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Government will Translate Report Findings into Actions, Vows Lukuvi

The Minister for Lands, Housing and Human Settlement Development, Mr. William Lukuvi, has assured the public that the government will affirmatively use findings of the 2018 Tanzania Baseline Survey Report on Assessment of Land Rights and Tenure Security to improve services and guarantee people's rights to occupy land and dwellings.

He said: "Life of the majority of our people relies on land and that it is the government's obligation to secure people's land rights", and urged those in the ministry not to let survey reports of this sort to rot on their shelves without being implemented.

In his speech to launch the report, which was read by his deputy, Dr. Angeline Mabula, Mr. Lukuvi affirmed that his ministry was keen to make use of inputs from various researches and survey reports as these will help the government to better implement its plans to ensure better land use services including safeguarding peoples' rights on land occupancy and use.



Deputy Minister of Lands, Housing and Human Settlement Development Angeline Mabula launches, on behalf of Minister William Lukuvi, the 2018 Tanzania Baseline Survey Report on Assessment of Land Rights and Tenure Security at NBS conference hall.

He added that the report has opened a new chapter as its findings provide a crucial benchmark for assessing land rights and security of tenure and other related issues as well as enabling the country to report progress of the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) number 1.4.2.

The goal looks at proportion of total adult population with secure tenure rights to land with legally recognised documentation and who feel that their land rights are secure by sex and type of tenure.

"I am delighted to announce today that Tanzania will soon begin to report progress of implementation of SDG 1.4.2 as soon as this indicator is approved by Inter-Agency Expert Group on SDGs (IAEG-SDGs)" He said.

In that regard, Minister Lukuvi urged stakeholders to adopt the findings as a benchmark on land rights and security of tenure since they adhered to rules and guidelines set in assessing this indicator under the--

custodianship of the Word Bank and UN-Habitat.

According to the survey findings, about seven in ten interviewees believe property rights in the country are generally well protected and nearly three-quarters would know how to defend their rights if challenged.

“69 percent of interviewed adults perceive property rights in the country to be protected, 73 percent would know how to defend rights if challenged, 79 percent are confident authorities would protect--

them if rights challenged,” part of the report reads.

Mr. Lukuvi said: “When three quarters of the respondents believe authorities would protect them from unlawful dispossession of their property, it says a lot about peoples’ confidence towards their government and the general leadership”.

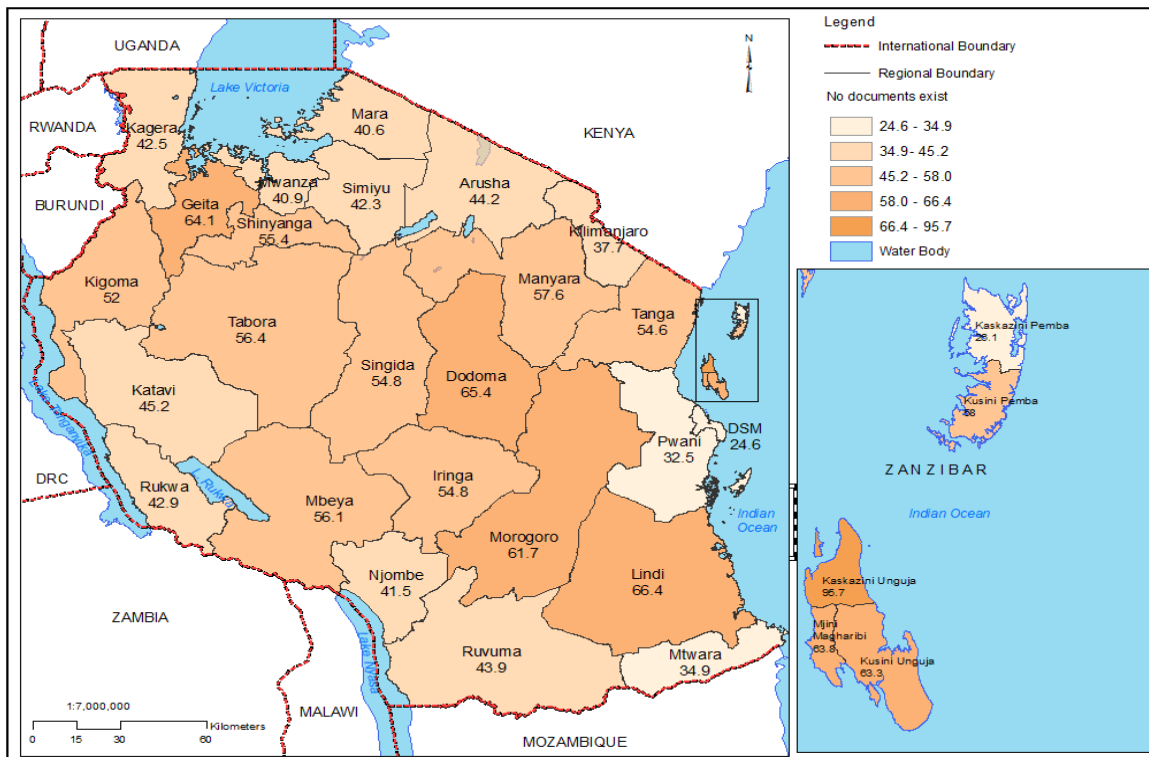
The minister told the audience that the positive perceptions of people on their land rights and security of tenure was no doubt attributed to vigorous policies and measures taken by the government to ensure peoples’--

land rights and security of tenure were guaranteed by law and other administrative measures.

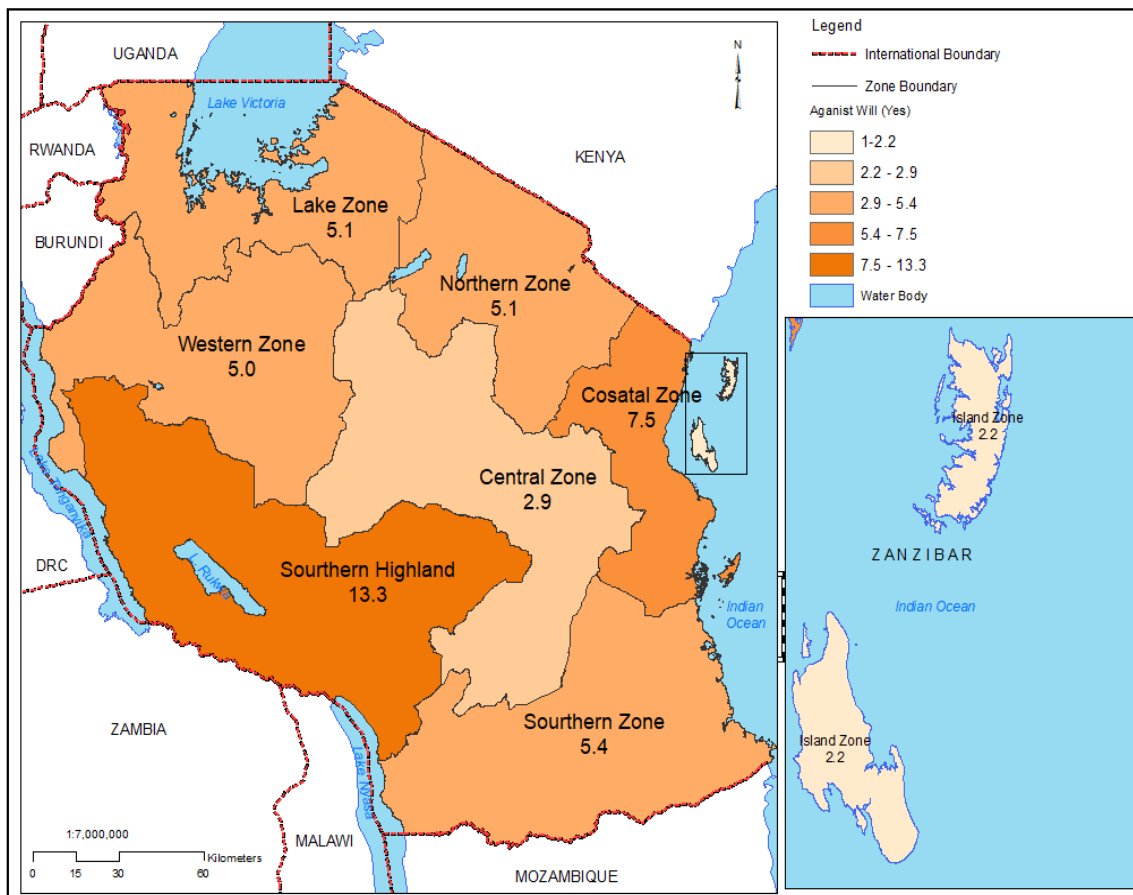
“This positive perception is contributed by our efforts to increase speed in issuing land occupy certificates and reports show that between August 2018 and February, 2019 a total of 57,056 title deeds and other legal certificates were issued,” the minister said.

