



**SDGS - 2030: "STRENGTHEN THE MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION AND REVITALIZE THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT"**



## NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS HOSTS STATISTICIANS FROM MOZAMBIQUE



*Steven Maganda, Principal Statistician and desk officer for the 2017/18 Mainland Householder Budget Survey gives his experience to the Mozambican delegation (not in the picture) on how NBS conducts the survey.*

The Mozambique National Institute of Statistics has lauded its Tanzanian counterpart, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), saying it is a reliable partner that has played a crucial role in improving its capacity to produce quality official statistics.

This was revealed recently during a joint meeting between officials from the Mozambique statistical office and those from the NBS in Dar es Salaam.

The Mozambican delegation was in the country for a three-day tour for the purpose of --

of learning more on best practices while conducting Household Budget Survey (HBS).

Mr. Arao Balate, a statistician from the Mozambique statistical office noted that the long established partnership between the two statistics authorities has enabled them to gain experience through exchange of visits.

“It is through these visits that we gain knowledge, skills and experience that help us improve our work including data collection, analysis and--

dissemination of results,” he said.

Mr. Balate added, “We came here in 2013 to learn on how you conduct Demographic Health Survey (DHS) after being informed by other partners of your capacity and expertise”.

Having been satisfied with NBS’ expertise and experience back in 2013, he said, his office became more confident with NBS and that is why they made another visit to learn new methods and techniques in conducting Household--





***Mr. Arao Balate, from Mozambique National Statistics Office makes a point during discussion with NBS staff about Tanzania experience in conducting Household Budget Survey. Left is Javier Baez from World Bank Mozambique office.***

Budget Survey, which Tanzania Mainland is currently undertaking.

“As you are now undertaking your seventh HBS, our country is also making preparations for the same. So, we’re here to learn more on best practices of executing such an important survey,” he said.

Mentoring them on statistical methodology and scope of the survey used in Tanzania, the NBS Social and Demographic Statistics Manager, who is also the Programme Coordinator of 2017/2018 HBS, Ms. Sylvia Meku, explained that before the pre-survey planning, different technical meetings are held to--

standardise methodology and scope that will guide the survey.

She noted that the methodology and scope used follow UN standards of statistics.

Ms. Meku informed the delegation that in order to effectively manage and supervise the exercise, a well monitoring and follow up mechanism has to be developed.

“We’ve set up a good and efficient system of supervision from national to regional levels in which every month all enumeration areas--

are visited by national supervisors from NBS headquarters and other institutions which are a part and parcel of the survey technical working group,” she explained.

During the meeting, the two sides shared and discussed statistical methodologies, survey instruments such as questionnaires, and other techniques used to accomplish the survey and attain the specific results the survey.

Furthermore, the Social and Demographic Manager of NBS, Ms. Meku said the ongoing 2017/2018 survey is progressing well and called for all household members to whose households were selected to cooperate with data collectors and provide them with accurate information related to such areas as their consumption, income and expenditure levels.

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## UN STATISTICS BODY CALLS FOR STRONGER VOICE OF OFFICIAL STATISTICS FOR GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

The United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC), the highest global statistical body, recently ended its 49th Session and proposed the establishment of position of UN Chief Statistician in a bid to strengthen the coordination of statistical activities within the UN system.

Members of the commission, which met for four days from 6-9 March, 2018, in New York, emphasised the need for a stronger coordination and more efficient UN Statistical system as well as the need of a stronger voice of official statistics within UN system.

The Director General of the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), Dr. Albina Chuwa, who was accompanied by the Director for Statistical Operations, Mr Irenius Ruyobya, represented Tanzania.

During the session, the Commission received and discussed various reports, one of which was the High Level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the-

2030 Agenda for sustainable development (HLG-PCCB).

Another report was from the UN Inter-Agency and Expert Group on the SDG Indicators (IAEG-SDGs) where members emphasised the importance of “widening need for data” to implement the 2030 Agenda.

The session urged for more exchange of views among key stakeholders, namely, countries, agencies and the UN in order to refine the indicators set, improve national-global data flows, and address new challenges facing countries’ statistical systems.

After lengthy discussions, members agreed on the proposed annual refinement as presented in annex II of the report and proposed timeline for 2020 comprehensive review.

