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



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## More Investments to Target the Poor, says Prime Minister



***Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa flanked by other dignitaries launches Report of the Key Findings of the 2017-18 Household Budget Survey.***

While Tanzania has recorded positive results in fighting poverty, the government has vowed to continue investing in projects which have direct benefits to the majority of the population.

In his speech during the national dissemination of the Key Indicator Findings of the 2017-18 Household Budget Survey (HBS), Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa said the decrease of both basic needs poverty and--

food poverty was a result of collective efforts made by the fifth phase government and other stakeholders in reducing poverty in the country.

According to survey results, basic needs poverty has declined from 28.2 percent in 2011-12 to 26.4 percent in 2017-2018 whereas food poverty has dropped from 9.7 percent in 2011-12 to 8.0 percent in 2017-18.

The Prime Minister, however, admitted that reducing poverty is a huge undertaking that is why it took the country 26 years to reduce poverty level from 39.0 percent in 1991-92 to 13 percent in 2017-18.

He emphasised that poverty is a cross-cutting issue hence a well coordinated mechanism must be put in place to coordinate efforts from various sectors including-- social services sector, financial--

services sector and economic services like transportation and communication.

“Reducing poverty is a huge undertaking which calls for commitment, determination and hard work with appropriate interventions,” he said.

He told the meeting that poverty situation in the country is not different from that of other countries in the continent particularly in the Sub-Sahara region.

“According to available statistics, basic needs poverty in neighbouring Kenya was 36.8 in 2015, South Africa--

55.5 in 2015, Rwanda 38.2 in 2016, Ethiopia 23.4 per cent in 2015 and Zimbabwe 72.3 percent,” he said adding that from this report, participants learnt that poverty levels among Tanzanians did not differ much from the rest of the countries in the continent.

According to the World Bank, the Premier noted that many countries have been experiencing economic growth but reduction of poverty has remained too slow to reduce because most of the sectors that experience the growth are capital intensive, which create few employment opportunities and above all are mostly--

located in urban areas.

He said positive results so far achieved in reducing poverty in the country was attributed to massive investments made by the government in improving quality and access to social services.

He said any effort towards reducing poverty in any country must focus on investing in sectors which have direct benefits to majority of the population and added that the decision by the government to invest in strategic sectors such as infrastructure and energy sectors will further stimulate growth and create more job opportunities to many people and hence contribute to poverty reduction.

He said the findings of the survey were very important because they will help the government to monitor and evaluate implementation of various national, regional and global development programmes and plans.

“Through these results, we have realised that there are areas which we have made progress but also there are those which the government and stakeholders have to work together to increase opportunities to our people to be able to reduce basic needs poverty,” he noted.



***Part of participants to the national dissemination of Key Findings of the 2017-18 HBS***

## Kijaji: Statisticians Must be Field-Oriented



***Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning Dr. Ashatu Kijaji addressing NBS Workers Council Meeting held at NBS conference hall in Dodoma.***

Allocation of statisticians in every district council is a strategic decision by the government to improve and strengthen national statistical system, particularly data collection at lower levels of administration.

The Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning, Dr. Ashatu Kijaji, made the remarks during the opening of the Second Meeting of the Fifth Workers Council of the--

National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), which took place at NBS Headquarters conference hall recently.

She said the government made a wise decision of creating the position of assistant director in charge of statistics at district council in a bid to strengthen statistical operations, saying the move will ensure every district--

council is allocated one.

“It is a strategic decision to ensure we have efficient mechanisms which guarantee us quality and real time statistics from district councils,” she emphasized.

The deputy minister urged that all statisticians in district councils to be field oriented through engaging source of statistical information/data and--



educate the public on the importance of statistics for their individual and national development.

“Do not just sit in your offices but rather go out and reach out to the people, attend meetings at all levels and sensitise the public of the importance of taking part in various surveys, that provide our country with the-much-need statistics,” she challenged.

Dr. Kijaji insisted that statisticians must make their presence and relevancy known to the public by adopting pragmatic approach through close engagements and conducting sensitisation programmes at lower levels.