He further explained that among those, 432 were Unit Titles, which were issued according to Section 416 of Unit Titles Act, Act No. 16 of 2008, 28,637 are ownership--

Percent adults with no documents at all



Percentage of people ever experience loss of right



certificates registered under Land Act, Cap 334 and 27,987 belong to other legal documents issued under The Registration of Documents Act, Cap.117.

Minister Lukuvi informed stakeholders that in a bid to speed up land survey, his ministry was collaborating with private companies in survey activities. These companies were working closely with town planners in various-----

municipalities and district councils.

He added that during 2018/2019 financial year, his ministry purchased several state-of-the-art survey equipment which were allocated to ministry’s zonal offices; and Ardhi institutes of Morogoro and Tabora.

“It’s no doubt that these measures demonstrate our government’s commitment--

and dedication to achieving the intended targets,” he said and promised to do whatever in the ministry’s capacity to meet national targets.

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NBS Impresses at Mwalimu Nyerere Book Festival

Participants to the 11th Mwalimu Nyerere Intellectual Festival have urged the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) to strengthen collaboration with higher institutions of learning in order to increase use of its statistical products in academic research works.

“We wish to see one day NBS has established special shelves in university libraries on which to display its statistical reports so that members of the academia will easily access,” said Ms. Ignasia Mbatta, a member of the Sociology Department teaching staff.

She said having an NBS corner in university libraries will help both academic staff, students and other library users to access official statistics at ease and that will help making academic work more relevant and meaningful.

Ms. Mbatta, however, noted that much as use of websites and other internet-based channels for dissemination of statistical reports has eased availability of those reports but for the academia particularly researchers still having hard--

copies is very convenient specifically when one is to compare different data sources.

Dr. Kelvin Munisi from the Political Science Department commended NBS’ positive view of its relations with stakeholders but insisted that more efforts were needed to educate the public about its activities including the importance of statistics in people’s daily lives.

“You must make special efforts to educate the public about your activities including recent Amendments to the Statics Act pay off,” he emphasized.

As regards research permits, he was worried that the issue was not yet clear to many people and that it caused confusion that resulted in finger-pointing to the national statistics office.

“It is not yet clear to many of us; some institutions which are supposed to issue research permits decline to do so and instead they direct everything to NBS, for which some it has no mandate over,” he--

lamented.

Dr. Benson Bana, a renowned political science lecturer based at the University of Dar es Salaam, said he was impressed on how NBS was disseminating its statistics products through its website which are easily accessible.

NBS pavilion attracted many high profile visitors including the Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Prof Palamagamba Kabudi, who was stunned with various statistical publications produced by the national statistics office.

The Book Exhibition was held on the side-lines of the 11th Mwalimu Nyerere Intellectual Festival from 22nd to 24th May, 2019 at Nkrumah Hall, main Campus and was officiated by its Chancellor former President Dr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete.

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Tanzania Set to Hold its First Housing Profile



NBS Director of Statistical Operations Irenius Ruyobya speaking during a one-day stakeholders' workshop on preparations for the coming Housing Profile scheduled during the 2019/2020 financial year.

Tanzania Mainland is planning to hold its first housing census in order to provide current and reliable housing information to be used in planning, decision making and policy formulation in the country.