The Commission members also took note of the importance of household surveys as a source of data for the 2030 Agenda thus recommended that the work of household surveys--

be considered in an integrated way as part of the current ecosystem of all data sources to meet the data needs for SDGs.

The UNSC, which was established in 1947, is the highest body of the global statistical system. It brings the chief statisticians of member states together from across the world.

It is the highest decision making body for international statistical activities especially the setting of standards, the development of concepts and methods and their implementation at the national and international levels.

The Commission oversees the work of the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), and is a functional commission of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC or the Council).

## TANZANIA STATISTICS AUTHORITY PLEDGES COOPERATION WITH ITS MOZAMBIKAN COUNTERPART

THE National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) said it will continue to partner with its counterpart, the Mozambique National Institute of Statistics, through exchange programmes so as to benefit both countries through the production of quality official statistics.

Addressing a joint meeting between officials from Mozambique statistical office and Tanzania's statistics authority, the NBS Director of Statistical Operations, Mr. Irenius Ruyobya, said the two authorities have had a long history of cooperation in areas of statistics and related matters, particularly on emphasis to produce quality and timely products and services.

"The NBS and the Mozambique statistics office have a close relationship for years. We have benefited from our friendship because we visit each other to exchange ideas, technology, methods and techniques of how to improve our statistical products," said Mr. Ruyobya.

Mozambique delegation was on a tour of study in Tanzania to learn and familiarise themselves on how NBS has been implementing the ongoing 2017/18 Tanzania Mainland Households Budget--

Survey. The purpose of learning from Tanzania is for the Mozambique body to prepare to run its own in the near future.

Mr. Ruyobya told the Mozambican delegation that data collection in the country was going on well in the selected households, whereby the Mozambican team had the opportunity to visit some Enumerated Areas (EAs) to witness how data collectors were conducting interviews with heads of households.

He revealed that this was the second time the Mozambican delegation visited Tanzania.

The first visit was in 2013 where the team came to learn about how to conduct Demographic and Health Survey.

"It was a meaningful learning mission which resulted in conducting a very successful National Demographic Survey," Mr. Ruyobya added.

He affirmed that that NBS and Mozambique statistical body will continue to collaborate in various statistical programmes and sharing experiences in conducting the same.



*Members of delegation from Mozambique National Statistics Office with their NBS counterparts exchange knowledge and experience about methodologies and technique on how to run Household Budget Survey.*

## NBS DELEGATION MEETS UNFPA GLOBAL CHIEF



**Executive  
Director of  
the United  
Nations  
Population  
Fund (UNFPA)  
Dr. Natalia  
Kanem**

Tanzania delegation to the 49th Session of United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) paid a courtesy call to the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Dr. Natalia Kanem.

The delegation led by Tanzania's Permanent Envoys to the United Nations Ambassador Modest Mello, used the occasion to brief the UNFPA Chief over statistical activities going on in the country, particularly the ongoing preparations for the 2022 Population and Housing Census.

During the meeting, the Director General of NBS, Dr. Albina Chuwa, invited UNFPA Executive Director to the launching of the 2022 Population and Housing Census Handbook expected to take place later this year.

Tanzania conducted its last Population and Housing Census in 2012 and the launching of census roadmap held in February, 2009 was officiated by the then Vice President of the United Republic of Tanzania, Dr. Ali Mohamed Shein, who is now Zanzibar President, in the presence of the then Executive Director of UNFPA, Ms. Thoraya Ahmed Obaid.

Dr. Kanem who was appointed Executive Director of UNFPA in October 2017 has previously served as UNFPA Representative in the United Republic of Tanzania from 2014 to 2016.

Meanwhile, Tanzania delegation held talks with Washington Group on Disability Statistics and United Nations Statistical Division (UNSD) and President of International Statistical Institute (ISI) for the incoming events--

which Tanzania is going to host.

The delegation discussed initial planning of the planned regional workshop on disability scheduled for May 2018 and the hosting of the 2019 Africa's ISI meeting.

