

**PRESENTATION BY THE DEPUTE COMMISIONER OF POLICE, MR. THOBIAS E.
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Honorable Minister for Finance,

Honorable Chairperson, Parliamentary Committee of Economic, Industries and Trade,

Members of Parliament,

Executive Director, Research on Poverty Alleviation,

Lecturer from Eastern Africa Statistical Training Centre,

Representatives from UNFPA, World Bank and other United Nations Organizations

Director General, National Bureau of Statistics,

Organizer of the African Statistics Day,

Journalists,

Invited Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Hon Guest of Honor, first of all, I would like to sincerely thank the organizers of this occasion, for inviting me as one of the panelist in the discussions on the theme of this year ‘Quality data to support African progress’ focusing on data Quality in relation to Safety of Citizens and their Properties.

Hon Guest of Honor; the theme for this year’s African Statistics Day is "Quality Data to Support African Progress" as publicized on the leaflets and brochures. The Tanzania Police Force is among the producers and users of Quality Data for the Safety of Citizens and their Properties.

The safety under discussion is for the 44,928,923 Tanzanians and foreigners living in this country. It also involves all visitors, travelers and their properties. However, it should be noted that, every Tanzanian is responsible for his own safety, his properties and the safety of the Nation at large.

The total number of Police Force in Tanzania is 40,960; whereby one police officer is responsible for 1097 people (1:1,097). This is very high when compared to the internationally recommended ratio of 1:400. However, efforts are being made toward attaining a ratio that is comparable internationally.

Hon Guest of Honor, For the period of five years, crime statistics in Tanzania show a decreasing trend from 102,092 cases in 2008 to 72,765 in 2012; a decreasing rate of about 29.2 percent. This decrease is attributed to the campaign on the community participation in security, together with the availability of police officers at every division/election province, ward/Shehia. This is an ongoing exercise. Either, the Tanzania Police Force has formed a task force of not more than 10 police in every division/ constituency in Tanzania.

From January to September 2012, reported crime events were 53,781, compared to 54,269 reported violations in the same period in 2013, equivalent to the increase of 0.9 percent. Data on Road Safety violation cases in Tanzania for the period of five years shows an increasing trend, whereby, reported road safety violation cases increased from 17,421 in 2008 to 23,604 in

2012; equivalent to 35.5 percent increase. The situation was attributed by negligence by road users to follow road safety laws, defective vehicles, and poor road conditions. In all reported road safety violation cases, 18,421 persons were reported dead and 98,599 persons were injured between 2008 to 2012.

For the period of January to September 2012, reported road safety violation cases were 17,360, compared to 18,252 cases reported in the same period for the year 2013, which is equivalent to an increase of 892 cases (5.1 percent). Further analysis revealed that out of the total 18,252 reported cases 2,526 people were reported dead for the period January to September 2012 compared to 2578 people who died during the same period in 2013. Likewise, 14,886 citizens were injured in January to September, 2012 compared to 16,105 reported injured in the same period for 2013; an increase of about 1,219 injured persons (8.2 percent) over the period.

Hon Guest of Honor, Quality data for the Safety of citizens have facilitated the Police Force in developing good plans and setting priorities particularly in identifying areas that need short and long term actions. In recent days, Tanzania Police Force through Police Force Reform Programme (TPFRP), has established an official cooperation with National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), EASTC, Hans Seidel Foundation (HSF), LSRP, etc. The Police Force has a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with NBS for exchanging information since 2007. Crime reports in the country have been prepared by the Police Force and edited by a team of professionals from NBS, EASTC and UDSM. The report is then distributed to various stakeholders and Member of Parliaments during the budget session.

The NBS through the Tanzania Statistics Master Plan (TSMP) has facilitated the Tanzania Police Force with training and developing various professional skills. In 2013, the Police Force received a total of 170,000 USD for capacity building. The money enabled the training of 80 Police officers to attend a three weeks short course on "Web Base" and Dev Info on Criminal Statistics Management information Systems (CSMIS) at the Eastern African Statistics Training Centre (EASTC). The system will enable the Police Force to prepare quality data for internal and external use.

The cooperation between the NBS, EASTC and the Tanzania Police Force (TPF) has improved the system of data collection of the Police Force, whereby EASTC deploys its professionals to

team up with those from TPF to build a database capable of producing daily statistical reports as well as weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annual and annual reports. The database can also facilitate analysis of data at different administrative levels such as region, district, division, ward and village levels whenever required.

The Tanzania Police Force, through Hans Seidel Foundation (HSF) has managed to capacitate its staff by conducting training on how to monitor and evaluate the daily activities in the TPF. Through cooperation with other institutions like NBS, and ESTC, the TPF is also expecting to start a special project of collecting crime data digitally using computers at the Police Station level in Dar es Salaam Special Police Zone (The Dar es Salaam Region Pilot Project); which will make the region a model. Forty computers will be supplied by NBS and will be distributed to Zonal Police Stations. This movement is one of the achievements of decentralization in the Tanzania Police Force (TPF) through the Tanzania Police Force Reform Programme (TPFRP).

Hon Guest of Honor, Finally, I would like to say; Safety starts with me, Safety starts with you, and Safety starts with all of us.

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING.