



Coordination of the statistical National Statistical System

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Introduction



- In Uganda, the NSS is decentralized in nature and includes all agencies where **government or not** responsible **whether under any enactment or otherwise** for gathering statistical data directly through censuses, surveys or administrative action.

- In this context, coordination and management of statistical production is essential so as to facilitate:
 - Integration of data from different sources
 - Minimising the duplication of effort and avoid working at cross-purposes
 - Achievement of cost-effectiveness in utilization of scarce resources
 - Minimize respondents' reporting burden
 - Production of quality statistics.



Mandate for Statistical Coordination



- The Uganda Bureau of Statistics Act, 1998 provides for:
 - **The development and maintenance of the National Statistical System (NSS) to ensure collection, analysis and production of integrated, relevant, reliable and timely statistical information;**
 - **Establish the Bureau as the coordinating, monitoring and supervisory body for the NSS; and for other matters incidental to the foregoing.**

- To effectively implement this mandate, the UBOS in collaboration with selected MDAs as well as Local Governments, develops and implements a Plan for National Statistical Development (PNSD) to respond to the evolving demands and requirements of the National Statistical System (NSS).



Plan for National Statistical Development



- The Plan for National Statistical Development (PNSD) evolved as a result of “The Marrakech Action Plan for Statistics” following the 2nd International Roundtable on Managing for Development Results. It was recommended that all low-income countries should mainstream strategic planning of statistical systems and prepare national statistical development strategies (NSDS) for by 2006
- To date, Uganda is implementing its second 5-year Plan for National Statistical Development (PNSD II) covering the period 2013/14 -2017/18 under the theme **“Enhancing Data Quality and Use”**.
- The review of the PNSD is scheduled for this fiscal year and one of the objectives is to align it to the requirements of Agenda 2030 for Sustainable development as well as the Regional and National Development Agendas.



Governance of the PNSD Implementation



□ MDAs develop Sector Strategic Plan for Statistics (SSPS)

- The SSPS provide a framework for streamlining statistics development and the basis for improving sector statistics production within Ministries, Departments and Agencies.

□ LGs develop Local Government Strategic Plan for Statistics (LGSPS)

- The LGSPS provide a framework for strengthening the production and user of statistics for evidence based decision making, planning and management at the Local Governments as well as enhancing the flow and use of information right from the lowest administrative unit to the Centre.



Tools for Statistical Coordination



- ❑ Statistical Planning
 - ❑ Consolidated and Harmonized statistical development work plan
 - ❑ National Standard Indicator Framework (SDGs have been integrated)
 - ❑ Integrated Programme of censuses and Surveys
 - ❑ Data Production schedules for MDAs/LGs
- ❑ Intra and inter institutional collaboration and cooperation in statistical production is supported through various PNSD structures:
 - ❑ PNSD Inter Agency Committee (IAC)
 - ❑ IAC Sub/Technical Committee
 - ❑ MDA/LG Statistics Committees
 - ❑ Statistics Producer – User Forums
 - ❑ Statistics Producer – Producer Forums
- ❑ **Support the production of quality statistics in the NSS.**
 - ❑ Uganda Standard 942: Code of Practice for Official Statistics
 - ❑ Uganda Standard 943: Guidelines for Production of Quality Statistics
 - ❑ ISO 3534: Vocabulary and Symbols Parts 1-3
 - ❑ Compendium of Statistical Concepts, Definitions and Terminologies
 - ❑ NSS Metadata Handbook
 - ❑ Statistical Capacity building programme.



Resource Mobilization



- ❑ **The NSO advocate for investment in and the use statistics in the NSS for Evidence-based planning, Budgeting and Decision Making.**
 - ❑ **Bilateral Discussions between NSO Management and Chief Executives Officers for MDA.**
 - ❑ Integration of statistical development work plans in MDA Budget Framework Papers.
 - ❑ Co-funding for statistical activities.

- ❑ **Lobby for support from development partner.**



Challenges in Statistical Coordination



- The statistical structures in MDAs and HLGs are not fully institutionalized due to inadequate appreciation of the importance of statistics by some policy and decision-makers.
- The legal framework institutionalizing statistical structures in MDAs and HLGS as well as guiding the production, dissemination and use of official statistics in the NSS is inadequate.
- Limited commitment to harmonised IT platforms, linking existing Management Information Systems to the overall strategic planning framework for statistics at sector and national level.
- Limited commitment to undertaking joint surveys and well as disclosure of anticipated surveys
- Low levels of staffing of statistics units amidst ever-increasing NSS demands.



Going Forward



UBOS will continue through the NSDS to;

1. Collaborate with MDAs on all matters pertaining to statistical development.
2. Provide technical support with respect to methodologies and procedures governing production of official statistics.
3. Undertake quality assurance and monitoring of statistical programmes across the NSS.
4. Lobby and seek support from Government and Development Partners to fully commit resource to statistics development.
5. Champion capacity building for key players in the NSS.



Thank You