“It is only through pragmatic approach in engaging the public which will make people differentiate between a statistician and a planning officer,” Dr. Kijaji observed.

*“It is a strategic decision to ensure we have efficient mechanisms which guarantee us quality and real time statistics from district councils,” said Dr. Kijaji.*



***NBS Workers' Council members together raising hands to sing international solidarity song 'solidarity forever' at the beginning of council meeting held at NBS conference hall Dodoma.***



## Partner with NBS to Prepare Regional Profiles, Premier urges RCs

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa has directed regional commissioners to work with the national statistics office to ensure they prepare and release their respective regional profiles.

The Premier said regional profiles were very important in monitoring and evaluating regional gross domestic product (GDP), regional per capita income and poverty situation.

He gave the directive when he was launching the Key Findings of the 2017-18 Household Budget Survey (HBS) held at Takwimu House in Dodoma.

Mr Majaliwa added that since government issued the directive in 2016, National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) has been closely monitoring collection of those statistical information from the regions.

“I call upon all Regional Commissioners to cooperate with NBS to ensure regional profiles are prepared and released in time,” he urged and insisted that he will follow up on the matter through implementation report from Statistician General in every quarter.

*“I call upon all Regional Commissioners to cooperate with NBS to ensure regional profiles are prepared and released in time,”– PM Hon. Majaliwa.*



*Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning Dr. Ashatu Kijaji share light moment with traditional dancers during the inauguration of NBS office building and launching of Key Findings of the 2017-18 HBS*



## Adoption of global goals signal daunting tasks for production of enough statistics



***Statistician General Dr. Albina Chuwa is interviewed by MAELEZO online TV on the challenge the national statistics office is facing of ever increasing demand of data to monitor national, regional and global development indicators***

The adoption of the global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) has created immense data demand which has exerted pressure on national statistics offices all over the world.

Statistician General Dr. Albina Chuwa told Maelezo Online TV that all national statistics offices around the world have had a daunting task of producing enough data on monitoring and evaluating implementation of SDGs indicators.

She added: “This task, however, cannot be solely done by governments through its national statistics offices but involving other producers of statistics.”

The NBS chief thanked the government for sanctioning Amendments to the Statistics Act No. 9 of 2015, which were passed in 2018, hence opening up a window for other stakeholders to participate in the production of official--

statistics.

“The Amendments provide a window for statistics produced outside state system but which have met laid down principles for official statistics to be incorporated within the national statistics system and used as official statistics,” she explained.

She said in principle, the process of statistics--





***Members of NBS Workers Council and invitees keenly follow proceedings of the meeting***

production is an inclusive exercise which involves various people including the public at various stages. “If a household member does not provide correct statistical information to the data collector, he or she will be sabotaging the country because that will lead to misleading results (statistics),” Dr. Chuwa said.

She told the public/government online TV that the main tasks of NBS is to process, analyse and produce statistics to explain or show the real situation on the ground.

“Our work is just to show what is happening on the ground and with these statistics, policy and decision makers can respond with correct policies and programmes,” she elaborated.



***Statistician General Dr. Albina Chuwa welcomes Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning Dr. Ashatu Kijaji when she arrived at NBS offices for the launching of Key Findings of the 2017-18 HBS and inauguration of NBS office building which was officiated by Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa.***

## Avail Information Needed, Prime Minister Urges Companies

Government has urged managements of commercial entities to cooperate with national statistics office during data collection in order to enable the former to produce the much needed statistics.

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa said it is imperative that all commercial companies as well as household members support statistics production initiatives by giving all the necessary support data collectors need, specifically by providing statistical information needed.

“I am informed that some managements of commercial entities are not cooperative when contacted by NBS staff on duty collecting data for the production of statistics and therefore I insist that they give all necessary support needed,” he emphasised.

Prime Minister reminded them that it is the data that NBS is collecting that they use to produce quality statistics which help government formulate--

policies and programmes as well as help to monitor and evaluate their implementation.

