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The Tanzania Statistical Master Plan (TSMP) Bulletin provides a short overview of the latest developments and activities within the TSMP. It is jointly coordinated by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) and the Office of Chief Government Statistician (OCGS) Zanzibar. This Bulletin is for the third and fourth quarters of 2010.

Background

Tanzania Statistical Master Plan (TSMP) is a program which sets a comprehensive framework aiming at strengthening the National Statistical System (NSS). Increased demand of statistics for informed decision making as well as monitoring national and international development goals has compelled government to revisit the current statistical system and take appropriate measures that will ensure production of quality and sufficient statistics to its stakeholders.

Objectives of TSMP

The developmental objective of TSMP is to strengthen the National Statistical System in Tanzania to produce quality statistics for decision makers and for performance monitoring of national polices such as MKUKUTA and MKUZA as well as Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

IMPLEMENTATION OF TSMP DURING THE PERIOD JULY TO DECEMBER, 2010

1. Institutional Development and legal reforms:

Legal reform has been initiated. NBS has collected inputs from stakeholders and produced a first draft of the proposed new statistics legislation. A Cabinet paper is being drafted, which sets out the policy issues to be addressed by the proposed statistics legislation. It is expected that the proposed cabinet paper for statistics legislation should be submitted to the government machinery for its approval by the end of first quarter 2011.

In Zanzibar, the Office of Chief Government Statistician has invited an Expression of Interest aiming at recruiting a National Consultant to develop regulations

2. Human Resource Capacity Development

The Process to hire the Human Resource Development to review the NBS organogram and staff Incentive is at its negotiation stage. In Zanzibar, consultant to review the OCGS organizational structure, scheme of service and job description was recruited

3. Data Development and Dissemination

A number of priority activities have been completed or being in a good progress as indicated in the following areas:

- (a) A data dissemination and statistical access policy document for the National Statistical System (NSS) has been drafted and made public on NBS website. The policy was also presented to the public at the launching event of the Tanzania National Data Archive. In Zanzibar, OCGS has re advertised the consultancy service for development of data access policy and it is anticipated that
- (b) the consultant will be in place within the first quarter of 2011

The Vision

TSMP Vision is "to be an efficient and well-integrated National Statistical System that produces quality statistics in an objective, timely and cost-effective manner for planners, researchers and decision makers".

Government approval of TSMP

The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania Approved the TSMP in June, 2010.

Components of TSMP

The TSMP focuses on five major components namely: Institutional Development, Human Resource Development, Development of Statistical Infrastructure, Data Development and Dissemination and Development of Physical Infrastructure and Equipment. Also, there is one supporting component known as TSMP Coordination.

- (c) The National Consumer Price Index (CPI) has been revised and rebased and launched on November 2010:
- (d) The Tanzania National Data Archive (NADA) was launched in November 2010 with access through NBS; website. The NADA gives users online access to a range of Tanzanian micro-data data sets, including survey reports and metadata, all neatly archived and documented and with an easy-to-use interface. The majority of data in the NADA will be Public Use Files (PUFs), i.e. free-ofcharge and accessible following a very simple registration procedure;
- (e) Initiatives to hire an international firm to assist rebasing national accounts for both Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar are at the negotiation stage and it hoped the consultant to be awarded the contact by the end of January, 2011.
- (f) A consultant for OCGS IT needs assessment has been hired and has submitted inception report and has started to work on the assignment

4. Development of Statistical Infrastructure

The Cartographical work for creating enumeration areas for the 2012 Population and Housing Census is on progress. During the reference period TSMP supported the exercise by buying Geographical Positioning Systems (GPS).

Physical Infrasturure and Equipment

The NBS and OCGS intend to build two office buildings in Dar es Salaam and Zanzibar respectively to overcome the problem of inadequate office space currently faced by the two offices. Title deeds have been secured and consultants for Environmental and Social Impact Assessment have been hired to conduct and prepare reports before embarking to the construction work. The OCGS Zanzibar has submitted its report to WB offices in Tanzania and NBS Report is expected to be in place by mid January 2011.

5. TSMP Coordination:

The TSMP coordination Unit has the responsibility of day to day activities of the Implementation of TSMP. It includes TSMP Implementation arrangement which has been proposed and soon will be established and operationalized. The structure includes formation of a number of new working groups and committees to oversee implementation of the proposed project.

During the reference period the NBS and OCGS through TSMP Coordination Unit have been implementing the agreed Project Preparatory Activities: These activities include securing consultancy services for: Preparation of Financial and Procurement Manuals, Monitoring and Evaluation, Environmental and Social Impact Assessment..

Financial and Procurement manual Reports have been submitted by the consultants to NBS and are ready to be used for the management of the Basket Funding. The consultant to prepare operational manual has been secured and it is anticipated that the manual to ready by the end of January2011.

The work on development of logical frame work for monitoring and evaluation purposes are on progress, and are expected to be finalized in March, 2011.

A draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for TSMP basket funding between the Government of Tanzania and Development partners has been prepared. It sets out the framework under which the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania and the Basket Funding Development Partners agreed to fund the TSMP.

A study tour to Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) that aimed at strengthening the TSMP Coordination was held in October, 2010. The objective of the tour aimed at learning, sharing experience and challenges related to program management, institutional arrangements, formation and operational of sector working groups where KNBS also implements the Statistics Capacity Building Project (STATCAP). The tour drew delegates from NBS, OCGS, Prime Ministers Office-Regional Authorities and Local Government and Tanzania Police Force.

6. Tanzania STATCAP Pre Appraisal Mission

A joint World Bank/Development Partners TZ STATCAP pre-appraisal mission was undertaken in Tanzania during December 6-15, 2010 The purpose of the mission was to advance the STATCAP project preparation following a decision by the World Bank to proceed with the project with a view of bringing the preparation process to a close by end of March 2011. Besides holding discussions with the Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Finance (MOF), the mission held meetings with senior management staff of the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), Office of the Chief Government Statistician (OCSG) in Zanzibar, and representatives of development partners (DPs).

7. DFID support on TSMP

During the reference period, DFID offered financial support through to TSMP to assist Strengthening of Agriculture Routine Data; Data collection for Consumer Price Index (CPI); Quality Assurance Consultancy for CPI and Bench marking of Gross Domestic Product. It also supported the strengthening of procurement arrangements by hiring a procurement consultant to work in the TSMP coordination Unit.For more details, please contact the persons listed below.

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