

GDDS Phase II Project

Uganda's involvement in the GDDS Project for Anglophone African Countries

GDDS is:

The General Data Dissemination System (GDDS) was established by the IMF with support from the Development Data Group of the World Bank in 1997. The main objective has been to provide a framework for developing the capacity of National Statistical systems in member countries. Metadata describing the current statistical compilation and dissemination practices and plans for short and medium term improvements are available on the IMF's Dissemination Standards Bulletin Board (DSBB) at <http://dsbb.imf.org/Applications/web/gdds/gddscountrycategorylist/?strcode=UGA>.

Within this framework, a GDDS project for capacity building in statistics in Anglophone Africa, financed by DFID, has been established that is providing technical assistance to 21 Anglophone African countries in order to put the GDDS guidelines into practice. As part of the current Phase II of this project, the World Bank offers technical assistance on the socio-demographic component of the system, therewith covering Population, Health, Agriculture, Justice & Security, Management, Labour and GIS.

The IMF provides technical assistance on financial and economic statistics, also covering seven areas: Money and banking, Balance of payments, Government finance statistics, National accounts, GDDS/PRSP, SDDS and SACU.

Uganda has decided to work with the World Bank on the following topics: Agriculture and Labour Market Statistics. For each of these topics priorities and plans for improvement were formulated:

Topic: Agriculture

Country	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
Uganda	Development of a producer price index for agriculture	Formulation of an appropriate sampling design for the Agricultural census	Construction of a national food balance sheet

Topic: Labour

Country	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
Uganda	Development of a Labour Force Survey	Review of wages and salary data in order to construct the labour cost index	

Uganda has decided to work with the IMF on the following topics: Monetary and Financial Statistics, Government Finance Statistics and SDDS. Action plans were formulated for each of these topics with specified outputs to be achieved, as listed below:

Topic: Monetary and Financial Statistics

Country	Main output 1	Main output 2	Main output 3
Uganda	Development of a producer price index for agriculture	Formulation of an appropriate sampling design for the Agricultural census	Construction of a national food balance sheet

Topic: Government Finance Statistics

Country	Main output 1	Main output 2	Main output 3
Uganda	Fiscal data produced in GFSM 2001 format	Institutions classified by GFS sub-sectors	Compilation of high frequency GFS data

Topic: SDDS

Country	Main output 1	Main output 2	Main output 3
Uganda	Metadata prepared for all data categories (GDDS and new) using the SDDS templates	National Summary Data Page created on the Uganda Bureau of Statistics website	Advance Release Calendar created for the agencies websites that are responsible for the data categories produced

Until March 2009, a series of bilateral technical assistance missions for each topic will address the particular concerns and needs as expressed by the Uganda experts.