He said that quality statistics helps the country to monitor its progress, to understand the past, the present and predict the future that is why the government has been taking various measures to strengthen statistics production.

He cited recent amendments on the Statistics Act section 351 which lay a strong--

foundation of production and dissemination of quality statistics according to national and international standards as one of those measures.

The Prime Minister insisted that the importance of quality statistics cannot be over emphasised as it is paramount in achieving the fifth phase government development endeavours to lead Tanzania to medium income country through industrialisation to accelerate economic growth and reduce poverty.



**Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa reading his speech during launching the Key Findings of the 2017-18 Household Budget Survey which was held at NBS offices in Dodoma**



## The National Statistics Office Faces Shortage of Staff, reveals Statistician General



**Statistician General Dr. Albina Chuwa addressing NBS Workers' Council meeting held at NBS conference hall**

The National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) is facing shortage of staff by twenty four percent of its current requirement.

Statistician General Dr. Albina Chuwa told the workers council during a meeting this month that in the year 2018/2019, the statistics office staff requirement stood at 245 employees against 188 who were there, making only about 75 percent of its needs.

“The last time NBS recruited new employees was in 2014 and since then the government has not allocated new slots to-

to NBS despite some staff having retired while others left to join other government institutions,” she explained.

On staff development programme, Dr. Chuwa assured council members and NBS staff that, the National Statistics Office would continue to provide staff benefits as per government circulars and regulations including promotions.

“During 2018/19 44 employees were promoted to various levels which is a very big step ahead to NBS,” she noted.

Dr. Chuwa further revealed that prior to 2005 NBS had 144 employees and out them only three were principal statisticians, whereas presently out of NBS 188 employees 25 are principal statisticians, adding: “At the same time, senior statisticians increased from 18 to 44”.

She pointed out that many employees at the Bureau have continued to strive to obtain higher professional qualifications by undertaking advanced studies and the management is proud to see that the number of employees possessing post graduate qualifications has risen from less than ten in 2005 to 61 this year.

“A part from those 61 already qualified, many others are now in different stages of pursuing higher degrees including PhDs,” she noted.

*“The last time NBS recruited new employees was in 2014 and since then the government has not allocated new slots to NBS despite some staff having retired while others left to join other government institutions,” said Dr. Chuwa*

## **NBS TUGHE Lauds Honest Consultations it Undertakes with Management**

Tanzania Union of Government and Health Employees (TUGHE) NBS Branch chairperson Shagihilu Shagihilu has insisted that open and candid consultations between the trade union and management have made NBS one of the most successful government institutions in the country.

He said those consultations, through the workers council, were key for institution's progress hence it was imperative for management to ensure the meetings were convened regularly according to Presidential Notice No. 1 of 1970.

In his report to the Second Meeting of the Fifth Workers Council, the chairperson commended NBS management and staff for successfully implementing its strategic plan for the year 2017/18.

During the meeting, council members received and discussed NBS Performance Report for 2017/18, NBS budget for the year 2019/2020 and NBS Trade--

Union Branch Report.

He informed council members and guests that despite NBS registering good achievements during the past year, there were still some challenges which need to be addressed particularly those regarding employees' benefits.

"Management should closely work on the issues of NBS employees who do not belong to statistics profession and in the current scheme of services cannot be timely promoted which is against government directives," he said.

He pointed out some cadres as including those in the information and communication technology and those in the field of geographical information system.

Mr. Shagihilu insisted that council members were free to express their opinions during council meetings without fear and management should not be scared instead it has to listen and take the views impartially and take appropriate action to address--

the matters.

"Both council workers and management are one. Whatever we discuss and resolve here defines our institution's destiny and our own," he noted.

