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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF'S NOTE

We are delighted to present to you the second edition of BW-Statistics News, a news publication that aims to keep users and producers of statistics informed about Statistics Botswana's undertakings and engagements with stakeholders throughout the year, while providing education on the various statistical products and services offered. We launch yet another clarion call to The National Statistical System to submit news or articles of local and international interest to info@statsbots.org.bw at any point in time.

In this edition we usher in a new dawn as we welcome the former Deputy Statistician General (Economic & Social Statistics) to the coveted position of Statistician General. The captain of ship is a herculean figure with colossal experience and the brains to match the post. Dr Mguni belongs to the pantheons of Botswana academics. The new Statistician General worked for many years as an academic and a higher education manager at the University of Botswana. He started as a Lecturer in Statistics in 1982 and was promoted to the rank of Senior Lecturer in 1994. The higher education management positions he held include Head of the Department of Statistics, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Deputy Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. Dr. Mguni holds a Bachelor's Degree in Economics and Statistics from the University of Botswana and Swaziland which he obtained in 1978, a Master of Science (M.S.) Statistics Degree from Colorado State University which he obtained in 1982 and a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Statistics from the University of Northern Colorado which he obtained in 1988.

The Board of Directors and Staff of Statistics Botswana welcome

Dr. Mguni in his new role as the Statistician General. Congratulations Dr Mguni!

After a lengthy and pleasant stay at Statistics Botswana we wish Mrs Anna Majelantle a restful and joyful retirement. Parting is indeed such a sweet sorrow. Mrs Majelantle worked for thirty six (36) years in a statistical organization, from her time at the then Central Statistics Office (CSO) - Ministry of Finance and Development Planning to the current Statistics Botswana where she was Statistician General.

We chronicle some of the courtesy calls that took place, from delegations as diverse as World Bank to South African Revenue Services. Ours has been a beehive of activity with partnerships forged and deals sealed. The National Institute of Statistics of Mozambique visited Statistics Botswana twice in as many months for a benchmarking trip, which in their own admission unclocked a brave new world. In the true spirit of spreading its wings Statistics Botswana signed another Memorandum of Agreement with University of Botswana and African Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Partnerships (ACHAP).

Join us as we take a blow by blow account on how some of the statistical indicators are compiled. We give you an insight on what the reports entail and what they are used for.

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Meet Statistics Botswana Board



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▶ **Dr. Burton Mguni**
Statistician General

Dr. Mguni's Inaugural AGM

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Dr. B Mguni
Statistician General



The new Statistician General, Dr Burton Mguni says he is grateful to have been given the opportunity to lead Statistics Botswana.

Dr Mguni made this note during his inaugural Statistics Botswana Annual General meeting address on 29 June 2018.

"This AGM is the first to be held following my appointment as the Statistician General", he said.

He further said that the AGM provides useful input into appreciating and addressing the welfare of staff and mapping the path of the organization in response to increased customer needs.

Dr Mguni urged Statistics Botswana employees to always work as a team to achieve desired results.

"We are a team. If we succeed, we succeed together and the organization wins. However, if we fail, we fail together and the organization loses. Let us therefore pull together, with each and every one of us contributing, advising and supporting each other", he said.

The SG promised to visit the recently opened satellite offices in Maun and Ghanzi. He highlighted that the new offices will improve data collection processes and enhance the organization's involvement in the planning process in the country.

"The lessons learnt from running these offices will assist the organization in assessing the logistical needs for opening other offices across the country", he said.

On the release of Statistical outputs, the SG said the organization has made significant progress as it managed to release 63 statistical publications monthly, quarterly and annually in accordance with the advance release calendar.

"The release calendar is in the Statistics Act, we should continue to comply with it", he said.

Dr Mguni outlined a number of areas which he will be focusing on during his tenure as Statistician General:

He said recruitment of suitable staff to fill vacant positions at the Executive and Senior Management levels is one area that he will prioritize.

"It is critical that these positions be filled as soon as possible so as to enhance organizational capacity and stability", he said.

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“This census processes and applications will be more electronically based than was the case in previous ones. For example electronic mapping and data collection platforms will be used”, he said.

Dr Mguni stressed that the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are important globally and nationally and will thus continue to receive special attention from SB.

“SB’s role of coordinating the production and dissemination of SDGs indicator data that is relevant and applicable to Botswana is critical”, he said.

He further said that he will expedite the rebasing of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and Consumer Price Index (CPI), adding that the UN recommends that both be rebased every five years. Statistics Botswana has not kept up with this expectation. Nevertheless, the plan going forward is to follow the international standard.

Dr Mguni informed the meeting that the Board of Directors has approved the review of the organizational structure and salary structure and benefits, adding that consultations with the Union will commence shortly in this regard.

“These exercises are very important and will require inputs and active participation by all”, he said.