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## TANZANIA READIES FOR SIXTH POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS



*Part of GIS staff from NBS and OCGS during training on application of new technologies in GIS as part of preparations for the coming Population and Housing Census.*

In its efforts to maximise application of new technologies during the coming Population and Housing Census, Tanzania through funding from UNFPA recently conducted training session for the NBS and OCGS staffs in charge of geographical information system (GIS).

The primary objective of the training was to equip those staff with the required skills in the utilisation of modern Mobile Geographic Information System–Technology (MGIS-T) currently in use to be adopted-

in cartographic work during preparation for the 2022 Population and Housing Census.

According to senior cartographer at NBS Benedict Mugambi, the nine days training which was held in Dodoma from 19 to 27 March, 2018 also involved staff from IT departments and demography units from both NBS and OCGS.

He added that the training was under the supervision of experts from Nairobi based Esri Eastern Africa Company and covered testing of GPS--

PRO+ which is an essential device to improve the mobile accuracy during the field data collection; creation of Enumerated Areas (ERs) using collector for ArcGIS; and collection of information about household using survey 123.

The application of new technologies is of paramount importance as it not only easily facilitates the process of data collection but also reduces cost as was the case of replacing manual system with electronic gadgets like tablets in the ongoing Household Budget Survey.

## PREMIER GIRLS SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IMPRESSED BY NBS ACTIVITIES

In March, 2018, NBS played host to students from Premier Girls Secondary Schools who visited NBS headquarters as part of its efforts to try and enrich its students' general knowledge.

The students, accompanied by the school academic master, Mr. Swai Adam, were briefed of NBS activities and had the opportunity to familiarise themselves with work of NBS departmental units.

They were received by staff from the Department of Statistical Methods, Standards and Coordination officials, Mr. Deogratius Masanja and Ms. Helen Mtweve.

The two informed the students of NBS' core functions of production of official statistics and how important statistics is to the national development.

They also informed the visitors that NBS being the sole national institution entitled to produce official statistics, conducts various surveys and studies to avail the country with the much needed statistics in planning and evaluation of -

national development plans and programmes.

“NBS collects data and statistical information on demographic, health provision, income, consumption and expenditure at household level and other related surveys such as Household Budget Survey (HBS), Tanzania Service Provision Assessment Survey (TSPA) and National Panel Survey and how their implementation are in line with inter censuses for informed decision making” Mr. Douglas Masanja told the students.

Mr. Masanja, who is the Principal Statistician, said the students visit was very important as it helps them understand the role and functions of NBS and indeed its contribution to the national development.

Speaking at the end of the tour, the academic master, Mr. Swai, thanked NBS management for giving his students an opportunity to learn from NBS and added--

that the tour was an eye opener to both his students and to himself.

“We are all delighted to be here today to fulfil one of our many goals to learn about this important institution in our country,” Mr. Swai said.

The students spent some time at office library where they had opportunity to see publications on various NBS activities.

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## INFLATION RATE FOR MARCH DROPS TO 3.9 PERCENT



***NBS director of Population Census and Social Statistics Mr. Ephraim Kwesigabo announces National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) for March, 2018.***

The headline inflation rate for March, 2018 has decreased to 3.9 percent from 4.1 percent recorded a month before.

Addressing reporters in Dar es Salaam when releasing the National Consumer Price Index (CPI) for March, 2018 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 March, 2018 has decreased compared to the speed of price-

change recorded February, 2018.

