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MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGING EDITOR

I welcome you to this first edition of the weekly bulletin for the New FY2020/21.

The Bulletin brings to you highlights from the office of the Executive Director, planned activities, on-going activities, achievements, statistical releases and topical issues from around the country.

In this first issue, we share with you the internal management and other structural changes, data collection activities and UBOS's business approach in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Nice reading!

CREATION OF NEW DIRECTORATES/UNITS FOR IMPROVED SERVICE DELIVERY

By Didacus Okoth

Dr. Chris Ndatira Mukiza, UBOS Executive Director has announced new changes in the management of the Bureau in a bid to streamline its operations as it remains a Centre of excellence.

The changes were contained in a July 3rd 2020 memo to all staff.

Among the changes, is the creation of two new Divisions of Professional Services Unit/Project Management Unit headed by Mr. James Muwonge and Risk Management & Compliance headed by Mr. Paul Mugoya. The duo previously headed the Directorate of Socio-Economic

Surveys and Division of Finance respectively.

Ms. Florence Obiro formerly Ag. Principal Internal Auditor was elevated to the position of Ag. Manager Finance and Administration while Mr. Stephen Baryahirwa has been tasked to head the Directorate of Socio-Economic Surveys in acting capacity. He has been a Principal Statistician in the same directorate.

Other changes include Mr. Charles E. Walube formerly Ag. Manager Human Resource & Administration assuming the position of Ag. Manager Human Resource while Mr. Henry Dhikusooka, formerly Head of PDU moves to the Professional

Services Unit as a Principal Officer. The PDU will now be headed by Mr. Victor Ogwal, formerly Senior Officer PDU.

These changes and staff rotations are in line with the UBOS Act 1998, Part IV Section 8 (3) and in consonance with UBOS Human Resource manual of July 2014 Section 8.3.

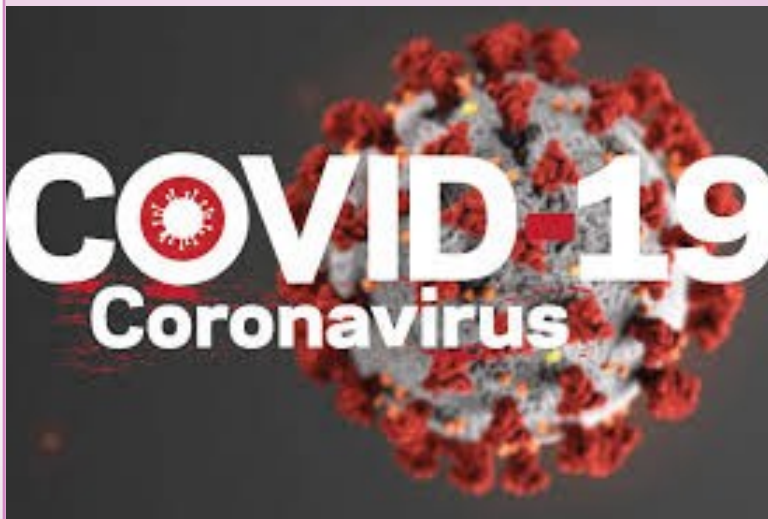
Staff rotations are meant to expose different officers and managers to new tasks, widen their understanding of the

Bureau's activities, motivate them and broaden their skills set.

Earlier in June, Mr. Edgar Mbahamiza was transferred from Human Resource and Administration to head the Communication and Public Relations Division. He replaced Mr. Godfrey Nabongo who was moved to head the Directorate of Information Technology in an acting role following the resignation of its former Director Mr. Peter Mukuru.

UBOS COMMISSIONS NEW STUDY TO ASSESS IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON UGANDA'S ECONOMY

By Catherine Bekunda



The Uganda Bureau of Statistics has commissioned a COVID-19 Impact assessment on Businesses in the country.

“The study will be conducted in formal institutions to establish business operations, coping mechanisms and employment levels,” explained Margaret Nakirya, Principal Statistician at UBOS.