On clearance of backlogs, Dr Mguni said work continues to be done to clear backlogs in terms of publications, especially in the Health and Education areas. He said these are key development areas that require up to date statistics from, as the country has also suffered an erosion in its international statistical capacity and performance ratings due in part to the backlog of statistics in these 2 areas.

“I will therefore place a great priority on clearance of these backlogs with a target of achieving this by the end of the financial year” he said.

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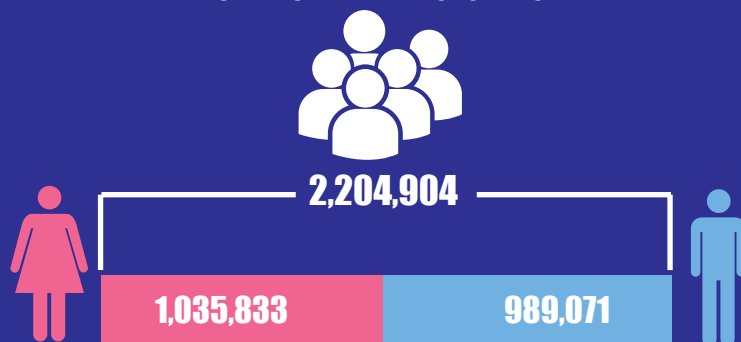


▶ **Dr. B Mguni**
Statistician General

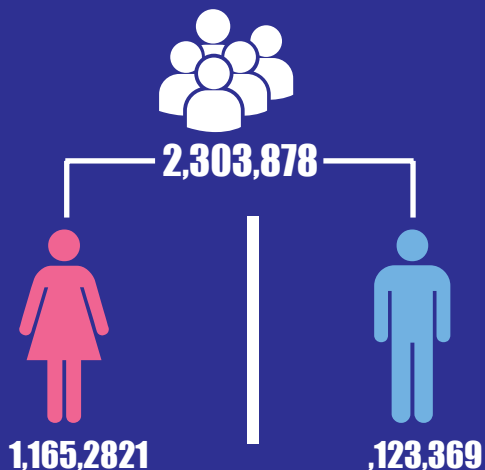


BOTSWANA POPULATION INDICATORS

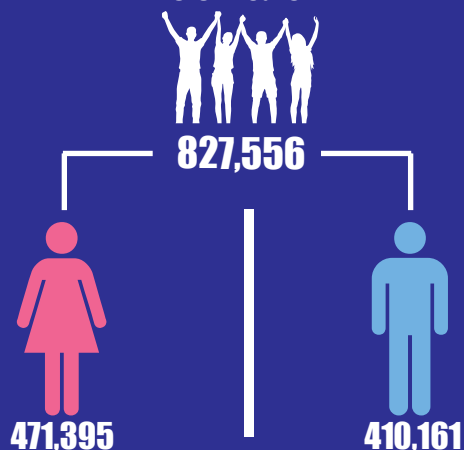
2011 ENUMERATED POPULATION



2018 POPULATION PROJECTIONS



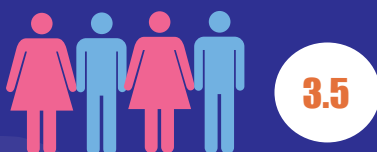
2018 Projected Youth Population (15-34 Years)



POPULATION GROWTH RATE



POPULATION DENSITY (PER KM)



SEX RATIO (MALES PER 100 FEMALES)



PERCENTAGE URBAN



TOTAL FERTILITY RATE (births per woman)



MEAN AGE AT CHILD BEARING



REGISTERED BIRTHS (2016)



REGISTERED DEATHS (2016)



LIFE EXPECTANCY



Statistics Botswana spread its wings



In a strategic move to improve turnaround time in statistical production, optimize operational costs, and increase benefits to stakeholders through increased accessibility and presence, Statistics Botswana (SB) has opened new satellite offices in Maun and Ghanzi. Users of statistics and other stakeholders will now be able to access statistical services without having to travel to Gaborone and Francistown where the head and regional offices are located.

The former Statistician General, Ms. Anna Majelantle, accompanied by the then Acting Director of Corporate Services, Mr. Jabulani Dick, Fieldwork and Regional Services Coordination Manager, Mr. Kwenagape Kenny Mogotsinyane and Senior Documentation & Dissemination Officer, Ms. Nametso Kgosiyame visited the new Satellite Offices on the 29 and 30 May 2018. The purpose of their visit was mainly to introduce the satellite offices to both Ngamiland and Ghanzi district administration as well as to hand over the offices to the duo of Mr. Mothusi Ditlou and Mr. Kaone Rasedibo who are heading them.

The SB delegation's visit included meeting with District Commissioners (DCs), Deputy Council Secretaries (DCS) and Senior Chief's Representatives.




