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RE: SIGNING OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN STATISTICS BOTSWANA AND UNIVERSITY OF BOTSWANA

Statistics Botswana (SB) and the University of Botswana (UB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Tuesday 26 June 2018. Statistician General, Dr Burton Mguni and University of Botswana (UB) Vice Chancellor, Professor David Norris spearheaded the signing.

The MoU between the two institutions aims to strengthen cooperation mainly in the areas of:

- Training and capacity building through exchange programs, attachments, enhancement of officers and students skills, exposure on various statistical areas including census/survey/research methods as well as continuous refresher courses, etc.;
- Development of systems for specific statistical data processing applications;
- Conduct of joint surveys/researches on identified subject areas and guide each other on analysis and presentation of census/survey/research results;
- The general use of facilities for training purposes, advocacy for and dissemination of statistics shall also be considered; and most importantly;
- Collaboration in community education to increase mathematical, statistical and research awareness and knowledge to the public;

On its own, the MoU is just a framework, hence relevant structures will be set up to ensure that the MoU is implemented.

Statistics Botswana continues to appeal to other sectors to enrol in the National Statistical System by way of signing MoUs. To date, SB has successfully enrolled other sectors, among them; Ministry of Tertiary Education, Research Science and Technology, ACHAP, NBFIRA, Namibia Statistics Agency, BURS and HRDC.

The Statistics Act of 2009 recognises the National Statistical System (NSS) and Statistics Botswana's role as coordinator of the NSS. Therefore the signing of MoUs is directed towards the need to work closely and collaboratively with other entities in the production of official statistics to enhance evidence-based decision making processes and planning across all sectors of the economy.

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