Speaking during the opening of a one-day housing sector stakeholders' meeting, the Statistician General, Dr. Albina Chuwa, said the census was the most ideal method for collecting comprehensive data--

regarding the housing sector and establish a baseline statistics data base.

In her speech, read on her behalf by the director of Statistics Operation, Mr. Irenius Ruyobya, Dr. Chuwa argued that the census was in response to urgent needs of statistical information on the housing sector to enable national planners and policy makers to make informed decisions.

During the meeting, which was held at National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) offices in Dodoma, stakeholders discussed and reviewed census' concept paper which was jointly presented by the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlement Development and the National Bureau of Statistics.

“Collection of all information on housing--



Part of participants to the one-day stakeholder's workshop on preparations for the coming Housing Profile scheduled during the 2019/2020 financial year held at NBS conference hall Dodoma.

sector will lead to the establishment of baseline statistics database in this sector which will be integrated with other information including land, finance and citizenship," she said.

Statistician General added that with such centre it will result into facilitation of land ownership, ownership transfers and mortgaging; and collection of house and land related taxes.

She added that the information collected from the census will also help in improving the--

whole system of post code that will enable the government and other stakeholders to make right decisions on service delivery, coordination and supervision of various development programmes.

According to the Statistician General, inadequate housing was one of the challenges currently facing the country but the magnitude of problem was yet to be established as the available number of houses was just in estimates.

"Tanzania Mainland has a--

deficit of 3,000,000 houses and the number keeps rising at an annual rate of 200,000 houses," she said and added that was just an estimation no survey has been done to authenticate that.

The census, which is scheduled to be conducted during the 2019/2020 financial year, will be carried out in both urban and rural areas covering all buildings both residential and non-residential including those of commercial and institutional use.

Women Must Play Active Role in Land Occupancy, and Property Ownership, Says Statistician General



Statistician General Dr. Albina Chuwa addresses national dissemination meeting of the 2018 Tanzania Baseline Survey Report on Assessment of Land Rights and Tenure Security for Accommodating SDG 1.4.2 using Prindex Platform held at NBS conference hall in Dodoma.

Women have been urged not to fear owning property; instead they should continue building confidence by owning more land and habitats for their economic development.

The Statistician General, Dr. Albina Chuwa, told national dissemination meeting during the official launch of the 2018 Tanzania Baseline Survey Report on Assessment of Land Rights and Tenure--

Security for accommodating the global goal 1.4.2 those women have shown significant confidence in property ownership which is something to be proud of.

“When you look at statistics, the difference in the perception on tenure security across gender, more women than men show land ownership confidence and that is a positive development in our national endeavour to build--

gender equal society,” she said.

According to the survey results, 69 percent of men interviewed believed that their tenure were secure against 64 percent of women.

Dr. Chuwa said that Prindex results were promising hence Tanzanians must have positive view on the implementation of SDG indicator 1.4.2.

The NBS boss expressed her appreciation to various stakeholders who made the survey a success and called for further collaboration in implementing other statistical activities.

“This report is a product of collective efforts from a number of individuals and stakeholders with valuable inputs and that is why today we are told we are the first country to produce our own report on land rights and tenure security,” she said.

Dr. Chuwa noted that Tanzania, being the first--



Deputy Minister of Lands, Housing and Human Settlement Development Angeline Mabula cuts the ribbon to launch, on behalf of Minister William Lukuvi, the 2018 Tanzania Baseline Survey Report on Assessment of Land Rights and Tenure Security at NBS conference hall. Right is Statistician General Dr. Albina Chuwa and Dr. David Ameyaw from US based Global Land Alliance (left).

security in Tanzania; therefore, she renewed her call to research institutions and individual researchers to put this subject in their list of priority areas of research.

“We need to put special efforts to study and explore more on property rights and tenure security because with adequate information we can help our people,” she asserted.

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country to produce its own country-led Prindex report, demonstrates government’s determination and commitment to improve and strengthen property rights and tenure security in the country.

“It is a good thing that people from other countries will learn from our experience and that makes us proud of our efforts,” she noted.

