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POPULATION PROJECTION 2018: "POPULATION IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE TO 54.2 MILLION THIS YEAR AND WILL REACH 61.2 MILLION IN 2022"



DR. MPANGO: WE ARE AWARE OF THE CHALLENGES BROUGHT BY RAPID POPULATION GROWTH



Guest of honour Minister for Finance and Planning Dr. Philip Mpango unveils Report of Tanzania Population Projections for the period of 2013-2035 at National Museum hall, Dar es Salaam

The government has said that it is aware of the challenges that may be brought about by rapid population growth. According to statistics, Tanzania's population is likely to grow from 46.3 million in 2013 to 59.4 million in 2021.

Launching population projections for the period of 2013 to 2035, the Minister for Finance and Planning, Dr. Philip Mpango, said the government is aware of the uncertainties of having such growth and that is why it has been taking various measures to address the situation.

The Minister said the rapid population growth rate results into having a population of which a large part are infant and youth as revealed in the projections which shows that 50 percent of the population is below eighteen years old.

“To have such a big percentage of population below 18 years is a challenge of its own because that section of population has special needs which are to be met by the government and the society as a whole,” he noted.

He revealed that one of the main characteristics of such a--

situation is irrational age-dependency ratio, which according to 2012 Population and Housing Census, stood at 92 percent unlike 40 percent of developed countries.

“This means 92 out of 100 people below the age of 15 and above 64 years, depend, for their livelihoods, on eight persons in the group of 100 aged between 18 and 64,” Dr. Mpango added.

Dr. Mpango further said that Tanzania has annual population increase of 1.6 million people from about 2 million births--



A section of participants who attended the launching of Population Projections Report at National Museum Hall along Shaaban Robert Street, Dar es Salaam follow guest of honor's speech.

against 400,000 deaths yearly. He pointed out the contributing factors to such increase as “high fertility rate, people’s preference to have many children, poverty, culture, religious beliefs and low level of using modern family planning methods.”

The minister told stakeholders attending the launch that the government is taking various steps to address the challenges including investing in education, focusing on building an industrial-based economy, creating equal opportunities (between man and women) in--

land ownership and increasing access to financial services to the public.

“The government in collaboration with other stakeholders is putting efforts in creating awareness on use of modern family planning methods and has put in place population policy to guide population trends,” Dr. Mpango said.

He added that the policy directs government officials at all levels to put population issues in their respective development plans.

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DR. CHUWA: POPULATION INCREASE IS NOT A SIN



NBS Director General Dr. Albina Chuwa gives a welcoming statement during the launching of the Population Projections Report for the period of 2013 to 2035 at National level where she stressed that Tanzania having a youthful population is a blessing.

Tanzania should take the current rapid population growth rate positively as it avails the country with vital human resource needed for its development.

The Director General of the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), Dr. Albina Chuwa, recently told stakeholders at the launch of Tanzania's population projections that having a youthful population mostly under 18 is a blessing and the country should take it

as a positive development.

"We are lucky to have a youthful population and fortunately more than fifty percent are under 18 years old," she said and added that projections from 2013 to 2035 show population growth rate in Tanzania will decrease from 3.1 in 2013 to 2.8 in 2035.

According to population projections launched by the Minister for Finance and--

Planning, Dr. Philip Mpango, population is expected to increase to 54.2 million this year and will reach 61.2 million in 2022 – an increase of 16.3 million people between the 2012 census and next scheduled to be held in 2022.

Dr. Chuwa explained that the projected population was based on adjustments made to 2012 Population and Housing Census data--

and results from three demographic surveys conducted after 2012 census.

She said the later were very important as they provided up-to-date statistical information on demographic situation which is crucial in population projections.

“We use recent demographic data which explain current situation like fertility and mortality indices as well as life expectancy,” she explained.

According to projections, she noted that life expectancy at birth has increased from 61 in 2012 to 65 today which is a result of improved life conditions as a result of improved provisions of social services and efforts to fight poverty. She said life expectancy is expected to reach 74 years in 2035.