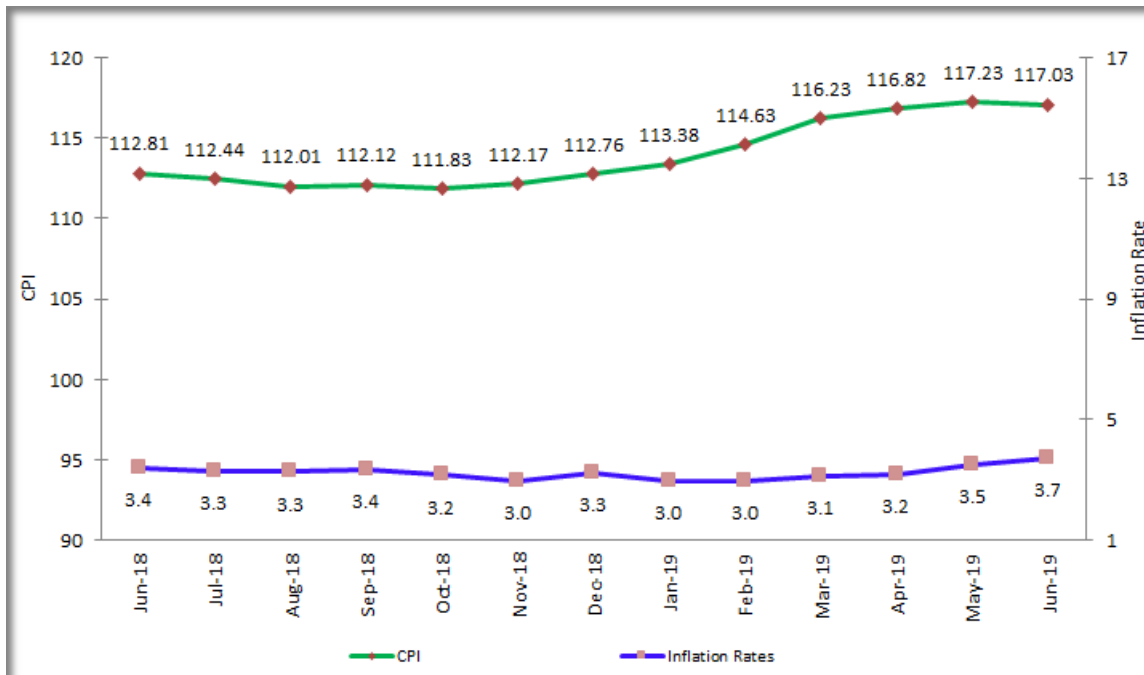
The chairperson thanked council members, guests and resource persons during the meeting for accepting invitations and attended the meeting.

*"Council members were free to express their opinions during council meetings without fear and management should not be scared instead it has to listen and take the views impartially and take appropriate action to address the matters." Said Mr. Shagihilu*



# Speed of Price Change in June Pushes Inflation to 3.7 percent

**Movement of National Consumer Price Indices (NCPI) and Inflation Rates from June, 2018 – June, 2019. (Dec. 2015 = 100)**



The inflation rate for the month of June hits 3.7 percent from 3.5 percent recorded in May, 2019.

According to the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) acting Director of Economic Statistics, Mr Daniel Masolwa, the upsurge was due to increase of the speed of the price change for commodities during the month.

The acting director was speaking during a press conference held at NBS conference hall in Dodoma to--

release the CPI of June, 2019.

He said the inflation rate for food and non-alcoholic beverages for June, 2019 increased to 2.3 percent from 2.2 percent recorded in May, 2019 while inflation for food consumed at home and away from home in June, 2019 increased to 4.3 percent from 3.9 percent recorded in May, 2019.

On the other hand, the 12 month index change for non-food products in June, 2019 has stagnated at 4.7 percent--

as it was in May, 2019.

However, the overall index has decreased to 117.03 in June, 2019 from 117.23 recorded in May, 2019. The decrease, according to the release, was attributed by the decrease of non-food items.

Mr. Masolwa mention some non-food items that contributed to such decrease include gas which decreased by 2.1 percent, charcoal by 2.8 percent, mobile phones by 3.7 percent, hand bags by 0.5 percent and clothing by 0.2 percent.

## **SG tells NBS staff: TUGHE is your friend in need, so join it**



***Yes, Solidarity For Ever! Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning Dr. Ashatu Kijaji joining members of NBS workers council to sing the famous workers song “solidarity forever”***

Statistician General Dr. Albina Chuwa has urged workers with the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) to join with trade unions and become active members as such bodies are the true friends in need for them.