She revealed that this study will provide economists and planners with information to enable them develop integrated and

coordinated reforms and solutions for the recovery of the economy.

“This is aimed at providing a quick assessment of the impact of COVID-19 on the economy but also results will guide private proprietors who want to venture into businesses,” Nakirya added.

Some of the indicators from the study will be on trends of gross output, operational status, and businesses that have introduced new products in their production lines.

The study has two modules namely; the production and the business operations dynamics modules.

Other indicators will be on: significant changes in the cost of doing business, changing patterns for source of raw materials, changes in pay roll size, occupational safety as well as business continuity.

Ms. Nakirya intimated that the study will be undertaken on a monthly basis until

the effects of the pandemic have cleared out. Results will also be disseminated on a monthly basis through both online and

traditional platforms. The initial results are expected this August.

UBOS OKAYED TO RESUME COUNTRYWIDE DATA COLLECTION

By Catherine Bekunda



Extreme left: Mr. Ambayo James—Senior Statistician with Data collectors for the Census of Business Establishments

The Rt. Hon. Ruhakana Rugunda has given a green light to the Uganda Bureau of Statistics to resume its core activity of data collection.

“I have considered your letter especially in regard to the importance of statistical data and information in critical planning, decision making and measuring development progress,” reads part of the letter dated 7th July 2020.

He however stated that the Bureau must adhere to the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) issued by the Ministry of Health and other respective Government Bodies to prevent

the spread of COVID-19. Among these, is the wearing of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the field staff such as masks and gloves at all times, regular use of an alcohol-based hand sanitizer and disinfectant, daily measurement of temperature especially in the morning and evening before going to the field and upon return respectively among others.

In this regard, UBOS has sent 16 teams to resume the collection of data for the Census of Business Establishments (COBE).

“Our teams have gone in upcountry districts and are listing business establishments,” revealed Margaret Nakirya, Principal Statistician.

The COBE is aimed at collecting data from all Industrial sectors necessary for the computation of the main economic indicators such as Gross Output, Value Added, Intermediate consumption and Productivity among others. It provides a complete listing of all Businesses in all economic sectors with a fixed location.

The COBE is necessary as it provides the numbers of businesses by activity and by location, it determines the employment levels in each Industry Sector, helps in determining the structure of the businesses in the country spelling out the Micro, Small and Medium Businesses. It further establishes the split

between formal and informal businesses while giving a snapshot of gender equality in business ownership.

According to James Ambayo, Senior Statistician at the Bureau, the teams resumed data collection at the end of July with priority being given to the country's industrial belt. The industrial

belt includes districts bordering Kampala, Busoga region, and Elgon region, some parts of Bukedi, Teso, Western and West Nile regions.

"The teams are doing a great job and the respondents are cooperative," noted Ambayo.

UBOS EMBRACES NEW

TECHNIQUES OF DATA COLLECTION

By Didacus Okoth and Catherine Bekunda



Inset is a sample of a Computer Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI) device currently used for Data collection by UBOS.

The Uganda Bureau of Statistics has massively rolled out the use of Computer Assisted Personal interview techniques (CAPI) such as the use of tablets, Phones and emails in data collection.

Whereas the Bureau had already started using these methods in previous surveys, they have been greatly rolled out in the wake of COVID-19 especially during the lockdown.

"Our data collection follows a certain pattern, and we must collect it in a timely manner, we could not wait for the pandemic to end," explained Paul Okudi,

Senior statistician in charge of collecting Producer Price Indices for Hotels and restaurants. Similar techniques were also employed in the collection of Producer Price Indices for Manufacturing and Utilities (PPI M&U) as well Construction Sector Indices (CSI) for periods April to June 2020.

About Producer Price Indices

A Producer Price Index (PPI) is the overall measure of the changes in prices received by producers for goods produced either as they leave their place of production (output index) or as they enter the production process (input index). PPIs measure price changes from the perspective of the producer, for instance; how much does a manufacturer receive on average for a unit of good that she or he sells now compared to what she or he received previously.