“We are proud to see life expectancy of a Tanzanian has increased which shows how our development programmes deliver positive results to our country,” she said and added that in 1978 life expectancy was just 37 years of age.

As result, she noted child mortality rate has decreased from 43 for every 1000 live births in 2013 to 33 in 2018 and it is expected to decline further to 17 in 2030.

In her short but eloquent statement, Dr. Chuwa denounced projections delivered last year by UNSED, which showed Tanzania population was expected to grow to 58 million this year. She said, it was unthinkable and utter unrealistic for the country population to grow at such rate.

The NBS chief informed participants to the event that the UN Statistics office, in which Tanzania currently holds the position of Vice Chairperson, is developing data flow guidelines which directs national statistics authorities/national data custodian not to release--

national data without consent of the national authorities.

She emphasized that that was important because when such national data is released without the consent of national relevant authorities, and if they are not authentic, they can negatively affect projections of other areas including poverty levels and health.

Therefore, Dr. Chuwa urged all national and international institutions to use projections released by the government through NBS in order to obtain genuine information.



A section of participants who attended the launching of Population Projections Report at National Museum Hall along Shaaban Robert Street, Dar es Salaam.

UNFPA: INCREASE INVESTMENT ON YOUTH TO GUARANTEE THE COUNTRY WITH DEMOGRAPHIC DIVIDENDS

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) has called for increased investment in social services, particularly education and health, to guarantee the country with healthy and educated young people who are key to national development.

The UNFPA Country Representative, Ms Jacqueline Mahon, made the remarks recently during the launch of the population projections held at National Museum Hall in Dar es Salaam.

She pointed out that the current population structure shows infant and youth form the lion's share of the total population which necessitates investment to ensure they grow in an environment which assures them of their wellbeing and understand their future roles in the society.

“If we make the right investment at the right time in our youth, we will have healthy, energetic and educated human resource to spearhead economic growth,” Ms. Mahon said and stressed--

that it was imperative for Tanzania to critically think of how it can address current population growth rate which suggests that it is un-proportional to the country's economic growth.

She pointed out that investment in social services faces a lot of challenges but insisted that there is every reason to educate the general public, particularly at family level, to encourage participation in development activities.

The UNFPA boss noted that due to current population growth rate, it is high time to rethink and formulate right policies and programmes to curb the growth rate if Tanzania is to achieve its long term social and economic development goals.

“There is a need to strike a balance between population growth and economic growth...this is only possible if we emphasize on use of modern family planning methods to reduce birth rate,” she noted.

Ms Mohan insisted that having-

timely and quality statistics is key to the country as it provides leadership with necessary tools and build confidence in decision making of national development plans.

The UNFPA Country Representative used the occasion to assure the government that her organisation will continue to work with it and other stakeholders to ensure “every pregnancy is wanted, every birth is safe and every young person's potential is fulfilled.”

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PROF MBONILE: TANZANIA POPULATION PROJECTIONS ARE RELIABLE AND GLOBALLY ACCEPTABLE



Professor Milline Mbonile gives a talk on population projections during the launching of Tanzania Population Projections Report for period of 2013 to 2035 where he insisted that Tanzania follows scientific methods in undertaking population projections.

Tanzania follows scientific methods in undertaking population projections hence its projections are always real, authentic and globally acceptable.

Prof Milline Mbonile said recently that Tanzania's population doubles after every two decades and projections made always coincided with real population and housing census's results.

He made the observations at the launch of the Population Projections recently, adding--

that census wise, Tanzania is already a middle income country as life expectancy has reached 65 years like many middle income countries.

"In regions like Kilimanjaro, life expectancy is over and above 65 for both men and women," said Prof Mbonile pointing out that the only problem is fertility because everyone decides on their own.

Prof Mbonile, who is a renowned expert of demography, insisted that the

released projections will follow the same trends being authentic and acceptable locally and globally.

