## THE INFORMAL SECTOR

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## Coverage

- The 2009/10 UNHS survey had a module on informal sector
- Objective was to established the current status and the extent of informal sector.
- 5 questionnaires were designed to cover:
- Agriculture \& Fishing
- Forestry
- Manufacturing, Mining \& Quarrying
- Trade \& Services
- Restaurants


## Coverage ctd

- Information was collected on:
- General information about the business
- Credit and Market Information
- Capital Expenditure
- Employment
- Expenditure and Income


## Findings

## Structure of the Informal sector

## Households with Businesses



Urban
(13\%)

79\% hh without businesses
(4.9-million)

Rural
(80\%)

Urban
(20\%)

## HH with businesses by region



## -There were a total of 1.8 million informal businesses

 $\bullet 86 \%$ were household based

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## The Central region had

 the majority of informal businesses, 36\%| Region | Businesses (‘000s) | \% |
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| Central | 643 | 36 |
| West | 469 | 26 |
| East | 424 | 24 |
| North | 254 | 14 |
| Total | 1,791 |  |

## Structure ctd

- $51 \%$ of business were less than 6 years old
- However, $13 \%$ of the businesses had been in operation for more than 20years
- $33 \%$ of the businesses were operated at home with no special working space
- Hawkers accounted for only $1 \%$ of the businesses
- $94 \%$ of the businesses were sole proprietorships


## Businesses by Industry

| Industry | No. (‘000s) | $\%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Manufacturing, Mining \& Quarrying | 523 | 29.2 |
| Agriculture \& Fishing | 497 | 27.7 |
| Trade | 436 | 24.3 |
| Hotels \& Restaurants | 153 | 8.6 |
| Services | 126 | 7.0 |
| Forestry | 56 | 3.1 |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 7 9 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |
| $\mathbf{1 0}$ |  |  |



## EMPLOYMENT

Data provided includes both household and non-household based businesses

## Employment

- A total of 3.5 people were engaged in informal businesses
- Paid Employees were 2.4 million
- Working Proprietors (78\%)
- Casual Paid employees (13\%)
- Regular Paid Employees (9)
- Unpaid Employees were 1.1 million
- Family workers/helpers


## Employees by industry ('000s)

| Industry | Paid | Unpaid | Total | \% |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Manufacturing \& Mining | 660 | 205 | 866 | 24.6 |
| Agriculture \&Fishing | 777 | 672 | 1449 | 41.3 |
| Trade | 493 | 171 | 664 | 18.9 |
| Hotels \& Restaurants | 199 | 69 | 267 | 7.6 |
| Services | 170 | 11 | 181 | 5.2 |
| Forestry | 64 | 20 | 84 | 2.4 |
| Total | $\mathbf{2 3 6 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 4 9}$ | $\mathbf{3 5 1 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ |
| $\mathbf{1 4}$ | $67 \%$ | $33 \%$ |  |  |

## Male employees were more likely to work on casual terms than their female counterparts



- Female Male


## Age of Employees

- $67 \%$ of the employees were adults (aged 18+)
- 985 thousand employees worked for more than 25 days each month
- Of this, $50 \%$ were working proprietors
- Information may imply that a majority of the informal employees work almost all the days in a month


## Emoluments

## Total emoluments were 2.0 trillion shillings

Paymen


Salaries
50\%


Total Emoluments 2,046

|  | Average monthly earnings were 49 <br> thousand shillings per employees |
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## NON CURRENT ASSETS (NCA)

or
FIXED ASSETS (FA)

## Non Current Assets (NCA)

- These include:
- Land
- Buildings
- Other Structure
- Transport Equipment \&
- Other Office Equipment
- The NCA owned by informal businesses were valued at 1.64 trillion
- Land was the most valued NCA accounting for $57 \%$ of the total value
- Other equipment was the least valued at only $1 \%$ of the total value




## ACCESS TO CREDIT

- $10 \%$ of the informal businesses used own savings to start and run a business
- $8 \%$ obtained loans
- Starting a business-29 billion shillings
- Running a business-12 billion shillings
- Main source of loans
- relatives
- commercial institutions (MFIs)
- Main security for the loans was land


## CONCLUSION

- Other detailed information on informal sector is in the report
- However, a comprehensive report for the informal sector shall be produced after the completion of the Census of Business Establishments (COBE), currently on-going
- This will provide additional information informal nonhousehold based businesses
- Report expected in the first quarter of 2011