She was speaking during the closing of the Second Meeting of the Fifth NBS Workers Council, which took place at NBS Headquarters’ conference hall this month.

“Trade unions give us (workers) a strong voice and protect our rights, hence we all must enrol ourselves to become members and strengthen our voices,” she said.

Dr. Chuwa told leadership of NBS TUGHE branch that it was high time to put more efforts in educating their fellow employees to join the trade union and make NBS TUGHE branch stronger than ever.

She said it was crucial for all employees to join TUGHE as it has now become more relevant than ever before and reminded members of the role Tanzania Union of Confederation of Trade Association (TUCTA) (to which TUGHE is a member) played during retirement benefits saga last year.

“I would like to see all 188 NBS staff becoming TUGHE--



members because each and every employee needs TUGHE more than one could imagine,” she said emphasising that had it not been for the trade union voice, those retiring today would leave offices coldheartedly.

During the one-day meeting, council members received and discussed NBS budget for the year 2019/2020, NBS Performance Report for 2017/18 and NBS Trade Union Branch Report.

Dr. Chuwa, who is the chairperson of the council, assured members of the council and NBS staff that management will continue working closely with the TUGHE branch to address challenges facing the institution as well as issues concerning workers’ welfare.

On behalf of the management, she assured council members that council meetings will continue to be held according to schedule and laid down procedures.

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***Members of NBS Workers Council in group photograph with high table led by Guest of honor Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning Dr. Ashatu Kijaji***

## World Bank: Government Must Sustain Efforts to Fight Poverty

World Bank has urged Tanzanian Government to sustain efforts to improve on the achievements that have been made so far and to foster progress towards poverty eradication, human development and resilience building.

Acting Country Manager of the Britton Wood institution Denis Biseko said that reduction of poverty from 28.2 percent in 2012 to 26.4 in 2018 HBS is a result of government strategies outlined in its National Five-Year Development Plan to substantially reduce poverty, and improve quality of life and human wellbeing.

He was speaking during the national dissemination of the 2017-18 HBS Key Findings and inauguration of new office building of the national statistics body in Dodoma thanks to the development partner's support, including the Bank, through Tanzania Statistical Master Plan.

“Access to education and basic services including electricity, water, sanitation and basic infrastructure has improved. This resulted in improvement in human development outcomes and alleviation of --



***Part of participants to the national dissemination of Key Findings of the 2017-18 HBS***

Multi dimensional aspects of poverty,” he noted.

He, however, emphasised that in spite of such progress, still the number of poor people remained and many challenges remained and efforts must be made to reduce vulnerability and inequalities across the society.

On the new office building, he noted that as the structure provides conducive working environment for development of statistics in the country, NBS must be aware of the challenges ahead of meeting ever-increasing statistics demand.

“Let us be mindful of the challenge that remains in producing quality and timely statistical information in meeting the demand for new data and strengthening human resources,” acting country director/manager insisted.

The acting Country Manager congratulated the Government of Tanzania and NBS for the progress made in statistical development in the country.

World Bank along with DFID and Global Affairs Canada supported implementation of Tanzania Statistical Master Plan which was successfully closed in June 2018.

## **Geospatial technologies newest solutions for planning and decision making, says Statistician General**

Statistician General Dr. Albina Chuwa has said geospatial technology is a new emerging reality in technological innovation, which governments across the world rely on it to improve service delivery, track and evaluate activities; support initiatives and perform analyses that lead to informed decision making.

Opening the first ESRI Tanzania User Group Conference at Morena Hotel in Dodoma, Dr. Chuwa said the technology also provides a common platform for data sharing which it enhances workflow, decision making and coordination across the country.

“Geospatial technologies are necessary to create, collect, produce, manage, and share useful data and resources anywhere, anytime and on any device,” she said.

The NBS boss noted that using ArcGIS platform to create a spatial data infrastructure (SDI), ensures that data and resources are available to organisations and

stakeholders that need them.

