



Overview of Statistics Botswana(SB) Mandate

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Background

Statistics Botswana is a parastatal (semi autonomous) organisation charged with the responsibilities of collecting and disseminating all official statistics in Botswana.

- The autonomy of the organisation was realised under the Statistics Act of 2009, repealing 1967 Act under which Central Statistics Office was formed.*



Mandate of Statistics Botswana CONT'

Vision

To be the leading provider of official statistics

Mission

To provide credible official statistics that enables evidence based decision making



Mandate of Statistics Botswana CONT'

VALUES

INTEGRITY

ACCOUNTABILTY

TEAM-WORK

SERVICE
EXCELLENCE

CONFIDENTIALITY



Mandate of Statistics Botswana CONT'

- *Statistics Botswana is mandated to advise government and other key agencies on policies and procedures relating to statistics.*
- *Conduct statutory surveys including population and housing census.*
- *Develop and promote use of Statistical Standards & methods.*
- *Develop and maintain a national database to facilitate statistical analysis.*



Mandate of Statistics Botswana CONT'

- *Statistics in existence during the operation of Statistics Botswana Act of 2009, shall be deemed to be official statistics if:*
 - *such statistics were published by the Statistics Office (SB) in its statistical reports ;or*
 - *declared by SB to be official statistics and sealed by Statistics Botswana with its official seal for that purpose.*
- *Information collected by any person, agency, business or other organisation communicated to Statistics Botswana is subject to confidentiality requirements as information collected directly by Statistics Botswana.*



National Statistical System(NSS)

- *SB is responsible for coordinating, monitoring and harmonizing data production processes and activities of the NSS for the purpose of carrying out statistical business in accordance with the principles of official statistics.*
- *National Statistical System means a system consisting SB and all producers and users of statistics in the nation, that shall facilitate cooperation and consultation for the purpose of the development of statistics and production of official statistics under the oversight of SB.*



What Are Good Statistics

Statistics are good when they:

- meet user needs
- have a breadth and depth of coverage to meet policy needs and inform the public
- are available to a broad range of the public and private users
- they have quality and integrity,
- are trusted to be objective and reliable
- are produced efficiently
- are accessible.



What Are Good Statistics CONT'

- Improve the transparency and accountability of policy making, both of which are essential for good governance, by enabling electorates to judge the success of government policies and to hold their government to account for those policies.
- Reliable statistics describe the reality of people's everyday lives
- Are essential to manage the effective delivery of basic services.



Good Statistics

Good statistics are a 21st century economic resource; bad statistics are a constraint to development

**Good statistics
require better planning of
National
Statistical System**



INFORMATION DISSEMINATION

- *SB underscores timely dissemination of data.*

Dissemination of reliable, comprehensive, and timely economic, financial and socio demographic data is essential for measuring macroeconomic performance and policies.

- *The E- General Data Dissemination System(GDDS) contains specific recommendations concerning coverage, periodicity, and timelines for comprehensive frameworks as well as data categories and indicators.*
- *Most of the statistical products in the organization are increasingly being presented in a user-friendly manner for timely dissemination.*
- *Dissemination is done through publications, electronic media and the newly launched organizational website.*



CONCLUSION

- *Statistics, is a very important tool for policy makers to support evidence used in the formulation of policies.*
- *Remember it is the duty of the entire NSS to ensure that statistics , evidence, policy and development goals are aligned and functioning efficiently.*
- *Lets all work together to enhance an effective and well coordinated NSS.*

Thank you

recognising the critical role of statistics is one thing; doing something about it is another. Much more remains to be done to ensure the better use of better statistics as part of the enabling environment for development