The Statistician General said more studies were needed to explore the underlining issues of rights on land and tenure--



Delegates to the national dissemination of the 2018 Tanzania Baseline Survey Report on Assessment of Land Rights and Tenure Security follow guest of honour’s speech Minister of Lands, Housing and Human Settlement Development (not on the picture).

Statistician General Attends HLG- PCCB in Mongolia



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High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goal

22-25 May 2019
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Delegates to the 14th Meeting of High- Level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals which took place in Mongolian capital Ulaanbaatar. Photo courtesy from Mongolian Statistics Office website

Statistician General Dr. Albina Chuwa attends the 14th meeting of High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-building for statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The high-level group comprises of heads of statistics offices and its departments of 24 countries representing 13 regions.

More than 30 guests and--

representatives from the high-level group, international and donor organisations attended the meeting.

Likewise, statisticians and heads of statistics offices of over 20 countries including the United States, Angola, Argentina, Denmark, Hungary, Ecuador, Kenya, the Republic of South Africa, Suriname, Myanmar, Great Britain, the Kingdom of Morocco,--

Sri Lanka, Italy, Palestine and the Swiss Confederation attended.

At the three-day meeting, which was held in Mongolian capital Ulaanbaatar and chaired by the head of the National Statistics Office of Mongolia, A. Ariunzaya, Dr. Chuwa was accompanied by the Director of Statistics Operations, Mr. Irenius Ruyobyya.

During the meeting, delegates discussed implementation and financing of Cape Town Global Action Plan for Sustainable Data, reviewed and discussed next steps of the work on coordination of the UN statistical system; and reviewed the components of a financing mechanism, including examples from other funds/mechanisms.

They also updated and discussed opportunities and related meetings; and agreed on next steps for HLG-PCCB in the work on financing.

The meeting, which took place from 23 through 25 May, 2019 was preceded by a day-long member's meeting which discussed and deliberated on membership issues including the role of advisory boards, rotations and transition of members; and followed up on a more efficient UN Statistical system.

Delegates also reviewed procedural documentation for preparation of The Third UN World Data Forum which will take place from 18-21 October 2020, in Bern,

Switzerland.

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NBS delegation at the 14th Meeting of High-Level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity Building for SDGs which was hosted in Mongolian capital Ulaanbaatar; Statistician General Dr. Albin A. Chuwa (second left) and Director of Statistical Operations Irenius Ruyobya (right).

We are Proud to Work with Tanzania, Says Global Land Alliance Chief

The Global Land Alliance Chief, Dr. David Ameyaw, has said his institution was proud to see Tanzania becoming the first country across the world to produce its country-led tenure security report.

Dr. Ameyaw said the report was very important as it will impact government's programmes to guide issues regarding property rights, develop policy to improve property rights and land security in the country.

The Global Alliance chief was speaking during the launching of the 2018 Tanzania Baseline Survey Report on Assessment of Land Rights and Tenure Security for Accommodating SDG 1.4.2 using Prindex Platform.

Global Land Alliance and the UK based Overseas Development Institute (ODI) collaboratively formed Prindex platform under the Auspicious of the World Bank and UN-Habitat who are the global custodians on indicator 1.4.2 of the SDGs.

He told the meeting that he was

encouraged by the enthusiasm Tanzania showed when Global Alliance asked it to prepare a report ahead of the launching of the report before 33 countries in New York in September, 2019.

Dr. Ameyaw emphasised that knowing people's perceptions about tenure security was very important because land remains the basic factor of production and adding that Tanzania's report will be used by other countries to produce their own.

"Land is a basic factor of production, when we were taught in school about factors of production; land was one of them and precisely land is what we have and land is what we own and land is what makes us who we are," Dr. Ameyaw insisted.

It was in that context, Dr. Ameyaw said, two institutions, namely, Omidyar Network and ODI supported his institution's initiative to conduct the survey.

He thanked Tanzania for being one of the eight countries in--

which Prindex instrument was tested last year and that based on the results, the survey was able to be rolled out in 33 countries.

