Statistics to Serve You Better, Says Minister Jafo



***Statistician General Dr. Albina Chuwa gives further explanation to stakeholders on the various features which are captured in the Bahi geo-spatial maps prepared by NBS and OCGS cartographers.***

Tanzania, like other countries, conducts Population and Housing Censuses in order to enable the government to efficiently and adequately serve its people because to achieve this it needs quality and timely statistics.

The Minister of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government), Mr. Selemani-

Jafo, said the Population and Housing Census is very important because its results provide the government with key information about the size and structure of the population, population distribution, education, health, employment and even housing condition.

“The fifth phase government is keen and determined to improve living standards of-

its people through quality and efficient service provision; and this is only possible if there is key statistical information about the demographic, economic and social conditions of the population,” He said.

He said Census data is very important in preparation and formulation of economic and development policies and actions towards

ameliorating living standards of the people.

He added that the results of the 2022 Population and Housing Census will also be used in monitoring and evaluating national, regional and global development programmes. The results will also do the same for the Second FYDP 2016/17 - 2020/2021, Development Vision 205, SDGs 2030 African agenda 2063.

The minister said that he was impressed to hear that new technologies will take a centre stage during the implementation of the 2022 PHC, a proof of the readiness and preparedness of the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) and the Office of the Chief Government Statistician (OCGS) in adopting changes in their domain.

“I am encouraged to hear from Statistician General that in the coming PHC most of the work will be done using latest Mobile GIS technologies which has positive impact on both data quality, accuracy and producing real time data as well as in reducing costs,” he noted.

He lauded NBS and OCGS staff as well as staff from his ministry who have been undertaking cartography in the region for their hard work and determination.

Minister Jafo also thanked UNFPA for its financial assistance which facilitated the work in Chamwino, Kondoa Rural, Bahi and Kondoa Urban districts and insisted: “It is still the beginning, we have a long way to go hence we invite more stakeholders to come on board and extend their support.”

During the demarcation of the Enumerated Areas (EAs), cartographers also took geo-spatial information which show available services and its distribution something which impressed the minister and district council leadership.

The geo-spatial data collected shows that Bahi has 51 health service centres which include six health centres, 43 dispensaries and a district hospital. In education, there are 90 primary schools, 20 secondary schools and two colleges. There are 47 public offices, 14 factories, including 6 gold refineries.

“We have seen the results of their work in our district and it is now our turn to make use of the results in planning, implementation and monitoring of our plans and programmes,” he noted.

In this regard, he called upon all regional, district and local leaders to accord cooperation and give every needed support to staff of NBS and OCGS during implementation of the exercise.

The minister also saluted district leadership under District Commissioner Mwanahamisi Munkunda, District Executive Director Fatuma Mganga, District Executive Secretary Jeremiah Mapogo and cartography team from NBS and OCGS and residents of Bahi for successfully completing the exercise at 100 percent rate.

*“We have seen the results of their work in our district and it is now our turn to make use of the results in planning, implementation and monitoring of our plans and programmes,” said Jafo.*

## The 2022 Population and Housing Census Will be Most Successful Ever, Says SG

The National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) has said that it is planning to make the forthcoming Population and Housing Census (PHC) the most successful as ever held in Tanzania.

Statistician General Dr. Albina Chuwa pledged during the dissemination of Bahi District Results after the 2022 Census Geography and launching of Bahi District Council Social and Economic Profile 2019.

She said in previous censuses, Tanzania did well and the next census will be different as from 2012 census to date the world has witnessed tremendous increase in the application of technology which has greatly impacted the way “we, statisticians conduct our activities”.

“With our professional experience, knowledge and skills coupled with strong determination and adaptation of new technologies, we are confident that the 2022 Census will be conducted in a more timely and cost-efficient manner compared to the previous ones,” said Dr. Chuwa.

Statistician General said Tanzania has a long history of conducting successful censuses--

since independence and that has made Tanzania great in that area.

“As Statistician General, I’m proud of this good record and the good reputation of our country, which is a reflection of commitment of our country’s leadership towards serving its people,” she said.

She said she was confident that with support and collaboration from development partners as always has been, Tanzania will conduct a very successful census but more important is that everyone should play his part.

She reminded district council--

leaders and staff that Population and Housing census was a legal undertaking which requires everyone to efficiently play their part to make it a success.

