

MOA PRESENTATION ON AGICULTURAL SECTOR STATISTICS PLAN IMPLEMENTATION **STATUS**

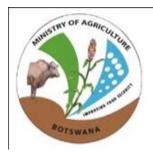
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Introduction

- Agric. Sector is amongst those in which a Sector Plan was developed following the National Strategy for the Development Statistics (NSDS)
- In following the sector approach, an assessment of the agricultural sector done by a Sector Statistics Committee which drew its membership from MoA Departments and its parastatals
- Agric. Sector Statistics Plan (ASSP) has been developed and to date it awaits a budget to facilitate its implementation
- ► However, activities that do not require a budget are being done e.g. ASSP presentation was made before stakeholders, including sector Executive Management on the 31st august 2016. This was done in collaboration with Stats Botswana



ASSP Status & Progress to date The short term plan to facilitate the signing of the ASSP document and implementation thereof

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•	Facilitate the finalization and signing of the ASSP by MoA and Stats Botswana	DARSPD-PAM	31/03/17	Pending
-	Finalize the editing of the ASSP document in line with Vision 2036, NDP11, Revised Policy on Agric. Development, SDGs (including the action plan)		31/12/16	The whole document has been reviewed and updated accordingly.
•	Facilitate sensitization of staff on NSS, ASSP and what is expected (sensitization to be done in collaboration with Stats BW)			On going activity



Key Observations & Challenges from Assessment

- The following are the **prioritized key observations/challenges** that were made by the assessment on the state of statistics in MoA by Statistics Botswana, AfDB Consultant in collaboration with agric. sector (the ASSP Committee); these are still relevant to date
- Advocacy for statistics is inadequate due to the following:
- lack of an advocacy program loaded with tools and appropriate messages
- inadequate skills and staffing for advocacy,
- inability to exploit existing structures to advocate for statistics and inadequate support and guidance on advocacy from Statistics Botswana.

As a result of the above, statistics is inadequately provided for in terms of resource allocations

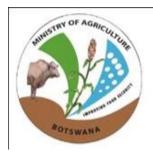


ASSP Status & Progress to date - MT to LT Cont'd

- Organizational development the staff numbers and critical skills are inadequate.
- MoA Stats Division is headed by Stats Botswana seconded statistician and two of its staff. MoA does not have a Statistician.
- While there is a recurrent budget for surveys and censuses, there is no dedicated budget for the collection and management of administrative data in the departments.
- IT infrastructure is also inadequate especially for handling administrative data;
- > Statistical coordination coordination in statistical production is poor within the agriculture sector. In particular, various departments and agencies compile a lot of administrative data in an uncoordinated manner. Coordination between the agriculture sector and other sectors is none existent. However, coordination with Statistics Botswana is good;

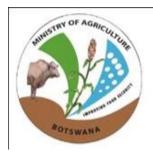
Other Issues Affecting Implementation

- Restructuring and change in Management Recent reorganization and change in leadership has affected commencement of implementation
- Budget challenges no budget has been made for implementation of ASSP as yet
- The sector do not have skilled staff in terms of Statisticians as yet, dependent on Stats Botswana collaboration



Recommendations

- MoA to recruit a Statistician to work closely with counterparts from Stats Botswana
- Departments to allocate a percentage of its budget for data collection to facilitate ASSP implementation
- Use of ICTs to modernize information management
- Develop and standardize tools & methods to improve quality of data
- Develop and implement advocacy program for Statistics
- Coordinate collection of Statistics across agencies amongst key players in the sector



Conclusions

- Initiatives to improve quality of statistics long overdue; hence NSDS is welcome as it will assist us to conform to international standards, classifications and guidelines
- There is therefore need to build capacity across sectors and agencies for improved Statistics and coordination of such is vital for efficiency and sustainability considerations
- Establishing and Aligning sector systems to NSS vital in moving forward
- Establishing sector coordinating mechanisms also key in implementing ASSP



Thank you for your attention!