She added that government and non-government institutions, higher learning institutions, researchers and the academia are set to benefit from the outcomes of ESRI location platform technology.

Engaging the citizens through interactive maps, the technology, she noted, brings about transparency and accountability to government initiatives.

NBS has a long history of working with ESRI, particularly in implementing Population and Housing Census (PHC). In 2002 Census, NBS used 3.1 ArcView from ESRI to data analysis and map making for administrative boundaries.

In 2012 PHC, NBS deployed ArcGIS to develop the 2012 Geodatabase which has been important and rich source of geographical information for various uses to different stakeholders including government and private sector.

Statistician General explained that during the next Population and Housing Census, NBS envisioned to use collector for ArcGIS mobile application during pre-preparation activities and use Survey 123 for ArcGIS mobile during enumeration.

“Data will be directly captured and stored in a database in order to eliminate errors associated with redundant data entry,” she revealed.

Among participants of the two day conference were ESRI East Africa based in Nairobi, Kenya, National Bureau of Statistics, higher learning institutions, private companies, NGOs, GIS professionals and cartographers.

Mapping without limits is the theme of the meeting, which recognises the location and powerful capabilities of geospatial technology and its use in managing resources.



## Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa Inaugurates New NBS Offices in Dodoma



*Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa cuts ribbon to symbolize the official inauguration of the new NBS office building in Dodoma. From left to right Chama cha Mapinduzi Dodoma Regional Chairperson Godwin Mkanwa, Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning Dr. Kijaji, Chairperson of NBS Governing Board Andrew Massawe, Bahi District commissioner Mwanahamisi Munkunda, Statistician General Dr. Albina Chuwa and Chairperson of Parliamentary Budget Committee George Simbachawene*

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa has inaugurated the new National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) office building in Dodoma and commended development partners led by World Bank for supporting Tanzania in statistics development.

He said that the new office building is one of the many achievements Tanzania has obtained as a result of the-

implementation of Tanzania Statistical Master Plan (TSMP) implemented from 2010 to 2018.

The Prime Minister has challenged NBS and its Zanzibar counterpart- Office of Chief Government Statistician, to look for more resources to build new regional offices in order to provide conducive working--

environment to produce quality statistics.

The new office building, which is situated along Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete Road in Makulu, is one of the recent addition of modern buildings which give the city of Dodoma a new look.

## Our commitment in Supporting Production of Gender Statistics is Unraveled, says UN Women chief



### ***UN-Women country representative Ms. Hodan Addou addressing national dissemination meeting of Key Findings of the 2017-18 HBS***

The United Nations agency for gender equality and the empowerment of women--UN Women--said its support to the 2017-18 Household Budget Survey (HBS) was based on the fact that the survey provides several gender specific indicators that support monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Speaking during the launching of the Survey Key Findings, UN-Women--

country representative Ms. Hodan Addou reaffirmed the commitment of the UN entity to continue supporting Tanzania on gender-responsive localisation of the SDGs, the production and dissemination of quality and regular production of gender statistics that are accessible to all and enhanced communication between data users and producers.

“We hope HBS will--

contribute to addressing data gaps in gender statistics, garner better attention and given greater priority to gender responsive policy programming and budgeting,” Ms. Addou said.

The 2017-18 HBS included a Time Use Model that seeks to generate evidence on the status of women in relation to unpaid care work.

“We know that women do three times more than men in unpaid care and domestic work. This has negative consequences for women’s ability to access education, health care, decent paid work, income accumulation, wealth generation and their overall economic empowerment,” she pointed out and noted that such situation reduces nation’s economic growth and so penalises everyone.

Besides, the UN-Women Tanzania bureau chief assured government of Tanzania that the UN entity remained committed to supporting Tanzania in implementing UN instruments geared to achieving gender equality,--

protection of human rights of all women and empowerment of all women as prescribed in various international conventions.

“UN Women remains committed to supporting the national monitoring of gender-related indicators of the Sustainable Development Goals, Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and the Beijing Platform for Action,” she explained.