Dr. Chuwa told the dissemination meeting that results of the 2022 PHC will be used to evaluate implementation of Tanzania vision 2025 and SDGs.

“In 2022, Tanzania will be approaching the end of Vision 2025, so it would fitting that census results would be used to assess how far, as a country, we have been able to implement our vision as well as SDGs,” Dr. Chuwa said.



**Statistician General Dr. Albina Chuwa speaks during dissemination of Census’ geographical work of Bahi district. Dr. Chuwa insisted that the 2022 Census will be timely and cost efficient than previous ones**



## Ireland Commits to Supporting Gender Statistics Production in Tanzania

Ireland has reiterated its commitment to continue supporting the production of gender statistics in Tanzania and contribute to implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Ms. Oliva Kinabo, a representative from the Irish Embassy in the country, told technical Advisory Meeting of Social Institution and Gender Index (SIGI) Survey that in Ireland the rights of women are high in the agenda therefore supporting Tanzania on gender issues was obvious.

She said the country's new global policy for international development, "A Better World", has Gender Equality and Women Empowerment at its heart and it focuses on reducing and eradicating gender based violence.

"Ireland is supporting UN Women in Tanzania to conduct SIGI survey because the survey will establish evidence-based information that will inform Gender--



***Representative of Irish Embassy Ms. Oliva Kinabo speaks during Technical Advisory Meeting of Social Institution and Gender Index Survey which was held at NBS offices in Dodoma.***

Equality and Women Empowerment policies and build capacity for NSOs and other stakeholders," she explained.

The Irish embassy Representative added that availability of reliable data on the prevalence of violence against women will help to understand the extent, nature and causes of gender based violence in Tanzania.

"Getting clear gender statistics and data on lifelong social discrimination will help

us to understand the realities of women in Tanzania and how they are facing cumulative discrimination that need particular consideration and remedies," she added.

***"The availability of reliable data on the prevalence of violence against women will help to understand the extent, nature and causes of gender based violence in Tanzania." Said Kinabo.***

## Introduce Climate Change Policy, Stakeholders Advice the Govt



***Stakeholders of environmental and climate change statistics in group discussion during a one day Validation Workshop on National Climate Change Statistics Report of 2019 held at NBS offices in Dodoma.***

Stakeholders of climate change statistics have recommended to the government to institute climate change policy in order to strategically address climate change problem.

The stakeholders were speaking during a daylong validation workshop for the National Climate Change Statistics Report for the year 2019 which was held at the National Bureau of Statistics-

NBS) conference hall in Dodoma.

They said since climate change has now become a national development challenge, it was therefore high time for the country to develop national climate change policy to guide programmes, strategies and actions towards addressing the impact of climate change.

The policy they contemplated that can also attract more--

stakeholders and enhance collaboration with funding institutions to facilitate implementation of climate change mitigation and adaptation measures which are hindered by lack of adequate funding.

Stakeholders to the workshop included those from the Vice President's Office, National Carbon Monitoring Centre, and Sokoine University of --



***Enviromental and climate change stakeholders who attended Validation Workshop on National Climate Change Statistics Report of 2019 pose for group photograph after the workshop held at NBS offices in Dodoma.***

Agriculture, University of Dar es Salaam, Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Agriculture, Office of the Regional Commissioner-Dar es Salaam, National Environmental Management Council (NEMC), Land Commission, Ministry of Lands and Tanzania Forest Research Institute (TAFORI).

The stakeholders also underscored the importance of establishing and strengthening a mechanism--

that will ensure a strong administrative data sharing systems which guarantees accurate and timely availability of climate change data.

In that regard, they also proposed the government through NBS and Vice President's Office to explore the possibility of establishing climate change data hub to address data gaps and inconsistencies.

During the workshop, participants reviewed the draft National Climate Changes Statistics Report, 2019 by assessing the quality of data used, filling gaps and deliberated on challenges impinging production of similar reports in National Statistical System.



## UNFPA Vows to Continue Supporting Tanzania



*UNFPA Deputy Representative Dr. Wilfred Ochan addresses the dissemination meeting of Bahi district census' geographical work held at Bahi district council hall. In his speech, Dr. Ochan reiterated UNFPA's continued support to Tanzania in production and dissemination of statistics in Tanzania.*

United Nations Populations Fund (UNFPA) Deputy Representative to Tanzania Wilfred Ochan has said the organisation was committed to continue supporting the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) not only in successfully carrying out preparatory activities, but also in producing and disseminating the 2022 census results.