The former SG, Ms. Majelantle informed the district authorities that the new satellite offices will collect and collate data before sending it to the regional and head offices, thereby speeding up statistical production processes. She further said that once produced, all statistical publications will be displayed in both offices for reference by the users.

The former SG also used the opportunity to solicit support from the DCs on administrative support by the offices to the new SB satellite offices such as, providing secure parking spaces for Statistics Botswana fleet. In parting, all hailed the move and pledged to support SB's undertakings.



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The National Institute of Statistics of Mozambique visits SB on two occasions

The file of one of the Mozambican delegates bearing the words "top class" pretty much sums up how the National Institute of Statistics of Mozambique (INE) views Statistics Botswana.

A delegation of two officers, Head of Statistical Information and Documentation Center, Mr Salomão Muianga, who was also head of delegation, and Head of Department of Diffusion, Documentation and Marketing, Mr. Paulo Matusse visited SB from 07-08 may 2018.

The purpose of the visit was for the delegation to benchmark on SB as it intends to set up an Information and Documentation Center (CIDE). In order to accomplish its intent, they visited SB as they are aware that Statistics Botswana has state of the art Information Resource Centre.

Among others, the visiting team wanted to understand:

- Implementation and management of statistical documentation centers;
- Management model of CIDE including data quality processes and storage;
- Strategy of personalized service to users using information

and communication technologies

- Elaborated proposals for regulation of operation, personnel job profile and equipment of the CIDE;

The second wave of visitors would make their way on the 23-25 July 2018. With a slightly different mission to the first contingent, The delegation consisting of Marta Charfisse (Head of the delegation), Alexaneche Manjale, Rogeius Muteto and Zuleca Dgedge was on a study visit to Statistics Botswana (SB) and the National Statistical System (NSS) of Botswana with the aim to exchange experiences and to learn mechanisms to develop indicators for the Planning and, Monitoring and Evaluation (M &E) of a National Strategy for the Development of Statistics(NSDS) and appreciate NSS coordination.

The visit was part of the implementation of the capacity building component of the evaluation of the NSDS for Mozambique, and design of the 4th Edition of their 2020-2024 NSDS.

During their visit the delegation got a chance to meet with SB Executive. The Statistician General (SG), Dr B. Mguni welcomed the delegation and expressed SB's pleasure to be hosting them. In his remarks Dr Mguni



emphasized on the importance of good relations with other countries' National Statistics Offices and hoped that the delegation's visit will be the beginning of a great relationship between SB and INE, and further stated that he believed that the two organisations would both benefit from the exchange visit.

SB shared information, experiences and on a number of key areas including,

- NSDS Approach
- Steps in the NSDS development
- SB Structures
- Sectors Assessment and enrolment
- NSS Strategy Map and Budgets; Implementation & Monitoring tool
- BDS Workshop- its importance
- MoUs and the structures in place
- Quality Assurance Framework for the NSS





Botswana Micro data Portal

The Botswana Micro data Portal provides access to survey and census data sets, the portal enables the researcher to browse, search, compare, apply for access, and download relevant census or survey and metadata information.

<http://botswana.microdatahub.com>

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Botswana Statistical Data Portal

The portal provides access to various statistical data, information and publications. Through the Statistical Data Portal, the user can visualize Socio-Economic indicators over a period of time, gain access to the data sets and perform comprehensive analysis on any statistical sector of interest.

<http://botswana.opendataforafrica.org/>

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HOME PAGE ; The Home Page provides quick glance at statistical data available in the portal

DATA CATALOGUE; This section is the main access point for browsing, filtering and searching the datasets. It offers a faceted search, by topic, source and region. The Users can easily, on the fly, manipulate data and conduct customized analyses.

GALLERY; Provides a snapshot of pre-selected indicators with live dashboards that enable the user to choose different indicators.

CENSUS DATA; Quick access to Botswana population Census data

DOCUMENTS; Easy access to Botswana Statistical Publications;

SDGs; This is an online SDG database that facilitates access to the SDGs 17 Goals, 169 targets and over 232 global indicators.

Paying the price



Put simply the Consumer Price Index or CPI as it is commonly known is a measure that examines the weighted average of prices of a basket of consumer goods and services. Mr Rejoyce Mbalekelwa entangled the issue by espousing that CPI is the most frequently used statistics for identifying periods of inflation or deflation.

Statistics Botswana is in the process of rebasing the Consumer Price Index. The objective of the CPI rebasing is to capture the ever – changing households 'consumption patterns as reflected in the economy. CPI rebasing is a process of relating item prices in the basket to the current consumption pattern. The best International practice is to rebase CPI after every five years. The current Consumer Price Index has a base year of September 2016. The new base year for CPI will be December 2018. This is consistent with harmonized CPI as required by SADC. Currently Botswana' is not rebased every five (5) years however the plan going forward is to follow the international standard.