She noted that implementation of those instruments require updated and quality gender responsive data and statistics, which can be achieved through studies such as--

the Household Budget Survey.

Ms. Addou informed the gathering which comprised of that UN Women support was made possible through generous contributions of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and embassies of Sweden and Ireland.

The need to produce quality gender statistics is at the heart of UN Women’s partnership with the National Bureau of Statistics. Through funding from embassies of Sweden and Ireland, Tanzania is one of--

the pathfinder countries implementing the Making Every Woman and Girl Count Project, which seeks to support the achievement of gender equality.

She lauded partnership gorged between the UN entity and the entire country statistical system in implementing Women Count Programme which aims at improving production of gender statistics to inform better policy, planning and budgeting.



***Part of participants to the national dissemination meeting of the Key Findings of 2017-18 Household Survey follow meeting proceedings***



## Deputy Minister calls for Stakeholders' Support in Building NBS Regional Offices



*Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning Dr. Ashatu Kijaji speaking during the launching of Key Findings of the 2017-18 Household Budget Survey where she insisted that hard work is the only way to reduce poverty at national and household level.*

The Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning, Dr. Ashatu Kijaji, has asked World Bank and other development partners to continue supporting national statistics office in improving and strengthening statistical infrastructure including building regional offices.

Dr. Kijaji thanked development partners led by World Bank for their continued support in improving statistical system and in production of official statistics.

Through Tanzania Statistical Master Plan, which ended mid-last year, the two statistics offices-NBS and Office of Chief Government Statistician Zanzibar were able to build new modern office buildings which improved working environment of their staffs.

She said that she was aware that the World Bank was willing to support the envisioned Second Tanzania Statistical Master Plan for the coming five years which she described as positive news as far as statistical development--

is concerned.

“NBS has every reason to make a follow up on this positive gesture of the World Bank that we can achieve our targeted goals in strengthening statistical system in our country,” she said.

The Deputy Minister admitted that Tanzania still needs human and financial resources to be able to implement SDGs and to ensure: “no one is left behind”.

## Tanzania African Regional Data Cube Offer More Training



***Dr. Keneth Mubea from GPSDD looking at how workshop participants follow his instructions during capacity building training on the use of ARDC technology***

The month of June saw another capacity building training on the use of technological innovations such as satellite imagery to address data requirements for national development and for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The training, under African Regional Data Cube (ARDC), aimed at further deepening and strengthening participants' capacity in using the ARDC--

infrastructure, approaches for applying algorithms to produce relevant data products for decision-making and interpretations to shape policy.

Held at the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) offices in Dodoma, the training was attended by technical personnel from selected key institutions in Tanzania under the leadership of the NBS.

The June training was a follow--

up of the in-country training conducted in Kenya and Tanzania during last year, whereby the one in Tanzania was held in November 2018.

Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data (GPSDD) facilitated the training through its Nairobi and Nigeria based experts--Dr. Kenneth Mubea and Victor Ohuruogu respectively.

Early this year, GPSDD also in--



***Participants at the capacity building workshop on using of African Data Cube (ARDC) infrastructure held at NBS offices in Dodoma***

collaboration with other stakeholders facilitated a workshop on Establishment of the National Environment and Climate Change Data Collaborative.

According to Dr. Mubea, during the training participants were expected to get additional capacity to enable them lead their institutions for the effective uptake, use and institutionalisation of the ARDC.

He said during the two-day training, participants will share knowledge and experience and

through small group practical exercises will get hands-on experience of using various ARDC infrastructures.

Dr. Mubea said upon completion the training, participants will be able to report on SDGs using earth observation and were also expected to transfer the knowledge acquired from the workshop to various institutions and stakeholders in their country.

African Regional Data Cube (ARDC) programme is a new tool that harnesses the latest--

Earth Observation and Satellite technology to help five African countries to address food security and issues related to agriculture, deforestation and access to water.