The current PPI being compiled by UBOS is an Output Price index and is valued at basic prices that is; exclusive of taxes such as Value Added Tax (VAT) and Excise duty.

The Applicability of Producer Price Indices

- ◆ Businesses can use specific PPIs to compare the growth rate of their own prices with those of the representative index for the industry or the commodity and be able to make a decision.
- ◆ PPIs are commonly used in contract escalation thus escalating purchase and sales contracts (for instance, if the price of cement increases, the price of road construction may increase necessitating the review of contract prices).
- ◆ Investors and entrepreneurs can use the PPIs to help them in making a decision as to where to invest (location) and in what commodity or business activity.
- ◆ PPIs also help in monitoring short-term price inflation for different types or through different stages of production. They are used to deflate nominal measures of goods and services produced, consumed, and traded to provide measures of volumes.

UGANDA REGISTERS FIVE COVID-19 DEATHS



Uganda, yesterday registered its fifth COVID-19 death since the first case was reported in March 2020.

The case, a 46-year old female of Indian origin and resident of Kibuli in Kampala died enroute to Mulago National Referral Hospital to seek treatment. The deceased was both diabetic and asthmatic for 10 years which are known risk factors for COVID-19.

Uganda has 1,195 confirmed cases of COVID-19 with 1070 recoveries. A total of 280,747 COVID-19 samples have been tested to-date.

OBITUARY CORNER

- 1) Mr. Joshua Mubulire, Information Officer Media and Documentation lost his brother on Saturday July 25 2020 at Kirudu Hospital. The Burial took place on Sunday July 26, 2020 in Buikwe district. MHSRIP.
- 2) Ms. Dorothy Ojirot, ICBT lost her mother on Saturday 25th July 2020 at Nsambya Hospital the deceased Janet Ojirot was laid to rest on Monday 27th July 2020 in Katakwi district. MHSRIP.



Opportunity has a queer way of stalking the person who can recognize it and is ready to embrace it.

It is a curious quirk of human nature that some people can see opportunities, while others only see problems. When you train your mind to seek out opportunities, you will find that every day literally presents you with more opportunities than you can take advantage of. They will be all around you. Instead of your seeking opportunities, they will seek you out. Your biggest problem will be choosing the best ones. The first step in making sure you are ready to recognize opportunities when they occur is to make sure you have a clear understanding of your own core competencies. Realistically assess your strengths and weaknesses as though you were reviewing the credentials of a total stranger. Identify what areas you're best in and those where you need improvement. Work on your weaknesses and build upon your strengths so that when you recognize opportunities you are prepared to capitalize upon them.

NEW STAFF ROTATION

SNo.	NAME	NEW POSITION
1.	James Muwonge	Director Professional Standards Unit/ Project Management Unit
2.	Paul Mugoya	Manager Risk Manager Risk Management and Compliance
3.	Stephen Baryahirwa	Ag. Director Social Economic Surveys
4.	Florence Obiro	Ag. Manager Finance and Administration
5.	Charles E .Walube	Ag. Manager Human Resource
6.	Henry Dhikusooka	Principal Officer– PSU
7.	Muminu Mulindwa	Principal Officer—PSU
8.	Henry Ngiya	Principal Officer—RM& C
9.	Sarah Nakasinde	Principal Human Resource Officer
10.	Beatrice Nyemera	Principal officer -GIS
11.	Moses Waibi	Ag. Principal Accountant
12.	Duncan Sematimba	Ag. Principal Officer (Data Processing)
13.	Victor Ogwal	Ag. Principal Officer /Head PDU
14.	Sam Okalang	Senior Officer PDU
15.	Joseph Kabireedi	Senior Officer RM&C
16.	Phillip Arinaitwe	Ag. Senior Network Administrator
17.	Annet Nyirankusi	Ag. Senior Officer Stores & Asset Management
18.	Julius Mukurasi	Ag. Senior officer Administration and Transport
19.	Viola Oketcho	Administration Officer (General)
20.	William Matovu	Administration Officer (Transport)
21.	Bedan Nsabirabandi	Officer Procurement and Disposal Unit

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