



## TANZANIA STATISTICAL MASTER PLAN BULLETIN

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The Tanzania Statistical Master Plan (TSMP) Bulletin provides a brief overview of the latest developments and activities within the TSMP that were conducted during the period starting from January to June 2011. It is jointly coordinated by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) and the Office of Chief Government Statistician (OCGS) Zanzibar.

### 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 policies such as MKUKUTA and MKUZA as well as Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

### 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 after the completion of the process of designing the strategic document.

### 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 responsible for day to day activities and management of the program.

## TSMP PROGRESS DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY TO JUNE , 2011

### 1. Institutional Development and legal reforms:

The Ministry of Finance which is the parent ministry for the NBS has prepared a cabinet paper for statistics legislation and has been submitted to the cabinet secretariat in March, 2011 as one of the processes to

secure Government approval. On the other hand, the Office of Chief Government Statistician Zanzibar is in consultation with the Law Society to see if they can jointly develop regulations for the 2007 Statistical Act.

### 2. Human Resource Capacity Development

NBS hired consultancy service in February, 2011 to review current NBS organizational structure, develop change management program, pay reform structure and new salary payment policy, human resource development strategy and conduct a study to review performance management system and improve performance-based incentives. The work is on progress,

and the final report is expected in October, 2011. In Zanzibar, a draft report to review OCGS Institutional Structure, Develop Scheme of Service and Incentive Scheme has been submitted by a consultant. The final report will be submitted after the consultant incorporates the comments made by OCGS and the World Bank.

### 3. Development of Statistical Infrastructure

During the period from January to June 2011 NBS was engaged in a preparation process to undertake Integrated Business Survey (IBS) 2010. Activities that were conducted as part of the process include; listing of Distributive Trade establishments, acquired updated Register of Contractors that operated in 2010 and printing of survey instruments. Furthermore,

recruitment of enumerators , training of trainers and enumerators were conducted during this period. Data collection is scheduled to be conducted within the period of July to September, 2011. Also cartographic work to demarcate enumeration areas partly supported by TSMP is ongoing and by the end of June 2011, about 70 percent of cartographic work was completed.

#### 4. Data Development and Dissemination

A number of planned activities planned for the FY 2010/11 are in good progress. The activities include:

- (a) A data dissemination and statistical access policy document for the National Statistical System (NSS) has been prepared and made public on NBS website. In Zanzibar the exercise has been pushed ahead pending support from PARIS21;
- (b) National Panel Survey is ongoing and its preliminary report for the period 2010/11 is expected in November, 2011;
- (c) NBS is in the process of rebasing national accounts for both Tanzania Mainland and Tanzania Zanzibar

and engaged consultants in April 2011, to assist the rebasing exercise for one year and it is anticipated to be finalized in March 2012; and

- (d) Preparations activities for undertaking Household Budget Survey (HBS) for Tanzania Mainland are underway. The activities include: Technical Committee meetings, consultative meetings with stakeholders, development of Survey Questionnaire and Manuals, pretest and pilot testing were conducted during this period. The main HBS Survey is planned for FY 2011/12.

#### 5. Physical Infrastructure and Equipment

NBS and OCGS intend to construct office buildings to alleviate office space problem experienced by both offices. So far title deeds for the plots have been acquired. A consultant to work on Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) was procured and has submitted the ESIA report to the NBS and National Environmental Management Council (NEMC).

NBS received comments from NEMC on the consultant's report. The NBS is working on the comments to address the issues raised ready for further processes of securing a consultant for the design and developing bill of quantity. In Zanzibar, OCGS has the ESIA report in place and has secured a consultant for the design and developing bill of quantity.

#### 3. TSMP Coordination:

The TSMP coordination Unit has the responsibility of day to day activities of the Implementation of TSMP. During the reference period the NBS and OCGS implemented the Project Preparatory Activities and other priority activities agreed by NBS, OCGS and Development Partners. These activities include:

- a) All Project Manuals namely Financial Management and Procurement Manuals are in place and are ready to be used for the management of the Basket Funding;
- b) The detailed annual work plan and procurement plans for the year 2011/12 were prepared by the end of March 2011 and discussed in the TSMP Joint Steering Committee (TJSC) meeting that was held in May 2011. The plans will be updated and implementation will commence as soon as the funds are disbursed to NBS;
- c) The work on developing results logical frame work and a system for monitoring and evaluation purposes has been completed by the consultant. Arrangements are under way for the consultant to guide its use to officials appointed for M&E at NBS and OCGS;

- d) Interim National Statistics Steering Committee (INSSC) has been formed and was inaugurated on 15th March, 2011. The members were appointed by the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance. During the inauguration meeting it was, advised that NBS to prepare a justification note of the formation of this committee to be approved by Permanent Secretary. The draft justification note has been prepared and will be submitted to Ministry of Finance. This committee will seize to operate when the new Statistics Act is in place;

- (e) 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. This MOU was discussed and agreed in the May 2011 meeting of the Joint Government-Development Partners TSMP Steering Committee (JTSC). The Government, World Bank, DfID and CIDA have signed the MoU. UN Organizations are expected to come in before the end of September, 2011;

(f) Procurement process for recruitment of a consultant to conduct an IT needs assessment for NBS is going on. It is expected that the work will start in the third quarter of 2011. In Zanzibar, OCGS IT needs assessment draft report have been submitted by a consultant and discussed by the OCGS Management. It was agreed by the management that the

consultant should review the report, then OCGS will present it to the Board and Steering Committee; and

(g) A firm to conduct User Satisfaction Survey to provide baseline information about stakeholders perception of NBS and OCGS services has been engaged and the assignment is on progress. Results are expected to be out by the end of September 2011 and will be fed into the M&E Frame Work.

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