*“The training, under African Regional Data Cube (ARDC), aimed at further deepening and strengthening participants’ capacity in using the ARDC infrastructure, approaches for applying algorithms to produce relevant data products for decision-making and interpretations to shape policy.” Dr. Mubea.*



## Why Management, Staff Need to Build Team Spirit at the Work Place

Responsive management and collective leadership in planning and decision making are among the key pillars that contribute to the strengthening of relationships and creating harmony at work places.

Officiating the opening of the second meeting of the fifth NBS workers council held recently at the NBS Headquarters conference hall in Dodoma, the Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning, Dr. Ashatu Kijaji, said management and staff at work must work as one to ensure the institutions achieve their respective targets.

“Everyone here is part and parcel of NBS vision and mission, therefore you are responsible and accountable for any successes or even failure of this important institution in the country,” she pointed out.

She said NBS has a very big role to play in the development of the country, and in that regard NBS staff must feel the weight of expectations they carry from their fellow countrymen.

“You carry on your shoulders, high expectations from the--



***Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning Dr. Ashatu Kijaji addressing NBS Workers Council Meeting held at NBS conference hall in Dodoma.***

nation and it is up to you to positively carry that responsibility with pride and respect by demonstrating your commitment through hard work and meet their expectations,” she elaborated.

Dr. Kijaji noted that that collective responsibility makes every employee important to the institution hence everyone must be respected regardless of his age, position or gender and insisted that employees must--

respect each other from the top to the lower levels.

The Deputy Minister reminded council members of their role in making NBS achieve its strategic objectives urging them to build team spirit between management and employees; with every individual performing his or her responsibilities well.

## Work Hard, No Easy Way towards Ending Poverty, Says Deputy Finance Minister

The Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning, Dr. Ashatu Kijaji, has urged Tanzanians to continue working hard and smart as there is no easy way to reduce poverty and achieve success in life.

Speaking during the launching of the Key Findings of the 2017-18 Household Budget Survey (HBS), Dr. Kijaji said Tanzanians can only reduce poverty at both household and national level through hard work and innovation to increase productivity.

“Our government is working tooth and nail to create enabling environment for the people to undertake economic activities and it is up to everyone to make use of those opportunities to improve their quality of life,” she noted.

She said the survey results which show that poverty has declined by 2.0 percent and in rural areas declined by 3.1 percent between 2011-12 and 2017-18 is a result of the fifth phase government efforts to--

focus on pro-poor development projects and improving provision of social services.

The deputy minister explained that the implementation of both first and second Five-Year Development Plans contributed to the reduction of poverty as during the last two decades economic growth averaged 7.0 per cent annually.

She added that the Second Five-Year Development Plan, which focuses on industrialisation, targets blending economic growth with people development that is why the government is making strategic investments to actualise the agenda.

“Strengthening infrastructure development like improving air transport, building the Standard Gauge Rail (SGR) and improving road transportation, construction of new sources of electricity and speeding up rural electrification are part of implementation of our strategy,” she insisted.

The Deputy Minister insisted the importance of quality official statistics in the national development as “they help the country to understand the past, the present and enable to predict the future”.

She said the results of the survey show how far, as a country, Tanzanians have achieved their goal of reducing poverty, particularly the basic need poverty, to the majority of people mostly living in rural settings.

She added that the findings of the survey provide the country with necessary tools to monitor and evaluate implementation of various national development plans and programmes as well as regional and global programmes such as the East Africa vision 2050, Africa We Want 2063 and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.

# NBS PICTORIAL NEWS



*Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa accompanied by Deputy Minister for Finance and Planning Dr. Ashatu Kijaji enters NBS offices after inaugurating the new building.*



*This month members of NBS SACCOS met at NBS conference hall to discuss various issues on the development of the group. In this photograph members listen to the chairperson (not in the picture) during the opening.*



# NBS PICTORIAL NEWS



***NBS Senior Publicity officer Said Ameir talking to Dodoma Secondary School students who visited NBS offices during public service week.***



***Statistician General Dr. Albina Chuwa recently met with UNFPA team and discussed various issues of mutual interests. UNFPA is one of the NBS' key partners in production and dissemination of statistics.***

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