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



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Tanzania Leads Africa in Releasing National E-Waste Statistics Report



E-waste such as above has become global environmental as well as health issue.

Tanzania Mainland has become the first country in Africa to produce and release of its National E-Waste Statistics Report (NEWSR, 2019).

The 2019 Report, which is available online in the National Statistics Office website www.nbs.go.tz, is the first comprehensive analytical report on e-waste statistics on Tanzania Mainland.

Before its release, most of the prior studies on e-waste conducted were limited in scope of Electrical and Electronic Equipment (EEE) primarily covered or focused on addressing gaps in environmental legislations to give more impetus to e-waste issues.

Speaking during national workshop for Pilot Testing the Draft Methodology for--

Measuring SDG Indicator 17.14.1 and Development of Environmental Satellite Accounts, Statistician General Dr. Albina Chuwa said the release of the 2019 E-waste report is a milestone for Tanzania towards production of official statistics.

“Tanzania is the first country in Africa to produce national E-Waste Statistics Report which demonstrates yet--

another step in the production of official statistics in the country,” Dr. Chuwa said.

The Sustainable Cycles Programme (SCYCLE) team from Sibuya City based United Nations University (UNU) provided technical assistance in compilation of e-waste statistics and tools for data analysis.

The report comprises of an analysis of data on importation of EEE in Tanzania Mainland from--

Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA); data on mobile phone subscriptions from Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) and the selected stock data of EEE from Household Budget Surveys (HBS) conducted by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS).

The NEWSR 2019 has helped shed light on the problem of e-waste in Tanzania, which had remained largely unknown.

The report will be useful in various national programmes

for e-waste management, especially the National Environmental Policy (NEP), which is being reviewed to incorporate the emerging environmental challenges such as climate change and e-waste.

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Dr. Chuwa said.



Having E- Waste statistics is very crucial in identifying best practices and encourage safe disposal of hazardous waste to save the environment.

Preparations for the 2018-19 NSCA are in Top Gear



Teresia Sagamilwa (standing) Coordinator of the 2018-19 NSCA makes a presentation on the preparations of the census before the Steering Committee meeting held at TAKWIMU House, Dodoma.

The month of February has seen preparations for the 2018-2019 National Sample Census of Agriculture (NSCA) gaining momentum whereby most of the preparatory committees and sub-committees met to fine tune the preparations.

The 2018-19 NSCA is supposed to start early mid April, 2020 involving a total-

of 1,500 large scale farms and 2,820 Enumeration Areas (EAs) in which, 2,670 EAs are in Mainland Tanzania and 150 in Zanzibar.

According to census' coordinator Teresia Sagamilwa, preparations were in high gear and they were now only making some fine-tuning.

“We are almost there! All instruments are ready including the three questionnaires, while all the logistics is in place,” Ms. Sagamilwa told our staff writer.

The Census' Steering Committee which is comprised of Permanent secretaries of sector's lead-

ministries met at TAKWIMU House in Dodoma to review the preparations and provide the way forward.

“All technical people have been here (NBS offices) for a couple of weeks finalizing all technical aspects of the exercise and I’m happy that we are almost done,” She noted.

Indeed, a team of communication officers from the ministries joined with representative from office of government spokesperson also met at TAKWIMU House to finalize census’ communication and advocacy strategy.

The two-month census will collect information on crop production, marketing and crop storage; livestock production and marketing; fish farming and poverty indicators.

The 2018-19 NSCA is the fifth Agricultural Census to be carried out in Tanzania. The first one was conducted in 1971/72, the second in 1971/72, the second in 1993/94 and 1994/95 the third was conducted in 2002/03 and the fourth--



Members of the Steering Committee of the 2018-19 NSCA in a meeting held at TAKWIMU House, Dodoma. From left is Deputy Permanent Secretary Ministry of Agriculture, Prof. Siza Tumbo, Deputy Principal Secretary Ministry of Agriculture Zanzibar Dr. Omar Ali Amir, Statistician General Dr. Albina Chuwa and Chief Government Statistician Zanzibar, Ms Mayasa Mahfoudh Mwinyi.

was conducted in 2007/08.

During the 1993/94 data on household characteristics and livestock count were collected and data on crop area and production were collected in 1994/95.

This year’s 2018/19 NSCA will provide agricultural indicators which will be used in monitoring implementation of various development programs including Five Year’s Development Programme (FYDP-II 2016/17 – 2020/21) and Global Sustainable--

Development Goals -2030 particularly goal number 2.

Likewise, the indicators will also be used to guide policy development and programme planning aimed at improving production and productivity in agricultural sector which is crucial in poverty reduction.

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Tanzania's Gender Equality and Women Empowerment Priority Indicators, Gender Module on track to completion

Tanzania is in advanced stage to produce Gender Equality and Women Empowerment (T-GEWE) indicators that will provide a framework for the production of indicators for monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Second Five-Year Development Plan (FYDP II) gender-related indicators and Gender Module.

Once completed, the Gender Module would be integrated in the Tanzania Statistical Master Plan II (TSMP II) to address challenges facing production, use and dissemination of quality gender statistics in the National Statistics System (NSS).

The Gender Statistics coordinator at NBS, who is also a senior statistician, Ms. Mariam Kitembe, told our reporter that the document is in advanced stage as it has already been reviewed by the Gender Statistics Technical Working Group and now it will be submitted to the NBS management for further action.

She explained that the main objective of integrating gender issues in the TSMP II is to strengthen production of gender statistics, accessibility and use “to inform policy formulation and decision making for delivering gender equality and women’s empowerment”.

Ms. Kitembe further disclosed that the T-GEWE priority indicators covers statistical data and indicators that reflect the living conditions and situation of women and girls in the country.

“T-GEWE will focus on indicators related to economic, health, education, human rights, political participation, good governance and leadership and Information, Communication Technology (ICT),” she said.

She noted that focusing on those areas, T-GEWE will also assist government to monitor and track, among other things, progress of attainment of gender-related SDGs, FYDP-II, and Beijing Platform for Action (BPfA) indicators.

Ms. Kitembe, who is also the coordinator of a UN-Women supported programme of Making Every Woman and Girl Count (MEWGC), said gender statistics are vital for Tanzania to achieve gender equality and Women Empowerment initiatives.

“We will neither attain national, regional nor global gender equality and women empowerment targets without quality gender statistics to inform evidence-based policy formulation and decision-making,” Ms. Kitembe emphasised.

She elaborated that gender statistics have to reflect concerns related to all aspects of lives of both women and men lives which include their specific needs, opportunities, or contributions to society.

No Change in Price Speed of Food on February 2020

The price change for commodities in February, 2020 stagnated at 3.7 percent as it was recorded in January, 2020.

This was due to the maintenance of the same speed of price change for commodities in February, 2020 as it was in a month before.

Addressing reporters in Dar es Salaam, the Ag. Director of Population Census and Social statistics, Ms. Ruth Minja, said the movement of prices in February recorded the same rate as January, 2020 though the overall index has increased by 1.32 from 117.60 in January to 118.92 in February, 2020.

She said the increase of the overall index was attributed to the price increase for both food and non-food items. She enlisted food items which contributed to such increase as fish which increased by 2.9 percent, fruits by 1.4 percent, vegetables by 4.5 percent, beans by 1.2 percent and round potatoes by 4.5 percent.



Acting Director of Population Census and Social statistics, Ms. Ruth Minja addressing the media during the release of February, 2020 Consumer Price Index (CPI) in Dar es Salaam.

On the other hand, Ms. Minja said non-food items that contributed to such increase included gas, which increased by 3.2 percent, Kerosene by 3.2 percent, charcoal by 4.3 percent, diesel by 2.8 percent and petrol by 1.0 percent.

She added that the inflation rate for food and non-alcoholic beverages for February, 2020 has increased to 5.9 percent from 5.7 percent recorded in January, 2020.

The acting director told reporters that the inflation rate for food consumed at home and away from home in February, 2020 also increased by 0.2 from 6.4 in January to 6.6 percent.

Ms. Minja, however, noted that the 12-month index change for non-food products in February, 2020 stagnated at 2.4 percent as it was recorded in January, 2020.

The 2019/2020 Feed the Future Endline Survey on Right Track: Coordinator

The ongoing 2019-2020 Feed the Future Endline Survey is on track as by end of February, 2020 data collection had reached more than 40 percent.

This is according to survey's field coordinator Hellen Mtove, who said that a total of 140 Enumeration Areas (EAs) out of 343 had already been covered by the end of Feb.

She explained that all survey teams were undertaking their tasks as per plans despite facing few challenges particularly those related to heavy rains--

rendering roads impassable.

"Morogoro team covered 37 EAs, Zanzibar covered 28 EAs, Dodoma/Manyara covered 38 EAs and Iringa/Mbeya covered 37 EAs," Ms. Mtove explained.

She added that in February, the Mbeya team failed to reach one EA because of a downpour which destroyed a road network.

Speaking to NBS Newsletter, Ms. Mtove, a statistician with the National Statistics Office, said the twelve-month survey,--

which started in October 2019 is expected to interview selected households from 173 EAs by end of March, 2020.

The Tanzania Feed the Future Endline Survey 2019/20 appraises the implementation of Feed the Future Programme in the regions of Dodoma, Manyara, Mbeya, Morogoro and Iringa as well as all regions in Unguja and Pemba.

During the survey, enumerators collect information on availability of food in the household, women's ability to make decisions in the household, women's dietary diversity, how different members of the household spend their time and other different information.

The Survey is tracking and re-interviewing household samples which were interviewed during the 2016 Feed the Future (FtF) Interim Supplemental Survey (FtF-ISS) and also interviews households from additional enumeration areas.

Tanzania Feed the Future is an initiative of the US government in Tanzania focusing on reduction of poverty and hunger through investments made in collaboration with various public and private partners.



"With over 40 percent households already covered, the survey is certainly on track" says Ms. Hellen Mtove, Coordinator of the 2019-20 Feed the Future Endline Survey.

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Ms. Getrude Rwehumbiza, Enumerator of the 2019-2020 Feed the Future Endline Survey interviewing one of the households at Bacho A hamlet, Dareda Ward, in Babati district, Manyara region.



Part of members of sub-committee of the Steering Committee of the 2018-2019 National Sample Census of Agriculture (NSCA) in one of the preparatory meetings held in Morogoro

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Fine tuning the Gender Module! A joint team from NBS and other MDAs updating Gender Module document ready to submitted to the management. Upon completion, the module will be integrated into the Tanzania Statistical Master Plan II (TSMP II) to enhance production of gender statistics in the country.



Members of the press follow release of Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the month of February, 2020 presented by Acting Director of Population Census and Social statistics, Ms. Ruth Minja at NBS offices along Kivukoni Front, Dar es Salaam.

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