He was speaking during the dissemination of Bahi District Results after the Census Geography (WHAT IS THIS?) and launching of Bahi District Council Social and Economic Profile 2019, where Dr. Ochan added that UNFPA has a long--

history of cooperation with NBS in undertaking population and housing Censuses in Tanzania.

“We are proud of our contributions to the success of the censuses conducted over the past decades, to the growth of national statistical capacities in producing this very critical data, and other population-based surveys,”he said.

The Deputy Representative said he was confident that with the experience of NBS and OCGS, and the in-house knowledge and skills and the strong commitment from the government of the United Republic of Tanzania, the

Census preparation process will be a success.

Before dissemination of the report and launching of Bahi profile, district council leadership led by Bahi District Commissioner Mwanahamisi Munkunda and development partners were taken through displayed cartographic maps showing key geo-spatial information including distribution of social services in the district.

Dr. Ochan mentioned the uniqueness of the 2022 Population and Housing Census as being the first-ever Census in

Tanzania that applies the Computer- Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) Technology in all of its phases.

“The use of smart phones and tablets or web-based form for data enumeration is one of the many "data revolutions" in the context of the 2020 round of censuses and I am sure we all feel very proud to be part of this revolutionary move, led by the National Bureau of Statistics,” he said.

He elaborated that with the adoption of the new technology, the census to be--

conducted will greatly improve the quality and transparency of data collected, shorten the time of data processing and as a result the Census results will be ready in a shorter time compared to previous censuses to enable its dissemination and use by key stakeholders, including policy makers for decision making at national and subnational levels.

UNFPA Deputy Representative thanked NBS for adopting new technologies and approaches to the census--

and expressed his organization’s optimism that the national statistical office will continue improving data collection and management.

“We strongly believe the NBS has the capacity to continually improve and innovate in data collection and management in general, including in developing and containing cost for the Census at much affordable levels within the operating condition; and in managing the development and testing of its IT systems while ensuring cyber security of the systems and data,” he insisted.



***UNFPA Deputy Representative Dr. Wilfred Ochan poses a question to Jerve Gasto, NBS cartographer (second left) about spacial information featured in the map displayed during dissemination of Bahi’s census geographical work.***

## **SG: We Want an Action-Oriented Tool to Meet Gender Targets**



***Statistician General Dr. Albina Chuwa opens a one day Technical Advisory Meeting of Social Institution and Gender Index Survey at NBS offices Dodoma.***

Statistician General Dr. Albina Chuwa has challenged Technical Advisory Group of the Social Institution and Gender Index (SIGI Survey) to come up with action oriented tool which will assure, by 2030, Tanzania meets its gender targets.

Officiating the launching of SIGI Tanzania project which constituted the first meeting of the Technical Advisory Group at NBS offices in Dodoma,--

Dr. Chuwa said the technical committee must vigorously scrutinise the tool and see if more important questions need to be added to unfold more critical gender information.

The objectives of the one-day meeting were to present key findings of the background paper of the SIGI Tanzania survey and finalize the conceptual framework.

“We don’t want to leave--

anyone behind. We want to bring everyone on board. We want to see a lot of positive changes in terms of gender equality by 2030. Let’s come up with policy action across institutions and make this happen” She insisted.

Statistician General insisted the political will of using gender statistics for actions demonstrating transformations as stipulated in different protocols across regional,--



continental and global arena.

Dr. Chuwa told committee members that SIGI project goes hand in hand with data forum and Dubai World Data Forum geared to data production for SDGs.

She noted that with SIGI upholding the slogan ‘Making every woman and girl count’, it leads our country to the implementation of SDG goal number 5.

Dr. Chuwa urged for support in production of official statistics and expressed NBS readiness to continue working with--

stakeholders and partners in the National Statistical System.

NBS, as the coordinating institution for the production of official statistics in Tanzania Mainland, Dr. Chuwa pledged to ensure that it produces quality statistics which would inform national policy actions towards attaining national vision.

