

MLGRD Sector Strategy for Statistics

Development Process, Assessment and Findings

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Implementation of the Sector Strategy – Progress

- Permanent Secretary – MLGRD, signed off the Sector Strategy in October 2015
- To date, not much in terms of implementation of the Action Plan has been achieved
- This has been mainly due to limited buy-in by ministry executive and political leadership, resulting in:
 - Little or no resources allocated for strategy implementation



Challenges Found

- Statistical advocacy in the sector found to lack adequate attention leading to it being uncoordinated, ad hoc, and largely neglected
- Statistics in the sector relegated to a non priority area to be undertaken only when there is pressure to justify requests for financial support
- There is no dedicated budget for statistical work in the sector + a functional statistical program
- There are no activities developed to ensure proper management of statistics in the sector
- No clear guidelines from Statistics Botswana on how to effectively advocate for Statistics

Challenges Found

- There is no Statistics unit/ department in the sector to promote use of international standards and adhere to best practices
- Statistical work not adequately coordinated within the sector
- Data produced is not based on a comprehensive statistical programme
- Data management in the sector remains uncoordinated.



Challenges Found

- There is no statistical programme, and resources (human, financial and ICT) to facilitate the development of an effective statistical system
- Personnel with statistical training and M&E carry out duties besides statistical work
- Unskilled, untrained and inadequately supervised data collectors are deployed to collect data, compromising data quality

Implementation of the Sector Strategy – Progress

- The challenges is however being addressed:
 - On 15th March 2017, MLGRD held a workshop for MLGRD executive leadership, facilitated by Statistics Botswana
 - Aim of the workshop was to solicit buy-in and ownership
 - Workshop very successful in that PS- MLGRD made commitment to ensuring that the Strategy is implemented as a matter of urgency
 - A pronouncement was also made that the Strategy would be officially launched in
 - As part of the build up to the launch, as well as post launch, the Ministry has developed an advocacy programme for strategy implementation



Thank you