AFDB CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME

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INTRODUCTION - RESPONSIBILITY

The AfDB Statistics Department is responsible for the Bank's statistical activities that focus on two main components:-

- **Providing support for effective development of statistical capacity and systems in African countries – Statistical Capacity Building**

- **Mainstreaming results measurement in Bank operations to ensure their operational effectiveness as well as meeting the data needs for the Bank's Projects in the Region**

The Funding Model

1. Statistical Capacity Building Program managed by Statistics Department (over $150m/15 years)

- Technical Assistance (TA) & Related statistical activities to RMCs
- Support to SROs, STCs
- Training Workshops for country officials
- Regional Data Validation Workshops
- Advocacy/strategic events (ASSD, StatCom etc)

The Funding Model

2. Transitional States Facility

- Support to 21 Transitional States (21 LICs)

- **Ordinary Lending/Grant Operations**
  - Statistical components in AfDB projects/programs in African countries (country driven)
  - Stand alone statistical projects

3. Trust Funds

- **Contributions from partners**
  (e.g. Canada, China, Japan, Korea, UK, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation etc)

- **AfDB's MIC Trust Fund**

The Funding Model (Cont'd)

With development partners
(e.g. ECA, AUC, WB, IMF, UNSD etc)

- **With African countries**
(budgetary allocations)

SCB THROUGH HIGH5 LENS

Power and Light up Africa - Africa Infrastructure Knowledge Programme

- Support to infrastructure statistics and infrastructure knowledge products. The objective of this initiative is to achieve a major improvement in the country-level knowledge base of the infrastructure sector. Areas covered include:

    - Transport
    - Electricity
    - ICT
    - Water and Sanitation

- Helping countries to integrate infrastructure statistics in their NSS - the Africa Infrastructure Knowledge Programme
- Validation and editing of this data led to the computation of the 2020 Africa Infrastructure Development Index (AIDI) at global and sector levels - AIDI data used to validate Performance Based Allocations for ADF countries in collaboration with FIRM

- Investment needs models for Power, Water and ICT sectors were shared with internal stakeholders

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Feed Africa (Agriculture Statistics)

- Development of Strategic Plans for Agricultural and Rural Statistics (SPARS). 24 countries covered.

- Construction of Master sampling frames – 6 countries have received support: Rwanda, Burundi, Benin, Kenya, Niger, and Senegal

- Compilation of Food Balance Sheets (FBS)- 8 countries have been or are being supported: Cote d'Ivoire, Kenya, Tanzania, Togo, Burkina Faso, Uganda, Mali, Namibia

- Use of Computer-Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI) technology for agricultural data collection - 11 countries have received or are receiving technical assistance in this area: Senegal, Burkina Faso, Liberia, Botswana, Benin, Cabo Verde, Namibia, Niger, Ghana, Malawi, and Tunisia

- Producing Agricultural Cost of Production (AgCoP) statistics for five countries: Cabo Verde, Tunisia, Lesotho, Malawi, and Madagascar

- Updated Agricultural Minimum Sets of Core Data (MSCD). ECST has supported 52 RMCs to regularly generate the minimum sets of core agricultural data – for use in agricultural policy

- Reporting on Agricultural Statistics Capacity Indicators (ASCI) for 52 RMCs

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Integrate Africa

- **International Comparison Program for Africa (ICP-Africa)- The Bank coordinates ICP-Africa activities RMC in the region.**
  - **176 countries participating globally in the last round with a benchmark of 2017**
  - **50 participating countries in Africa**
  - **Helps to compare economies**
  - **Gives an indication of price differences between countries**
  - **Global results for ICP released in May 2020**
  - **Africa highlights report released in June 2020**

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Integrate - Industrialize Africa

- **National Accounts (NA)- Support to RMCs to rebase GDP & improve National Accounts**
  - Countries supported recently: Malawi, Cote d'Ivoire, Botswana, Zambia, Uganda, Eswatini, etc

- **Statistical Business Register (SBR) - for designing sampling frames for all economic surveys**
  - currently supporting Botswana, Malawi, etc.
  - SBR assessment is currently being done to identify areas of support.