The Global Alliance boss revealed that during 2019, Prindex will be rolled out in about 103 countries and expected to cover the remaining in its second phase to be implemented in 2020.

"When we meet in 2021, we will see how much we have made the difference; it is a report which we can be used whether we live in Dodoma, Dar es Salaam or elsewhere!" he said and insisted that it was his institution's goal and the government as well to secure land and property of its people.

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Listing Exercise for Preparation of 2018/19 Agriculture Census Nears Completion



Dodoma Regional Statistical Manager Athuman Iddi Mruke with staffs from US Department of Agriculture-National Agriculture Statistics Service (USDA-NASS) and Foreign Agriculture Service (FAS) visited Mpwapwa district to assess preparations of the coming 2018/19 National Sample Census of Agriculture (NSCA).

The household listing operation for the coming 2018/19 National Sample Census of Agriculture (NSCA) is nearing completion, according to Census' desk officer Philemon Mwenda.

Mr. Mwenda told NBS Newsletter that the overall exercise which started on the April 16 has so far been progressing across all regions.

“The listing exercise started on April 16 and was supposed to be completed by May 30, 2019 but with the ongoing heavy rains some regions have requested extension of some sort to complete the--

exercise,” he said.

He mentioned Mbeya and Morogoro regions as the most affected areas and in that regard the exercise in those two regions, has been extended to another few weeks to cover the remaining households.

According to Mr. Mwenda, reports from supervisors show that apart from isolated cases of rain disruptions of data collection household listing exercise, there were no reported serious cases of such sort.

Meanwhile, a team of five people from the US Department of Agriculture-National Agriculture Statistics Service (USDA-NASS) and Foreign Agriculture Service (FAS), visited Mpwapwa District, Dodoma Region, to access progress made in implementing the listing operation.

The 2018/19 census will be the fifth to be carried out in Tanzania. The first one was conducted in 1971/72, the second in 1993/94 and 1994/95, the third was conducted in 2002/03 and the fourth was conducted in 2007/08.

This year's census is large in its scope and coverage as it will provide data that can be disaggregated at district level and thus allow comparisons with the 2007/08 National Sample Census of Agriculture.

The census is implemented by NBS in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture as well as other Agricultural Sector Lead Ministries (ASLMs), with financial support from Tanzania government, United States government through USAID and technical support from US--

Department of Agriculture-National Agriculture statistics Service (USDA-NAS).

Meanwhile, the household listing was positively received by heads of households and other interviewees during the exercise.

Ms. Hadija Maasi, who participated in the enumeration work in Dodoma Region told NBS Newsletter that the whole exercise went smoothly mostly due to cooperation with local leaders and positive response--

to interviewees.

“Both in rural and urban areas, people were very cooperative and showed enthusiasm to provide answers to the questions asked by enumerators,” Ms. Maasi explained.

She, however, added that there was communication problem in some parts of the region since some people particularly elders could not communicate well in Kiswahili.

“Thanks to local leaders who acted as interpreters to bridge our communication with those who couldn’t use Kiswahili,” she noted.

Ms. Hadija said one challenge they encountered during the exercise was lack of raincoats as listing work was implemented during the rainy season.

“I hope next time NBS will consider this when conducting data collection during the rainy season,” she observed.



Abdulrahman Simba, data collector of the ongoing household listing for the coming National Sample Census of Agriculture (NSCA) interviews Mrs. Samweli Magoha at Songambebe village, Pwaga hamlet, Mpwapwa district. Looking are Peter Zeno agricultural officer of Pwaga hamlet and official from US Department of Agriculture-National Agriculture Statistics Service (USDA-NASS) and Foreign Agriculture Service (FAS)

Sixty Four Percent of Adult Population in Tanzania See Their Land and Settlement Tenure as SECURE



NBS Tax Manager Fred Matola presents key findings of the 2018 Tanzania Baseline Survey Report on Assessment of Land Rights and Tenure Security for Accommodating SDG 1.4.2 using Prindex Platform during national dissemination held at NBS conference hall Dodoma.

The 2018 Tanzania Baseline Survey Report on Assessment of Land Rights and Tenure Security for Accommodating SDG 1.4.2 shows that 64 percent of adult individuals in Tanzania perceive to have tenure security of their property.

With that figure, according to the Tax Statistics Manager of the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), Mr. Fred--

Matola, Tanzania ranks number ten out of 33 countries measured around the world.

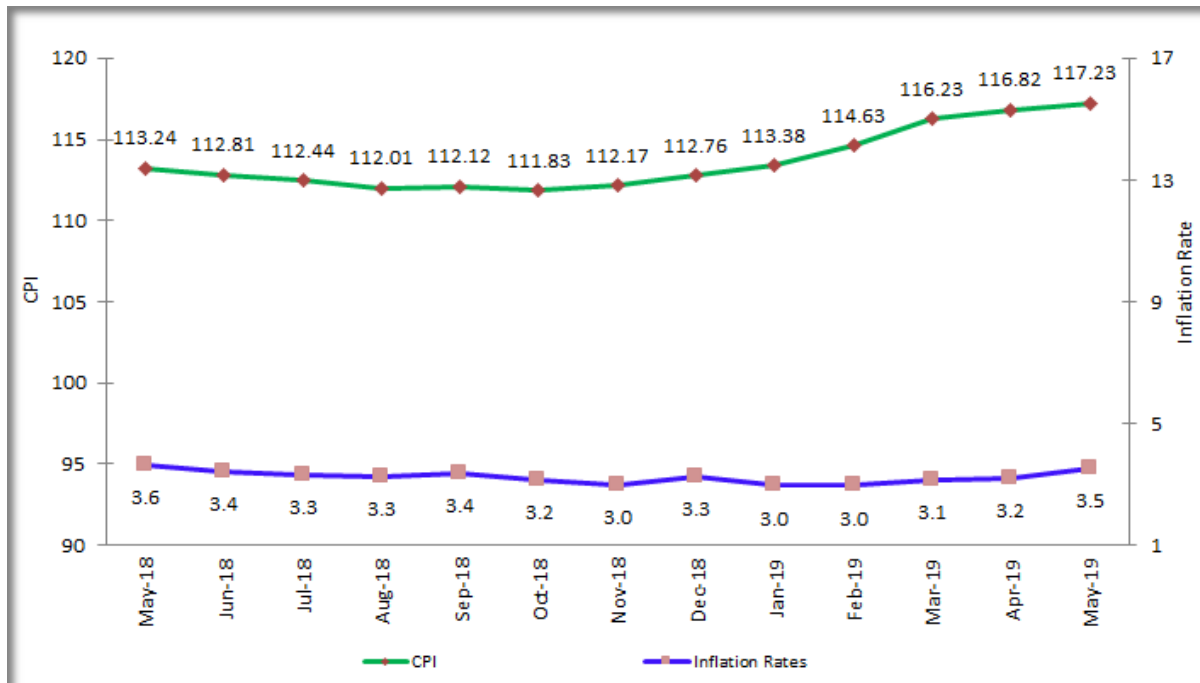
Presenting key findings of the Survey, Mr. Matola who was also the survey's national coordinator, revealed that Tanzania also ranked fourth out of nine Southern and Eastern African countries with 64 percent of its people with secured tenure property which is above the overall average of 61 percent--

from nine western Africa engaged in this survey.

The coordinator further said that the survey was unique because unlike many other household-based surveys, which mostly target households or head of households, this particular survey focused on randomly selected adult individuals for their own perceptions of their property and it was "based on nationally representative sample," Mr. Matola added.

Food Prices drive May Inflation Rate Up

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



The increase of price of both food and non-food items has pushed up inflation rate by 0.3 percent in May, 2019 to 3.5 percent from 3.2 percent in April.

Releasing the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for May, 2019 in Dodoma, the Director of Statistical Operations, Mr. Irenius Ruyobyba, said the increase was mainly due to the increase of the speed of price change for commodities in May, 2019 compared to that of April, 2019.

He said some food items which contributed to increase in CPI were maize flour which--

increased by 1.9 percent, vegetables by 1.5 percent, beans by 2.3 percent, potatoes by 8.4 percent and fresh cassava by 8.2 percent.