“We value data. Data is like crude oil, we need your support to refine it and use to inform our policies and programs which can lead us to

the level we want to be,” she said.

Dr. Chuwa was pleased to see the committee comprised of different members from data community including among others Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), independent researchers, higher learning and Research Institutions.

Statistician General called for stakeholders to make further analysis of huge datasets available at NBS in order to inform policy and decision making in the country.

“We have a bunch of data at NBS. What do we do with this data? What best have we done to use this data in terms of further analysis to inform policy making and actions?” She lamented.

During the meeting, members discussed presentations from independent consultants Edward Mhina and Fortunata Temu on the discriminatory social institutions that restrict women’s opportunities as evidenced in the SIGI Tanzania background paper. There were also presentations on Methodological issues by Dr. Mitra Sadananda from UN Women.



***Part of participants to the Technical Advisory Meeting of Social Institution and Gender Index Survey which was held at NBS offices in Dodoma follow one of the presentations.***

## Statistician General: Going Digital in 2022 Population and Housing Census Assures Us of High Quality, Accurate and Timely Results

Application of new mobile Geographical Information System Technologies (GIS) in the 2022 census geography and usage of Survey 123 during the 2022 Population and Housing Census (PHC) will assure the country gets high quality, accurate and timely data.

Statistician General Dr. Albina Chuwa said the use of new technologies in the 2022 PHC would not only ease census' work load but also increase--

efficiency as well as cut coverage costs.

She was speaking recently in Kondo District during a supervision tour to access progress of the ongoing the 2022 census geography as part of preparation for the 2022 PHC.

“Our target is to conduct the next population census in a more efficient manner. I am here to oversee the EAs--

demarcation and also evaluate the quality of work done,” Dr. Chuwa told Kondo Urban Ward Executive Officer Samson Mtui at his office where she went to introduce herself.

During the visit, Dr. Chuwa witnessed how GIS experts and cartographers work to prepare Enumeration Areas(EAs), an exercise that was going on at Mnarani in Kondo Urban District Council using new--



*Statistician General Dr. Albina Chuwa exchange views with Bahi District Commissioner Mwanahamisi Munkunda at Bahi district council council's grounds after dissemination meeting of the Bahi census qeoqraphical work.*



***Participants to the dissemination meeting of Census geographical work for Bahi district council listen to the guest of honor's speech (not in the picture).***

mobile GIS technology. She was also briefed on how geo-spatial information are captured and stored in tablets.

The NBS head of GIS Unit, Mr. Benedict Mugambi, informed the SG that with the technology, enumeration areas identification and demarcation work would be conducted in a more precise manner because the software installed in the tablets will contain all the necessary information to guide enumerators and restrict them from working beyond the designated EA.

Mr. Mugambi explained that there was no possibility for margin of error in the use of the technology because the collector for ArcGIS software is installed in the tablet--

tablet to allow all spatial data get collected and stored in the server. Also, geo-fencing will guide the enumerator not to go beyond designated area as the gadget would alert him or her and the questionnaire would automatically be disabled.

Statistician General said using such technology would reduce the amount of people who are in one way or another missed during census enumeration.

She revealed that during the 2012 PHC under coverage was 5 percent though she said the percent was lower compared to many other African countries where some recording double-digit under coverage.

For example, since post-democratic South Africa, the country's censuses have not recorded single-digit undercount.

"We want to do away with 5 percent under coverage recorded in 2012 census and have perfect census returns which will appropriately guide our policies and development programmes," Dr. Chuwa emphasised.

Earlier, NBS cartographer and team leader Jerve Gasto informed Statistician General that EA revision in all 84 villages in Kondo Rural District Council has been completed and the focus now was in Kondo Urban Council, which has 36 streets.

"We just completed demarcation of one of the 36 streets and the remaining will be covered within ten days from today," said Mr. Gasto adding that the geo-spatial information collected including social services, government buildings, factories and religious establishments.

Demarcation work of census EAs started on 26th September, 2019 involving cartographers from NBS and Office of the Chief Government Statistician (OCGS) Zanzibar and town planners (or land officers) from the President's Office--Regional Administration and Local Government.



## Use Available Statistics in Planning Development Projects: Bahi District Commissioner Advises Council

Bahi District Commissioner Mwanahamisi Munkunda has stressed the importance of the council to use the available statistics in planning development projects including social service provision.