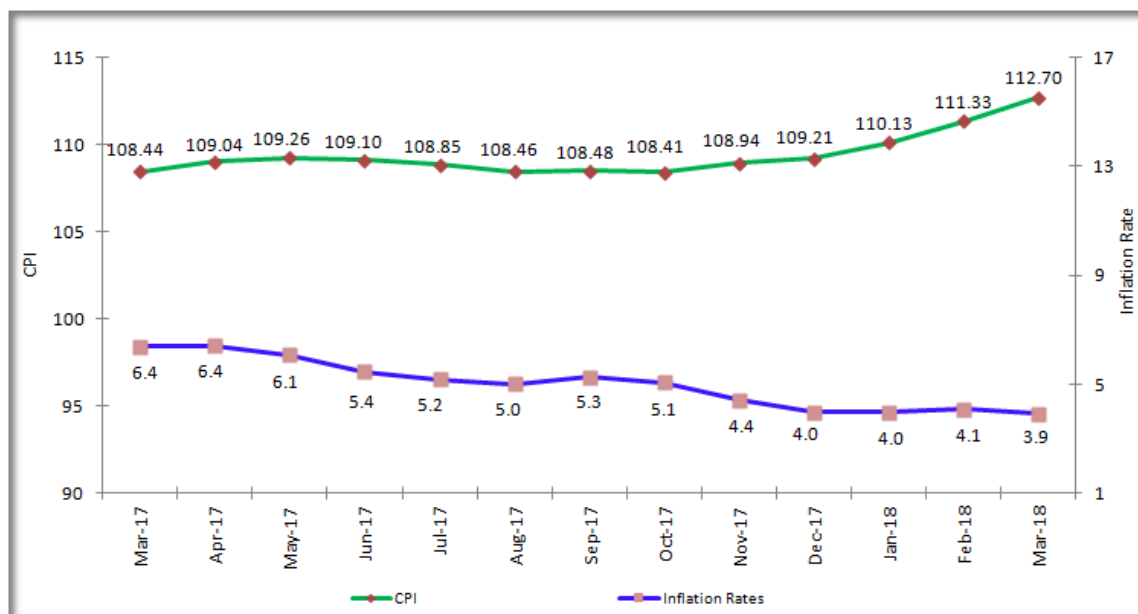
“The CPI for March, 2018 has dropped to 3.9 percent from 4.1 percent as it was in the previous month; it changed by 1.2 percent compared to a change of 1.1 percent recorded from January, 2018 to February, 2018,” said Mr. Kwesigabo.

He said the overall index has increased to 112.70 in March, 2018 from 111.33--

recorded in February, 2018.

Mr. Kwesigabo said the increase of the overall index is attributed by price increase for both food and non-food items. Some food items that contributed to such increase were rice which increased by 3.8 percent, maize grains by 4.1 percent, fresh fish by 2.6 percent, vegetables by 5.3 percent, cassava flour by 1.9 percent and sardines--

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



by 4.3 percent.

On the other hand, non-food items that contributed to such increase were kerosene which increased by 1.2 percent, charcoal by 2.7 percent and diesel by 3.1 percent.

He further said that, the inflation rate for food consumed at home and away from home has decreased to 5.0 percent in March, 2018 from 5.8 percent recorded in February, 2018 whereas the 12 month index change for non-food products in March, 2018 has increased to 3.5 percent from 3.3 percent recorded in February, 2018.

He said the inflation rate which-

excludes food and energy for the month of March, 2018 has slightly decreased to 1.6 percent from 1.7 percent recorded in February, 2018.



*A section of members of the press who attended the release of the National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) for the month of March, 2018 listening to Director of Social Statistics and Census Ephraim Kwesigabo (not in the picture).*



## FARE-THEE-WELL BABU WILFERD MWINGIRA

Tanzania National Statistical System, these are statisticians and other partners and stakeholders of Statistics in the country.

He was a brother to his colleague who was ready to help and assist anyone who was in need of help he was great parent who raised many at NBS and outside, a partner who hugged and supported many during and outside working hours.

He was good team leader and great BABU of our times during working hours for statistical programmes and beyond working hours.

He was professional who has mentored a number of well competent and qualified personnel who worked under him or with him during his life working time.

A leader who guided and lead many as the Field Operation Manager, the post which made him to oversee and supervise the statistical operations and programmes in the regional statistical offices several times since he was in the position--

and until his retirement in April, 2017. He managed and supervised and led number of people, statistical processes. What a big loss to his family and NBS family as well.

### *Mwingira's background*

Wilfred Vitus Mwingira was born on July 15<sup>th</sup> 1957 in Matiri Village in Mbinga District, Ruvuma Region. He was the second born in the family of Mr Vitus Ambrose Mwingira and Mrs. Renata Mango Mwingira.

### *Education*

He received his primary education at Hanga Primary school in Ruvuma Region from 1964 to 1970. He joined Kazima Secondary School in Tabora in 1971 and obtained his O-level certificate in 1974.