On the other hand, non-food items that contributed to the increase included refrigerators by 3.5 percent, kitchen and domestic utensils by 2.5 percent, petrol by 3.9 percent and maintenance and repairs of vehicles by 2.9 percent.

Mr. Ruyobyba added that, the overall index has increased to 117.23 in May, 2019 from 116.82 recorded in April, 2019.

He further explained that food--

and non alcoholic beverages inflation rate for May, 2019 increased to 2.2 percent from 0.9 percent recorded in April, 2019.

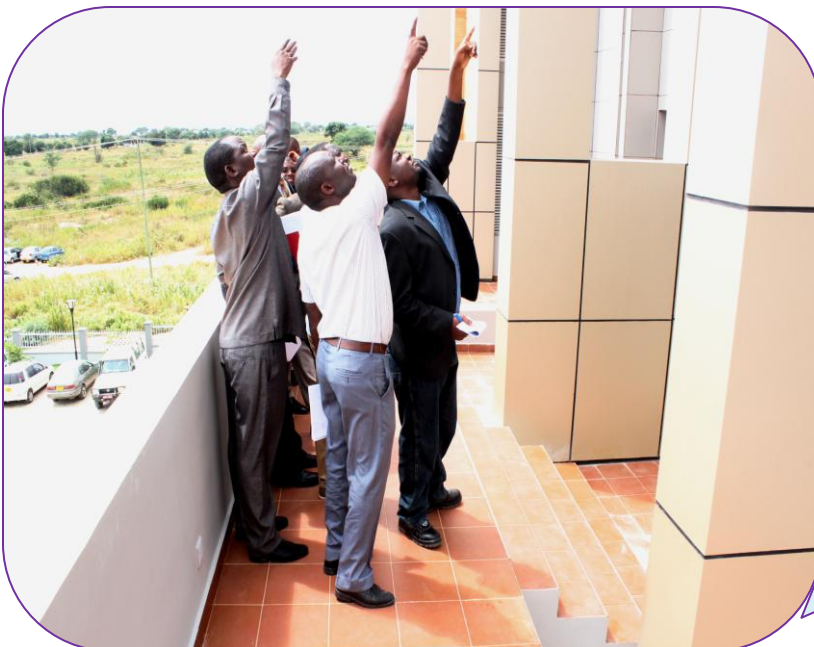
The inflation rate for food consumed at home and away from home for May, 2019 has increased to 3.9 percent from 2.7 percent recorded in April, 2019.

He told members of the media that the inflation rate which excludes food and energy for May, 2019 has slightly eased to 3.5 percent from 3.6 percent recorded a month earlier, whereas the 12 month index change for non-food products in May, 2019 decreased to 4.7 percent from 5.3 percent recorded in April, 2019.

NBS PICTORIAL NEWS



Retired Prime Minister Mizengo Peter Pinda signs visitors' book at NBS pavilion during the 2019 Dodoma Fair aimed at empowering small entrepreneurs held at Nyerere Square in Dodoma. Looking at Mr. Pinda are Sabeth Mshana from TAKUKURU, NBS Marketing officer Andrew Punjila and Sebastian Kaman from Fair organizers Edodoma Empowerment.



NBS management make final inspection of the office building before final handover from the contractor Hainan construction company from China.

NBS PICTORIAL NEWS



ICAP country representative Dr. Fernando Morales and Dr. George Mgomella from US based Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Dar es Salaam Office visited Statistician General Dr. Albina Chuwa in her offices in Dodoma where they discussed various issues of mutual interests. In the picture Dr. Morales presents special souvenir (a globe) to Dr. Chuwa which shows ICAPS activities in the world.



Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation Professor Palamagamba Kabudi receives, from NBS Senior Publicity Officer Said Ameir, a copy of 2016-17 Tanzania HIV Impact Survey Report when the minister visited NBS pavilion during Book Exhibition which took place side-by-side with 11th Mwalimu Nyerere Intellectual Festival held at University of Dar es Salaam.

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