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QUARTERLY MULTI-TOPIC SURVEY (QMTS)

Dissemination Seminar

Welcome Remarks

By

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Master of Ceremonies,
Senior Government Officials
Representatives of Development Partners
All invited guests
Members of SB Management and Staff
Representatives from the Media fraternity
Distinguished guests
Ladies and gentlemen

A very good morning to you all.

1. Statistics Botswana (SB) is honoured by your presence today as we disseminate the Quarterly Multi-topic Survey – 2019 Quarter 3 Labour Force Results.
2. In previous years, Statistics Botswana produced household based labour force indicators with subsequent updates after long intervals of about 5 years. This survey was undertaken within the Statistics Botswana programme of Inter- Censal Surveys. You will agree with me that this was too long a period to get updated indicators that are so very critical to the planning and policy making processes.

Master of Ceremonies

3. In an effort to respond to stakeholder needs for more regular data, Statistics Botswana have now put in place a more robust survey design which produces multi-disciplinary data; the Continuous Multi-topic Household Survey (CMTHS) was launched in July 2019. This is a quarterly survey now referred to as a Quarterly Multi Topic Survey (QMTS) that collects data to produce multiple indicators.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

4. The QMTS is designed to focus mainly on Labour Force Indicators with other indicators produced on rotational basis through different modules.
5. Considerable expertise was drawn into the design of this survey. As we go through the presentations this morning including that of survey methodology, you will appreciate the uniqueness of this survey, which followed a panel survey format. The panel survey, requires a higher level of commitment on the side of the respondents. This is because, unlike other surveys where data is collected once off, there is need to enumerate the same households on quarterly basis, except where some households are replaced to refresh the sample.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

6. The survey commenced in July 2019, with a team of thirty (30) enumerators and fifteen (15) supervisors deployed across the country to collect data for the first quarter of the survey (July to September 2019). Being a quarterly survey, there was need to put in place a system that will facilitate timely production of the results. To ensure that, our field team used the Survey Solutions, Computer Assisted Personal Interviews (CAPI) system instead of the usual paper questionnaires. This enabled the SB team to produce the results that we are sharing with you today. It has to be pointed out that the timeous Dissemination of these results are in line with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) General Data Dissemination System that require quarterly related indicators to be produced with a lag of three months.

7. I trust that you will find the results useful for policy formulation, planning and monitoring in relation to the different national priorities especially job creation. The quarterly survey is expected to further bring the country closer to achieving a higher IMF rating of Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS) from the current General Data Dissemination System (GDDS).

8. With those few remarks ladies and gentlemen you are most welcome to this dissemination seminar and I wish you a fruitful and informative Dissemination Seminar.