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KOREA TO GIVE NBS USD 3 MILLION FOR CAPACITY BUILDING

Statistics Korea, the national statistical body of the Republic of Korea, and the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) have agreed to establish cooperation to further enhance production of quality statistics in the country.

Under the cooperation, Statistics Korea is expected to provide NBS with technical support worth of USD 3 million to be used in statistical capacity building on small area estimation, population projection and data visualisation; developing data base and service assistance.

The three-year programme, which is scheduled to start next year, will also provide technical support in the area of Geographical Information Systems (GIS).

This was revealed at the end of a four-day visit of Statistics Korea delegation which was in the country at the invitation of NBS.

Speaking at the end of their visit, head of the Korean delegation, Mr. Seong Kido, who is also the head of --

International Statistical Cooperation Division, said they were impressed by NBS performance in producing statistics with few permanent staff compared with other national statistics bodies like Statistics Korea.

“Tanzania is a big country compared to Korea, population wise, we are almost the same but Statistics Korea has over 3,000 staff while NBS has very few but you are managing to produce a good number of statistics,” noted Mr. Kido.

Mr. Kido said Statistics Korea was happy to establish relations with NBS and thanked the Director General of NBS, Dr. Albina Chuwa, and management of NBS for their warm welcome.

“Our mission was to establish close relations with NBS and as we have all seen, during the last four days, we have been together and learnt a lot about NBS and today we are here concluding our mission with

good results,” Mr. Kido.

For his part, the NBS Director of Statistics Operations, Mr. Irenius Ruyobya, on behalf of NBS’s Director General thanked Statistics Korea for its readiness to support NBS and their visit was the beginning of a long lasting relationship between the two institutions.

Meanwhile, the NBS chief, Dr. Chuwa said that the visit of Statistics Korea delegation came at an opportune time as cooperation among statistical institutions was becoming more important than ever before.

Welcoming the Korean delegation at NBS offices along Kivukoni Front recently, Dr. Chuwa said that cooperation between the two national statistical bodies was a continuation and manifestation of good bilateral relations existing between governments of the United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Korea.

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NBS Director General Dr. Albina Chuwa admires a gift presented to NBS by head of Statistics Korea delegation Mr. Seong Kido. Left is Director of Statistical Operations at NBS Irenius Ruyobya.

cooperation for the benefit of our two institutions and indeed for our two countries,” the NBS boss said.

Dr. Chuwa noted that NBS has a lot to learn from Statistics Korea and partnership between the two institutions was very important in enhancing production of quality statistics in the country.

At NBS, Statistics Korean delegation had the opportunity to discuss and exchange experience with NBS staff from various departments including that of Statistics Operation; Geographical Information--

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HBS DATA COLLECTORS: COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION EASED OUR JOB

Data collectors in the 2017/18 Tanzania Mainland Households Budget Survey (2017/18 HBS) have said education and advocacy programmes implemented by the bureau did bear fruit as they were being received well by households in their enumeration areas.

Speaking to NBS Newsletter recently during a publicity campaign in the Lake Zone regions, some enumerators revealed that before the start of publicity and advocacy programmes many heads of households were reluctant to cooperate with them because of scant information they had about the survey.

“Thank God, this massive advocacy and community mobilisation campaign in our zone has brought about great awareness to the households and that has simplified/eased our data collection work,” said Ms Joyce Luhende who was assigned to cover Lubiga Hamlet in Lubiga Village, Meatu District.

Before the campaign, she said, household members posed a myriad of questions showing--

suspicious about their presence, particularly with regards to the types of questions carried in the questionnaires.

“Some wanted to know how the survey can help improve their lives; some demanded, as participants to the survey, to be paid; or whether there was any other material benefits they could gain and the like,” Ms Luhende revealed and added that some wanted even to know if the information they were providing would be shared to other people.

Mr. Samwel Nyangi, who collects data from Ekondo Hamlet in Kigera Etuma Village in Nyakatende Ward in Mara Region, commended NBS for timely implementing communication, advocacy and community mobilisation strategy which has “make life easy” for them.

