



National Statistical System PNSD Bulletin



UBOS to develop a Plan for National Statistical Development (PNSD)

*The National Statistical System

The National Statistical System (NSS) was created by the Act of Parliament No.12 of June 1998 *so as to ensure collection, analysis and publication of integrated, relevant, reliable and timely official social, economic and demographic statistics.* The NSS, *"Includes all agencies in Uganda, whether Government or not; under any enactment or otherwise; responsible for gathering statistical data through either surveys or administrative action"* (Statistics Act, 1998). Main players of the national statistical system include Producers, Users and Suppliers of data/information.

*The National Statistical System: Focus on UBOS

The Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS) is a semi autonomous institution mandated to develop and maintain the NSS. UBOS is one of the key data producers in the NSS, and its role is to coordinate, monitor, support and harmonise efforts of data production in the NSS. The Bureau developed a 5-year Corporate Plan (2002-2007) to guide the implementation of its core business of producing, coordinating and disseminating official statistics. Over the past 3 years, UBOS has produced and disseminated quality official statistics generated from surveys, censuses and administrative data; established Producer – Producer Committees; developed a Compendium of Statistical Concepts, Definitions and Terminologies as a technical coordinating tool. It is evident however, that there is limited use of administrative data as official statistics, due to the weak capacity and low level of institutional coordination, which characterizes the weakness of Uganda's statistical system.

*The Plan for National Statistical Development

Rationale for the PNSD

With 2 years to go in the implementation of the Corporate Plan, UBOS plans to make a paradigm shift from the current system and broaden its scope to address the needs of key stakeholders and users through a [National Plan for Statistical Development \(PNSD\)](#). The PNSD **is a framework for strengthening statistical capacity across the entire NSS for results-based management.** The paradigm shift, which emphasizes management for results, focuses on performance and the achievement of outputs, outcomes and impact. These, and the new revised PEAP and the National Integrated and Monitoring and Evaluation System (NIMES) raise the demand for relevant, reliable and timely administrative and survey data to inform national development initiatives, which include Poverty Reduction Strategic Plan (PRS), and sectoral development programmes as well as the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the METAGORA.

Process of the Plan

The PNSD will be a 5 – 10 year plan covering the entire NSS, presenting priorities for statistics and building capacity needed to meet the priorities in a more coordinated, synergistic and efficient manner. The PNSD design Process is estimated to last approximately 6 months. This month, the process began with the sensitization of key stakeholders within and outside the UBOS. UBOS plans to include all key stakeholders in the PNSD process, however a few will be visited to create

awareness and to generate initial commitment. In July 2005, top managers of the Ministry of Local Government and the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development were sensitised. The Ministry of Health and Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries are yet to be sensitized about the PNSD. So far, the PNSD concept has been appreciated amongst the two sectors already visited as a strategy that will give 'their' statistics a profile in development planning. They however hoped that the Plan will not be shelved away but will be used to address institutional needs that will yield quality of statistics. A consultative workshop to generate/review terms of reference for mini sector committees, Identify organizational strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT), vision, establish long-term objectives, plans and generate alternative strategies is planned for mid August 2005.

Time Framework

Phase	Period	Activity
0	July-September Upcoming Events - August 05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sensitisation of key stakeholders including <i>key policy makers - Ministers, Permanent Secretaries, Parliament and the Donors</i> ▪ Establishment of mini sector committees – which will; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct a Stakeholder analysis, Identify User needs, Identify institutional capacity building requirements, Document the sector/institutional national and international results-based agenda (e.g. PRS, MDGs, etc), International standards and frameworks, other country experiences especially in African region ▪ Conduct a consultative Workshop
1	September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop a road-map and launch the process ▪ Review and assess the NSS (SWOT) Analysis
2	October-November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Development of the line ministry strategies ▪ Development of the main PNSD strategy ▪ Preparing the implementation and financing plan
3	December -January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Validation and consultation ▪ Formal high level endorsement by Cabinet



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **Qn: Have PNSDs been developed anywhere in the African countries?**
Ans: Yes, Kenya, Mozambique, Gambia, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Namibia etc but all are at different stages.
- **Qn. Is the PNSD a completely new initiative?**
Ans: No, it builds on already existing structures to improve the current models of data Production and management.



Qn: Whose priorities will be considered in the holistic /comprehensive PNSD framework?

Ans: Institutional priorities

Qn: What is the link between the PNSD and NIMES?

Ans: The PNSD focuses strengthening statistical capacity building and data production within the NSS, which feed into the NIMES to enable it assess performance and policy impact of the PEAP. The output from the PNSD will therefore facilitate NIMES to accomplish its goal.

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