- **Harmonized Consumer Price Index (HCPI)- The Bank provides Technical and Financial support to COMESA & SADC RMCs for the monthly production and dissemination of the HCPI, to inform the regional macroeconomic convergence agenda.**
  - Support given to Somalia has allowed it to disseminate CPI monthly for more that 2 years.

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Improve the Quality of Lives of Africans

- **Technical Assistance to 2020 Round of Population & Housing Censuses**
  - **In 2019 provided ICT technical support to Kenya in its first ever paperless Population and Housing Census**

- **SDGs Data & Monitoring: Assisted RMCs to improve the quality of their data for monitoring progress toward the SDGs. The Bank has developed and installed SDG Data Hubs in all the RMCs.**

- **Civil Registration and Vital Statistics. The Bank provides methodological support to improve the collection of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) in RMCs.**

- **Household Surveys and Poverty Work: The Bank provides technical & financial support to RMCs for household survey fieldwork leading to the generation of country poverty statistics.**

- **Labour Statistics support in collaboration with ILO - TA on labor force surveys and household expenditure surveys, support to undertake labor statistics classifications, etc. – Guidelines for labor force surveys with African specificities recently produced.**

CROSS CUTTING - RSDS AND NSDS

- **National Strategies for Development of Statistics (NSDSs)**
  - **Technical Assistance in the Development and evaluation of NSDSs as a means of coordinating statistical coordination in RMCs. 7 RMCs have received support on NSDS development – Senegal, Rwanda, Togo, Zambia, Namibia, Zanzibar and Egypt. Work has begun in Congo Braz., Burundi and Gabon.**

- **Regional Strategies for Development of Statistics (RSDSs)**
  - **Technical assistance has been provided in evaluation of RSDSs for COMESA and SADC**

CROSS CUTTING - DATA MANAGEMENT AND DISSEMINATION

Data dissemination and storage – Africa Information Highway (AIH)

- **AIH: serves as a central repository and hub for easy access to real-time development data on African countries, with live data links connecting all 54 RMCs and 16 regional & sub-regional organizations to facilitate data collection, management, and dissemination**

- **AfDB Open Data Portal equipped with a data submission tool**

- **Objective – to increase access to official and other data**
  - **currently disseminating COVID19 data for all RMCs through the Dashboard**

- **30 countries regularly update the National Summary Data Page on AIH**

- **In May 2015, the IMF Board approved a resolution under which the Fund would use the AIH as their main data reporting and dissemination system in Africa.**

- **Since 2017, the Bank has been a member the UN Global Working Group on Big Data for official statistics.**
  - **Group explores the benefits and challenges of the use of Big Data for official statistics and for the compilation of SDG indicators.**

WAY FORWARD

- **SCB-5 will commence in 2021**

- **DGs should spearhead advocacy for statistics in Bank projects in RMCs to complement SCB programmes**

- **Need for early specification of CB by DGs to streamline support**

- **Be champions of robust M&E systems at country level to create demand for statistics in RMCs**

- **Need to align NSDSs with NDPs to create relevance of statistics in RMCs**

- **Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Bank plans to better harness technology to increase the efficiency of its work. The Statistics Department therefore will go digital, using its Africa Information Highway (AIH).**

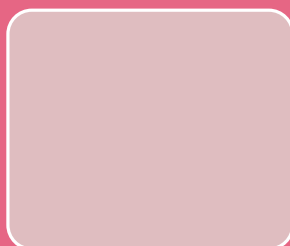# AfDB Statistis Department - Key Contacts

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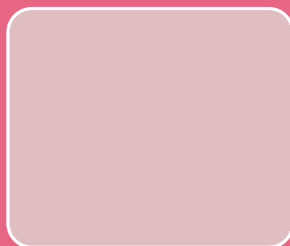**Tel: +225-2026-2175 (Landline); +225-7575-0185 (Mobile)**

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