Indeed, Mr. Nyangi thanked NBS for the comprehensive training which has equipped enumerators with necessary skills and appropriate techniques which have made -

them perform their duties accordingly.

Both Luhende and Nyangi advised NBS to constantly continue creating awareness campaigns through community mobilisations, media and other outreach programmes.

During the months of January and February, NBS through its communication and marketing units launched massive campaigns to mobilise selected households and the public in general to participate in the ongoing survey.

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HOUSEHOLDS URGED TO PROVIDE DATA COLLECTORS WITH ACCURATE INFORMATION



Shinyanga Regional Commissioner Ms. Zainab R. Telack speaking to the press (not in the picture) during community mobilisation for the 2017/18 Tanzania Households Budget Survey; Left is NBS Regional Statistical Manager Evarist Tairo.

Households involved in the ongoing Mainland Household Budget Survey (HBS) have been urged to provide data collectors with correct and up to date information to ensure data collected are genuine.

The call was made in different occasions by regional commissioners of Lake Zone regions during a month long advocacy and publicity campaign for the 2017/2018 Mainland Household Budget Survey (2017/2018 HBS).

During the campaign in their--

respective regions, regional commissioners of Geita, Kagera, Mwanza, Mara, Simiyu and Shinyanga emphasized on the importance of the survey and the need for the households to fully cooperate with data collectors from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS).

They appealed to the public to participate in the survey since the findings as the results of the survey would help the government and other development partners to plan for development--

development programmes.

Kagera Regional Commissioner Major General (Retired) Salum M. Kijuu said that the government depended on statistics in order to make evidence-based decision in planning and implementation of various development programmes.

He noted that it was from those type of surveys which were producing the statistics hence participation for selected households was indispensable.

“I’m here today to call for your full participation in the ongoing 2017/18 Tanzania Mainland Households Budget Survey which is taking place countrywide. We all need developmentm therefore we must participate in the survey by providing correct information to data collectors,” said RC Kijuu during press conference.

The regional commissioner noted that like in other regions, there were many development projects undertaken in Kagera Region, which were a result of findings of various surveys like the one which was ongoing now.

For her part, the Regional--

Commissioner of Shinyanga, Ms. Zainab R. Telack, asked selected households to make sure they played their part and particularly observe all survey procedures throughout the survey period at the household.

Ms. Telack assured participating households that no information they provide to data collectors will be disclosed to third parties and that they will be used as per Statistics Act of 2015.

Speaking at the press conference held at her offices, the regional commissioner reminded the public that according to the Statistics Act, 2015, it was mandatory for everyone to fully-

cooperate in such surveys and failure to do so one would be committing a criminal offence punishable by law.

Meanwhile, the Simiyu Regional Commissioner, Mr. Anthony Mtaka, instructed all regional, district and local leaders to ensure the survey becomes one of the agenda in all meetings and seminar as strategy to sensitise the public and maximise household participation.



Mobilisation for the 2017/2018 HBS involved various stakeholders. The above photograph shows religious leaders in Simiyu listening to the regional commissioner during a press conference.

WE HAVE LEARNT TO KEEP HOUSEHOLD INCOME AND EXPENDITURE RECORDS, HEADS OF HOUSEHOLDS



Samwel Nyagi, enumerator at Ekondo Enumerated Area, interviews Masino Kauta of Kigera Etuma village, Mara region during the ongoing Tanzania Mainland 2017/18 Household Budget Survey; Right is Mara Regional Statistics Manager Ramadhani Mbega

Members of households, which have so far taken part in the 2017/18 Tanzania Households Budget Survey, have revealed that the survey has taught them a lesson on how to keep income and expenditure records.

Mr. Petro Laurent, who is a household head at Kabangamilembe in Hamugembe Ward in Bukoba District in Kagera Region, said he was privileged to be part of the survey because it has left positive marks in his family.

“We, as a family, have collectively learnt how to keep records of our daily income and expenditure,” he said and added that during the survey the household realised that something was not going on well in their spending.

Mr. Laurent disclosed that during the fourteen days of the survey, the household was very keen to understand and keep records of every income and expenditure, however, small it was just to make sure they--

complied with the survey’s requirements.

“It was a good exercise which needed great attention as one can forget or deliberately ignore to record something small but which counts,” he noted.

Before the survey, Mr. Laurent said he and his family were not making any records of household income and expenditure something which sometimes left them confused not knowing how their money had been spent.

“It was not that we didn’t know anything about income and expenditure as we earn money and we spend but in a disorganised manner,” he lamented and told NBS News that with almost the same earnings but now manage to plan for big things.

Mr. Laurent added that the enumerator visited his household being accompanied by a local government leader. It was the latter who introduced him to the members of the household.

“We warmly received him and accorded him with maximum cooperation after learning that he was a very important person assigned a special work by the government,” he narrated.

For his part, Mr. Francis Rwebachwezi, of Katwenge in Kibale Village in Buhendangabo Ward, Kagera Region said his family benefited from the survey because it helped them to establish how much they earn and how much they spend and on which items for their daily consumption.

He said the survey has instilled financial discipline in the household and now the household set priorities to avoid unnecessary spending.



Petro Laurent of Kabangamilembe in Bukoba Municipal, gives experience of his household’s participation in the ongoing Tanzania Mainland 2017/2018 Household Budget Survey.

Mr. Rwebachwezi added that before the survey they knew nothing about how to keep household finances and expenditure but participating in the survey was a blessing because it has enlightened them and enhanced their knowledge on how to keep family records.

The Households Budget Survey is conducted after every five years. The last HBS was conducted in 2011/12. It indicated that 28.2 percent of Tanzanians lived below the poverty line failing to attain basic needs of food, shelter and clothing.

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INFLATION RATE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY SLIGHTLY INCREASES



NBS director of Population Census and Social Statistics Ephraim Kwesigabo announces National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) for the month of February 2018 which shows it has slightly increased to 4.1 from 4.0 in previous month.

The headline inflation rate for February, 2018 has slightly increased to 4.1 from 4.0 percent recorded in January, 2018.

Releasing the National Consumer Price Index (CPI) for, 2018 to the media in Dar es Salaam, the Director of Population Census and Social Statistics of the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), Mr. Ephraim Kwesigabo, said the speed of price change for commodities specifically non-food items in February, 2018 has increased as compared to the speed of price change--

recorded in January, 2018.