She noted that the launching of the 2019 Bahi Social and Economic Profile prepared by NBS was a step forward leading the council to a more informed planning which will objectively address development issues.

She said while the district profile provides demographic and economic information, the cartographic maps showed distribution of social and other services in the district which will guide district leadership in making real time planning.

“The geo-spacial information included in these maps is a snapshot of available social services in our district showing distance from say one health service to another--

the same to other services like schools,” she said.

The district commissioner said it was very important for planners to use those statistics to ensure services were equally and appropriately distributed within district council according to the needs of the people.

The district commissioner commended NBS management and team under Statistician General Dr. Albina Chuwa for its dedication to work and ingenuity which resulted in her district being proud of having its ever first district profile.

**For his part, Bahi** Member of Parliament Omar Badwel noted that with the district social and economic profile, the district will now be in the position to make more realistic planning.

“With now available district profile together with the geo-spacial information provided by our national statistics office (NBS) we have seen here today, the district--

executive director can properly execute his duties and leaders can make informed decisions in their plans,” he observed.

He was optimistic that if the council would come up with good development plans then the district would make big strides towards uplifting many out of poverty and those authorities must seek to achieve a 100 per cent success in implementation of the plans.

“People are fond of reporting a hundred or hundred and ten percent performance rate. If it was genuinely planned you never get that. You only hear those numbers when there is insincerity in planning,” he noted.

*“It was very important for planners to use those statistics to ensure services were equally and appropriately distributed within district council according to the needs of the people.” Said Munkunda*

## **SG: People should be informed of the Relationship between Their Development Activities and Environmental Sustainability**



***Stakeholders of environmental and climate change statistics in group discussion during a one day Validation Workshop on National Climate Change Statistics Report of 2019 held at NBS offices in Dodoma.***

Statistician General Dr. Albina Chuwa has argued that it was imperative for people to be informed of the nexus between their socio-economic activities and environmental sustainability.

“People should well be informed that if we are to attain sustainable development, then their socio-economic activities should go hand in hand with environmental protection and conservation,” she said.

The Statistician General made the arguments when she was opening a one-day Validation Workshop on National Climate Change Statistics Report of 2019 held at NBS offices in Dodoma.

Dr. Chuwa noted that like in many other developing countries, climate change in Tanzania has become a national development challenge and so it was the responsibility of every stakeholder to ensure--

climate change issues are being integrated in their plans.

On the report, the NBS chief described the report as very important as among other things it will be used to monitor and evaluate implementation of various national, regional and international development frameworks.

She listed, for example that the National Five Year--

Development Plan II, the UN Sustainable Development Goals, 2030 and the Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) to which Tanzania is a signatory.

Additionally, she said the report would help to create public awareness on climate change and its impact on social and economic development.

Dr. Chuwa revealed that as the primary source of data used in production of report was administrative data, it has set a benchmark on use of such data in production of official statistics.

“Using administrative data as the main source of data in the preparation of the National Climate Change Statistics Report, 2019, it is a step forward in production of official statistics using non-traditional data sources,” she noted.

She, however, acknowledged challenges facing use of administrative data in production of official statistics like that of climate change as data was scattered in various sources within public domain as well as in private sector.

“Given the fact that data is scattered all over, it makes it difficult for users to timely access-

them and above all it makes it difficult to make long term analysis of environment situation of the country,” she noted.

Statistician General explained that the report like many other statistical reports produced by NBS was a result of cooperation and collaboration among both domestic and international stakeholders, which demonstrates the importance of partnerships in the statistics community.

“This report is a result of collaboration from various stakeholders. It was not an easy task but we have made it. Many thanks to UNEP, GPSDD and GIZ for facilitating this workshop,” said Dr. Chuwa.

The workshop was facilitated by German International Development Agency (GIZ), Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data (GPSDD) and the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP).

Speaking during the opening of the workshop, UNEP Representative Diana Ngina from Nairobi said the organisation was proud of NBS because compared to many other such authorities in developing-

countries, Tanzania’s statistics bureau was in the forefront, in terms of production of climate change statistics, to fill the existing data gaps.

“Let this report be the starting point, be the one that other countries can look at and try to achieve what Tanzania has already achieved,” said Ms. Ngina and congratulated NBS and wished it could continue with the same motivation and produce more reports.

