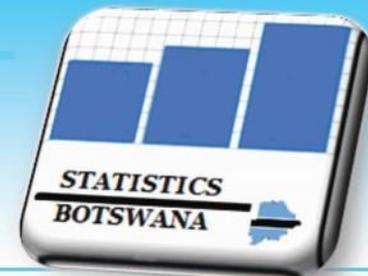


2017/18 NSS Capacity Building Program

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Introduction

Prelude to the Development of the Capacity Building Program

- A Needs Assessment of Sectors done during the development of the National Strategy for Development of Statistics.
- Identified that there are capacity gaps with respect to data quality within the National Statistical System.
- Statistics Botswana being the Coordinator, Supervisor and monitor of official statistics within NSS need to address these gaps.
- These gaps once addressed will go a long way in addressing data quality issues in the statistical value chain.



Background

Consensus within the NSS is that:

- There should be a holistic and strategic approach to building statistical capacity so as to provide information needed for development programmes.
- Statistics Botswana designed an NSDS, which provides a robust, comprehensive and coherent framework to facilitate development of statistics and enhance their utility in the country.

The aims of NSDS are to:

- Address data limitations within NSS.
- Mobilize and prioritize use of resources for statistics
- Integrate statistics within national policy, planning and budget processes to generate performance indicators.
- Look across the whole NSS and provide a coherent framework for all national and international statistical programs.
- Provides an action plan for statistical capacity building, and act as a catalyst for change.



Background (continued)

In a nutshell NSDS has been designed to:

- Advocate for statistics among various players.
- Secure buy-in and support.
- Encourage participation and inclusivity.
- Promote consensus building.
- Empower staff involved in the statistical production process.
- Broaden and deepen communication among stakeholders.

Findings from the National Statistical System.

The following emanated from the assessment that was conducted through the NSS process:

A. Statistical Capacity

The assessment showed that there is low statistical capacity mainly due to:

- ✓ lack of structure and programmes,
- ✓ limited skilled human resources,
- ✓ inadequate ICT infrastructure,
- ✓ inadequate financial resources.

Findings from the NSS (continued).

B. Data Quality

The assessment also showed that data quality in some sectors is poor due to:

- ✓ inadequate assessment of user needs.
- ✓ lack of mechanisms for assessing user needs in sectors.
- ✓ non-compliance with international standards and guidelines in data collection.
- ✓ lack of comprehensive statistical programme.
- ✓ some data sources are not good (e.g. districts)
- ✓ lack of standardized tools for data collection.
- ✓ Inadequate training and supervision of data collectors.
- ✓ Inadequate automation of the statistical systems.
- ✓ Inadequate data management.
- ✓ Lack of coordination of data sources etc.

Goals and Objectives of the NSS Capacity Building Programme

The goal of this Capacity Building Program is to:

- Facilitate the transformation of NSS to support the formulation and monitoring of evidence-based policies and strategies for national development.
- To address issues of capacity gaps and data quality as raised in the NSDS, contextualised into BSDS.

The objectives are:

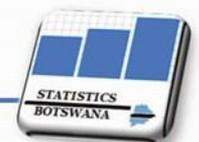
To enhance the institutional environment of the NSS, so as to effectively provide high quality, timely and reliable statistical information.



Goals and Objectives (continued)

Specifically the objectives of the Capacity Building Programme are:

- To Improve NSS coordination which includes increasing awareness and usage of Statistics.
- To enhance data quality, standardisation of definitions and concepts, methods, classifications and provision of official statistics within the NSS.
- Enhance the institutional and human capacity of the statistics agency to effectively provide high quality, timely and reliable statistical information as an input into evidence based and results focused policy formulation and monitoring.



Activity Plan.

The short to medium term plan is to capacitate sectors on the following:

- ❖ Introduction to the UN Fundamental Principle of official Statistics
- ❖ Training on selected concepts from the Compendium of Concepts and Definitions
- ❖ Capacity building on the international classifications such as BOSCO, BISIC, ISCED etc.
- ❖ Addressing data quality issues through the Data Quality Assurance Framework (DQAF)
- ❖ Encourage professional interaction through internal workshops and seminars (Back to Office Reports).

The long term plan is to develop a comprehensive Capacity Building and Training Strategy for the entire NSS.



Capacity Building and Training Activity Plan Template

| Type of Training | Target Sector | Date | Institution/Organisation to be Capacitated | Resource Organization/Persons | Proposed Date of Training |
|--|-----------------------|---------|--|--|---|
| Introduction to the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics. | NSS Sector Committees | 2016/17 | BURS. | National Statistical System Coordination | 28 th February – 3 rd March 2017. |
| Training on Selected Concepts from Compendium of Concepts and Definitions. | NSS Sector Committees | 2016/17 | BURS | Quality Assurance | 28 th February – 3 rd March 2017. |
| Training on Selected Classifications (BOSCO, BISIC, ISCED). | NSS Sector Committees | 2016/17 | BURS, Ministry of Labour, Employment & Skills Development. | Quality Assurance | 28 th February – 3 rd March 2017. 10 th -15 th March 2017. |

Conclusions

- Capacity building and training is key within the NSS for the purposes of improving statistics and hence the development of capacity building and training program.
- The training will not only address data quality issues, but also ensure avoidance of unnecessary and costly duplication of efforts in the production of statistics.
- Has budgetary implications on the sectors



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