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Modernisation of NSSs of OIC Member Countries Through Innovative Approaches and Effective Usage of Alternative Channels In Communicating Official Statistics

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- National Statistical System (NSS)
- Components of the NSS
- Innovative approaches to modernize NSSs
 - Availability of a National Strategy for Development of Statistics (NSDS)
 - Principles and process of NSDS design
 - Mainstreaming Sectoral Statistics in the NSS
 - Implementation process of the NSDS



PRESENTATION OUTLINE CONT'D....

- **Effective usage of alternative channels in communicating official statistics**
 - Establish subcommittees for all the key data produced within the NSS
 - Establishment of user/producer committees
 - Embark on knowledge building among users/producers
 - Develop databases and link them



NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEM

In The Gambia, the National Statistics System
Includes broadly:

- Group of producers at the MDAs;
- Group of Users;
- Group of Suppliers; and the Media; with GBoS
as the coordinator of the System



COMPONENTS OF THE NSS IN THE GAMBIA

- In The Gambia, it is the group of producers (MDAs) that is so far active members of the NSS;
- The following are yet to be re-orientated, motivated and facilitated respectively:
 - All categories of Users;
 - All Suppliers of data comprising of Establishments, Households, public Institutions etc; and
 - The Media



Innovative approaches to modernize NSSs



Availability of a National Strategy for Development of Statistics (NSDS)

- NSDS is the new bench mark for statistical planning when strategic approach is adopted;
- Statistical development has often been focused on the NSOs but in this paradigm shift, whole NSS is covered
- Need for a holistic development of statistics to cover sectors and sub national levels (mainstreaming sectors) so that the NSS becomes more efficient in production
- Facilitate the systematic involvement of the MDAs in the design of own strategic plans and their implementation to strengthen their capacity.



Principles and Process guiding NSDS design

- The NSDS should be integrated into national development policy process and context, taking account of regional and international commitments;
- The NSDS should be developed in an inclusive way; incorporating results-based management principles and meet quality standards.;
- The NSDS should be comprehensive and coherent and provide the basis for the sustainable development of statistics with quality (i.e. “fit for purpose”); and
- The NSDS should show where the statistical system is now, how it needs to be developed and how to accomplish this.



MAINSTREAMING SECTORAL STATISTICS

- **Strategies to Mainstream Sectoral Statistical Systems into a National Statistical System**
 - Common institutional procedures for coordination, collaboration and cooperation across the NSS
 - Legal and institutional framework that takes into account the requirements of all stakeholders in the NSS
 - NSS-wide financing strategy
 - Comprehensive human resources strategy with uniform training, recruitment and promotion for all staff working in the NSS
 - Rational use of physical infrastructure and ICT across the NSS



MAINSTREAMING SECTORAL STATISTICS CONT'D

- Coherent management information system across the NSS
- Common data warehouse for the NSS
- Common metadata dictionary across the NSS
- Common standards for data quality across the NSS
- Harmonized data production schedule across the NSS
- Comprehensive dissemination policy for the NSS
- Coherent advocacy strategies across the NSS



IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NSDS

- The success of any NSS in fulfilling its mandate as producer of statistics required by government, development partners and other users depends highly on the implementation of its NSDS
- The successful implementation of any NSDS also requires high level commitment since the process requires huge resource mobilization
- Therefore there is the need to conduct a high level advocacy forum to raise the awareness of the executives/managers within the MDAs on the importance of statistics and their roles in the process

**EFFECTIVE USAGE OF ALTERNATIVE
CHANNELS IN COMMUNICATING
OFFICIAL STATISTICS**



ESTABLISH SUBCOMMITTEES

- Where they do not exist,
 - it is important that committees are formed for all key data produced within the NSSs such as (national accounts, BOP, CPI, census, tourism, trade, etc...)
- This will enhance quality and timeliness



ESTABLISHMENT OF USER/PRODUCER COMMITTEES

- This will facilitate the sharing of data within the NSS
- It will also improve the quality of data produced by the NSS
- It will help in the advocacy process
- It will also help in the dissemination of any statistics produced within the NSS.



EMBARK ON KNOWLEDGE BUILDING AMONG USERS/PRODUCERS

- This is important because it is required that all the sectors have the minimum capacity to provide the required data
 - It is required that the producers of statistics understand the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics (FPOS) and the ISI Declaration on Professional Ethics (DPE)
 - This promotes data soundness and builds trust in data and ensures transparency
 - Build up the Media as an instrument of Advocacy and to disseminate statistical products
- This is possible through knowledge building within the NSS



CREATE/DEVELOP AN OPEN DATA PLATFORM

- Develop a database for each sector within the NSS
- Link the sector databases to the national database to create open data platform within each NSS
- Create a database for the OIC-STATCOM
- Link the NSS databases to the OIC-STATCOM database



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