For her part, GPSDD representative based in Nairobi, Ms. Karen Bett, said her institution was delighted to see Tanzania has managed to produce such quality report using administrative data.

“Having produced this excellent Report using administrative data demonstrates how important administrative data is. Now let’s use it to inform policies and actions to improve lives of our people,” Ms. Bett insisted.



## No One Should Be Left out in the 2022 Population Census, says World Bank



*Ms. Elizabeth Talbert from World Bank offices in Tanzania speaks during dissemination meeting of the cartographic work for 2022 Population and Housing Census for Bahi District where she emphasized that "by August 2022 every Enumeration Area was demarcated so that everyone is counted and no one is left behind during enumeration day"*

World Bank has said no one should be left unaccounted for in the forthcoming Population and Housing Census scheduled for August, 2022.

World Bank has assured Tanzania of its continued support of in its efforts to develop and produce quality statistics crucial for the country's development.

The assurance was given this week by the bank's representative Elizabeth Talbert at the dissemination of Bahi District Results 2022--

Census Geography Tools and the launching of Bahi District Council Social and Economic Profile 2019.

Ms Talbert said World Bank was supporting various development projects and programmes in Tanzania and hence Census data and information was very important as it helped the global lender to accurately determine the kind of assistance the country needs and to what level.

"The maps we have seen here contain valuable information on distribution of social--

services like education and health in the district which can help one to strategize support to the district," she noted.

She said World Bank was very keen to continue supporting Tanzania's development process including in areas of statistics. She noted that it was on that ground that World Bank supported the Tanzania Statistical Master Plan.

Ms. Talbert commended NBS for the huge strides it was making in producing and developing quality statistics.

Speaking about the Bahi census geography work, she said it was a job well done, adding: "Having seen the Bahi work, it's difficult to imagine the enormous work ahead given the number of districts in both Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar."

The World Bank representative noted it was a huge work but the bottom line was to ensure that "by August 2022 every Enumeration Area was demarcated so that everyone is counted and no one is left out during enumeration day".

## UN WOMEN: Robust Data is the Cornerstone for Addressing Gender Issues

The UN Women has restated that quality evidence in the form of robust data is a cornerstone for addressing gender issues through guiding pragmatic affirmative action.

Ms. Julia Broussard, the Deputy Representative of UN Women Tanzania said that was why the UN agency was keen to support National Statistical Systems to improve the quality of gender responsive data through implementation of Making Every Woman and Girl Count (MEWGC) project since 2018.

Ms. Broussard, who was speaking during the opening of SIGI National Stakeholders meeting, added that the project would narrow the existing gap of gender statistics in policy formulation and programmes as well as in reporting of implementation of national, regional and global development programmes.

Under MEWGC, the implemented activities include national assessment of gender indicators, time use

module, drafting minimum set of gender indicators and the gender module for TSMP II. The UN Women Deputy Representative assured Tanzania of its continued support in reducing the existing gender data gap.

She also thanked the Embassy of Ireland for its assistance in implementing the SIGI survey, which is the first of its kind to be conducted in Tanzania.

The SIGI implementation was possible courtesy to the agreement signed in 2018 between UN Women and the Embassy of Ireland with technical support from Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). The survey will be conducted by NBS and OCGS in collaboration with the Ministries responsible for gender in Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar.



***Ms. Julia Broussard from UN Women Dar es Salaam office speaks during the Technical Advisory Meeting of Social Institution and Gender Index Survey held at NBS offices in Dodoma.***

# Tanzania Still Faces Challenges in its Efforts to Achieve Gender Equality

Despite implementing various strategic interventions to address gender inequality, Tanzania still faces many challenges which hinder the country towards achieving gender equality.

Mr. Ansgar Mapunda, a representative from the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children listed among the challenges as harmful traditional practices, insufficient human and financial resources and gender statistics.

Mr. Mapunda made the remarks when he was speaking during the opening of the Technical Advisory Meeting of Social Institution and Gender Index (SIGI) Survey held at NBS offices in Dodoma.

He said through implementation of various interventions, Tanzania has recorded many achievements in gender equality pointing out primary and secondary school enrolment which now stand at the ratio of 1:1 as among those achievements.



***Mr. Ansgar Mapunda from Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children addresses members of Technical Advisory Meeting of Social Institution and Gender Index Survey which was held at NBS offices in Dodoma.***

Mr. Mapunda mentioned programmes like women economic empowerment, elimination of gender based violence, gender mainstreaming into policies, plans and programmes, guidelines and budgets as well as women participation in decision making positions among interventions taken by the government to address gender inequality.

“Our Ministry acknowledges and supports the Social Institutions and Gender Index--

Survey and we believe it will contribute immensely towards ensuring we achieve gender disaggregated data to be used for planning and implementing informed interventions,” Mr. Mapunda said.

He added that the survey results will contribute to the increase of official statistics with gender perspective in policy planning and decision making in addressing challenges facing efforts to improve and strengthen gender equality in the country.



## National Technical Committee Meets to Finalise Agriculture Census Instruments



***National Technical Committee for the 2018-2019 Agriculture Sample Survey at work in Iringa reviewing and finalising questionnaires and manuals to be used during the census***

The National Technical Committee in charge of the 2018-2019 Agriculture Sample Survey met in Iringa this month (October) to review and finalise the instruments to be used during the census.

This is according to NBS Agriculture Statistics Manager Titus Mwisomba who said the committee met for five days and reviewed questionnaires and manuals ready for the next stage of census preparations.

He said committee members reviewed three sets of--

questionnaires, namely, the small holder farmers' questionnaire set, the large scale farmers' questionnaire set and the community questionnaire set.

Mr. Mwisomba elaborated that the community questionnaire set is aimed at collecting information on agriculture and livestock services, social services and financial services available at enumerated areas.

He added that during the--

meeting, committee members also reviewed and finalised census' Supervisors Manuals, Training Manuals, Tabulation Plan and Reconciliation of listing data sets and frame.

The committee which was chaired by OCGS Principal Statistician Mwalimu Juma Mohammed comprised of representatives from the Agriculture Sector Lead Ministries (ASLM) from Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar, Mainland Ministry of Industry and Trade, NBS and OCGS.

## Inflation Rate for October Slightly Increases By 0.2 Percent

THE headline inflation rate for October, 2019 has slightly increased to 3.6 percent from 3.4 percent recorded in September, 2019.

Addressing reporters in Dodoma when releasing the National Consumer Price Index (CPI) for October, the Acting Director of Population Census and Social Statistics of the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), Ms. Ruth Minja, said the speed of price change for commodities specifically for food items in October, 2019 has increased as compared to the speed of price change recorded in September, 2019.

The overall index has decreased to 115.84 in October, 2019 from 115.92 recorded in September, 2019. The decrease of the index was mainly attributed to the price decrease for non food items. Some non food items that contributed to such decrease were kerosene which decreased by 2.5 percent, firewood by 1.7 percent, diesel by 2.1 percent, petrol by 4.0 percent, information processing--

equipment by 5.1 percent and products for personal care such as hair cream by 1.6 percent.

The inflation rate for food and non alcohol beverages in October, 2019 has increased to 5.1 percent from 4.0 percent in September, 2019 while the inflation for food taken at home and away from home during the respective month increased to 6.0 percent from 5.1 percent recorded in the previous month.

Inflation rate which excludes food and energy in October, 2019 has slightly decreased to 2.6 percent from 2.7 percent recorded in September, 2019. On the other hand, the 12-month index change for non-food products in October, 2019 has decreased to 2.7 percent from 3.1 percent recorded in September, 2019.



***Director of Population Census and Social Statistics Ruth Minja responds to media question during press conference to release October CPI. Left is NBS Senior Publicity Officer Said Ameir.***

# NBS PICTORIAL NEWS



*Statistician General Dr. Albina Chuwa (4th left) with staff from GIS section during high level inspection of cartographic work in Kondoa district as part of the preparations of the 2022 Population and Housing Census*



*Enumerators of the 2019-2020 Feed the Future End Survey take oath of confidentiality at the end of their training held at VETA in Iringa Municipality.*



# NBS PICTORIAL NEWS



***Members of the media follow October CPI release at NBS offices in Dodoma.***



***Bahi District Commissioner Mwanahamisi Munkunda bids farewell to UNFPA Deputy Representative Dr. Wilfred Ochan after they have attended dissemination meeting of the Bahi census geographical work at Bahi district council hall.***

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