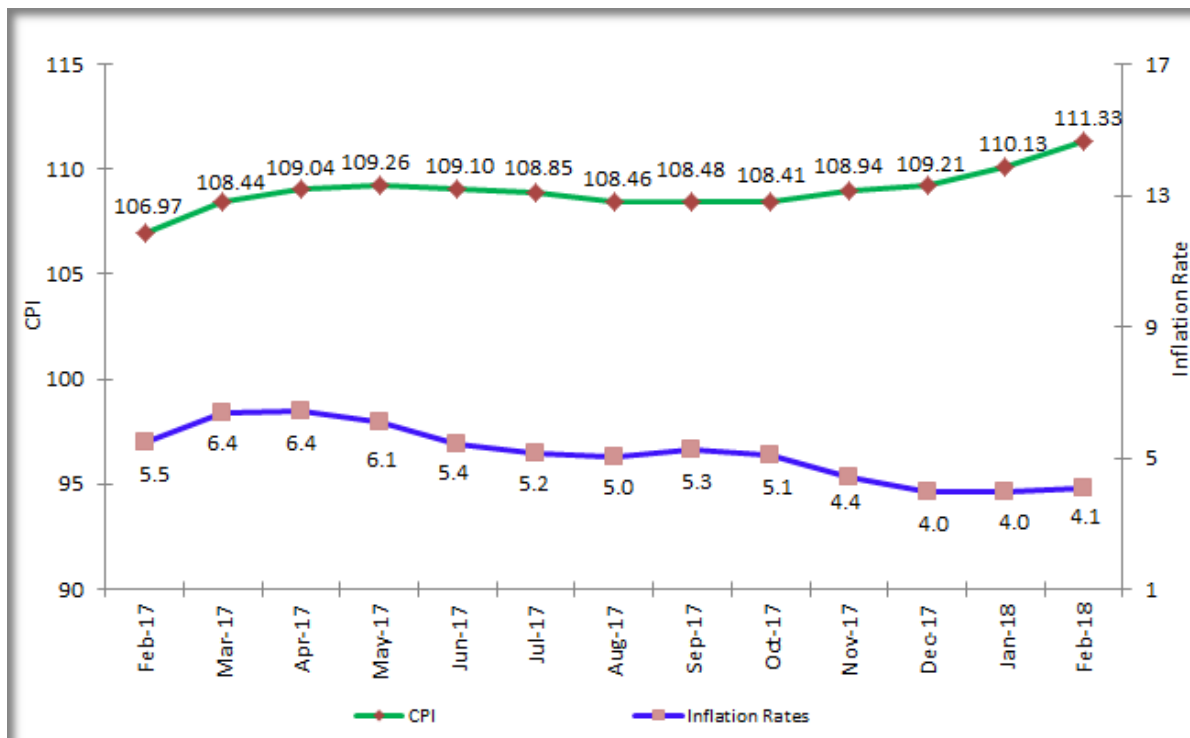
“The CPI for the month of February, 2018 has seen a small increase to 4.1 percent compared to 4.0 percent recorded in the previous month. The inflation rate has increased by 0.1 percent compared to consistently stagnating at 4.0 percent recorded for the past two months of December, 2017 and January, 2018,” explained Mr. Kwesigabo.

He further expounded that the overall index has gone up to 111.33 in February, from--

106.97 recorded in February, last year. The increase of the overall index, he said, was mainly attributed to decrease of price for non- food items, while food and non alcohol beverages inflation rate for the same month has decreased to 5.4 percent from 6.3 recorded in January.

Some non-food items that contributed to such increase for particular month were charcoal, which increased by 17.6 percent, gas for cooking by 11.3 percent, kerosene by 9.9 percent, petrol by 13.1 percent, diesel by 11.3--

Movement of National Consumer Price Indices (NCPI) and Inflation Rates from February, 2017 – February, 2018. (Dec., 2015 = 100)



percent, dental surgery service by 12.9 percent, shoes by 3.4 percent, men's wear by 3.4 percent and women's wear by 3.8 percent .

Mr. Kwesigabo told reporters that inflation rate for food consumed at home and away from home has decreased to 5.8% in February from 6.7% recorded in January, 2018 whereas the 12 month index change for non-food products in February, 2018 has increased to 3.3% from 2.8% recorded in January, 2018.

On annual inflation rate which--

excludes food and energy for the same month, the Director, revealed that it has slightly increased to 1.7% from 1.4% recorded in January, 2018 while the inflation rate which excludes food and energy for the month of February, 2018 has slightly increased to 1.7% from 1.4% recorded in January, 2018.

He also highlighted the inflation and consumer price index across other East African Countries namely Kenya and Uganda for the same month as has decreased from 3.0 in January to 2.1 percent and from 4.83 to 4.46 percent--

respectively.

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NBS PICTORIAL NEWS



Enumerators of the 2017/18 Households Budget Survey are part and parcel of community mobilisation campaigns team. In this photograph, enumerators in Simiyu attending press conference addressed by Regional Commissioner



Ms. Savera Isdori, enumerator at Katwenge village in Kagera region, briefs NBS News staff on the progress of the ongoing 2017/18 HBS survey.

NBS PICTORIAL NEWS



Ms. Maua Pascal from Tanzania Sustainable Development Forum receives, on behalf of civil societies, a copy of Report of Tanzania Population Projections from Guest of Honour Minister for Finance and Planning Dr. Philip Mpango; Left is UNFPA country Representative Ms. Jacqueline Mahon.



Delegation of Statistics Korea and NBS team in discussion at NBS offices in Dar es Salaam

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