In 1975, Mr. Mwingira was enrolled at Ardhi Institute in Dar es Salaam where he studied mapping and cartography at certificate level. He also undertook a diploma course in Statistics-

“This world is not our home”, a hit by famous musician, Jimmy Reeves. Upon listening to this song, but it doesn't cross our minds that someday, we will all leave this world.

When our beloved ones pass away, we are left in distraught, depending on how close we were to them. Death brings shocks; death brings shivers!

Thursday, March 21, 2018 will never be the same again for the NBS family. On this day, we lost our beloved brother, father, Grandfather Wilfred Vitus Mwingira a.k.a BABU Mwingira.

At this NBS family, he will be missed by NBS staff, NBS former employees, people and who associate with NBS in day to day undertakings at NBS Headquarters in Dar es Salaam and in the regional statistical offices in Tanzania Mainland and from OCGS office as well from--





***NBS Director of Statistics Operations, Irenius Ruyobya, lays bouquet of flowers at the late Mr. Mwingira's grave during the burial ceremony held at Kinondoni cemetery.***

at the East African Statistical Training Centre (EASTC) where he graduated in 1984.

His thirst for knowledge never ended, hence in 1985, he travelled to Sweden for another diploma course on professional Statistics at Uppsala University.

The late Mwingira graduated from Makerere University Uganda in 1996 with a Bachelor of Statistics.

### ***Employment***

Mr. Mwingira joined the public service as a statistical officer in the Department of Statistics in 1976 before it became NBS in--

March 1999. He worked his way up and by the time of his retirement he was a Field Operation Manager (FOM). He held this position until July 14th, 2017.

According to his colleagues, he was result-oriented, hardworking, humble and always ready to support his fellow staff. Many fellow workers witnessed that he was always happy to see others succeed. And, it was his charming nature that earned him the name 'Babu'. He will be missed greatly, particularly his communication skills and for being a model public--

servant.

Having worked 40 years in the statistics authority, he left a rich legacy. Fellow workers narrated of a man who exuded confidence in what he did. He was a highly disciplined person when it comes to work schedules and the like.

Speaking on behalf of the NBS Director General, Dr Albina Chuwa, at the funeral service held at St. Peters Church Oysterbay, the Director of Statistical Operation, and Mr. Irenius Ruyobya, said though retired but NBS staff will dearly miss the deceased as he was seen as a pillar in the evolving history of NBS.

He said even after retirement, Mzee Mwingira, continued to take calls from NBS so as to assist young professionals.

“We, at NBS, feel at loss following his untimely demise. We’ll miss him a lot,” he said.

The late Mwingira is survived by a widow, Mrs. Mwaura Mwingira, five children and two grandchildren.

Our thoughts are with his family and his friends.

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**A section of family members of Mr. Mwingira lay of flowers at his grave. Mr. Mwingira was laid to at Kinondoni Cemetery.**

**Sadly missed along lives way,  
Quietly remembered every  
day,**

**No longer in our life to share,  
But in our hearts, you are  
always there.**

**There are no goodbyes for  
us,**

**Wherever you are,**

**You will always be in our  
hearts**

**ADIOS BABU WILFRED  
MWINGIRA.**

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will be missed by NBS  
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partners and stakeholders  
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# NBS PICTORIAL NEWS



*NBS staffs recently while on duty in Mtwara, took their time to visit Mr. Ismail Ndinda (second right); a data collector in the ongoing Household Budget Survey who was injured when people believed to bandits invaded his house. On his left is his wife Mrs. Ndinda.*



*Strict supervision! NBS Director General Dr. Albina Chuwa examines record book at one of the householders involved in the ongoing 2017/18 Household Budget Survey during her recent tour in Karagwe district, Kagera region.*



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*Students from Premier Girls Secondary School pose for a souvenir group photograph with NBS staff at the end of their recent study visit at NBS. Right is Principal Statistician Douglas Masanja followed by Premier Girls academic teacher Mr. Swai Adam and far left is statistician Hellen Mtove.*



*Members of Mozambique National Statistics Office share a light moment with Madame Elizabeth Talbet of World Bank offices Dar es Salaam during the formers familiarization tour at NBS to learn best practices in conducting Household Budget Survey.*

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To become a one-stop centre for official statistics in Tanzania.

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To produce quality official statistics and services that meet needs of national and international stakeholders for evidence based planning and decision making.

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