Mr Mbalekelwa espoused that the CPI "basket" is constructed, by conducting the Botswana Multi-Topic Household Survey (BMTHS), to collect data on household and income expenditure by looking at the purchasing pattern of households over 30 days. The BMTHS is conducted over 12 months in order to factor in seasonality, and data is collected in 49 areas that is, all the administrative districts, cities, towns, Urban and Rural Villages.

The Consumer Price Index is calculated using the Modified Weighted Laspeyres index formula.

Among its uses, the Consumer Price Index is used to derive inflation, which is used to determine interest rates. It is used as an adjustment factor for indexation of prices,



Mr Rejoyce Mbalekelwa- **Statistician**

wages and other payments.

Mr Mbalekelwa said there are typically 393 items in a "basket", and when collecting prices, a preventative choice of outlets is made with due account taken on consumer habits in the region, the various distribution channels, the types of stores and methods of sale, industries, and the size and location of the businesses.

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GDP Unpacked



Mr. Lekoko Simako's work at national accounts is akin to an economic futurist. He is a Statistician housed in National Accounts and produces the Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

Quizzed on what the National Accounts does, he shifts gears into academic over drive. Mr Simako states that National Accounts deals with statistical reports on the performance of the country's economic activities.

Economic activities include Agriculture, Mining, Manufacturing, Water & Electricity, Construction, Trade, Hotels & Restaurants, Transport & communications, Finance, Real Estate & Business services, General Government and Social & Personal Services.

The most frequently quoted indicator of economic performance is the GDP. Other National Accounts aggregates are also compiled for instance Gross National Income, Gross National Disposable Income, Gross Savings, Capital Stock, and GDP Per Capita.

The System of National Accounts (SNA) is used as the framework for preparing national accounts in the measuring of the main flows relating to production, consumption, accumulation and external trade of the economy.

SNA is a set of agreed international standards to measure economic activity for purposes of economic analysis, decision making and policy making.

Mr Simako says that National accounts uses administrative data from all sectors of the economy and data from surveys to estimate the GDP and other aggregates. Such surveys include the Survey of Recent Trends, the Annual

WHY MEASURE THE ECONOMY?

- to allow the government an effective management of the economy, by setting targets and monitoring progress,
- to allow government to carry out its housekeeping, by providing a basis on which a forecast can be made on revenue and expenditure so that spending plans are effected,
- to enable private businesses to take strategic decisions in light of the general economic conditions,
- to allow individual consumers to take decisions in light of prevailing economic conditions, that is whether to cut consumption and increase savings; and
- for International comparison.

Economic Survey, Botswana Multi-Topic Household Survey, Agricultural censuses/surveys), Formal Employment Survey, Botswana Trade Merchandise Statistics, Consumer Price Index, Population and Housing Census, Transport Statistics, ICT Statistics, and Balance of Payments among others.

He highlights that the GDP is measured by three approaches being Production, Income and Expenditure.

He further highlights that it is imperative to measure the economy and advances the following reasons:

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The GDP is therefore pivotal to sound policy planning and execution of envisaged goals.

AGRICULTURAL CENSUS 2015 IN NUMBERS

COMPARISON OF 2004 & 2015 AGRICULTURAL CENSUSES

CATTLE POPULATION

Botswana cattle population stands at **1,774,166**

Total Traditional **1,360,467**

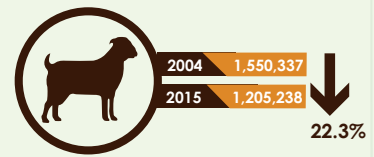
Total Commercial **383,699**



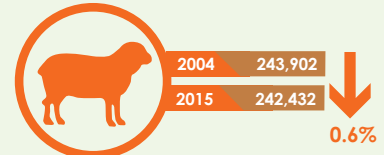
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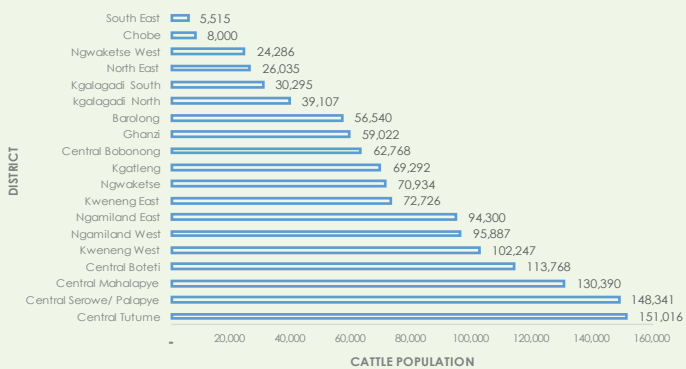
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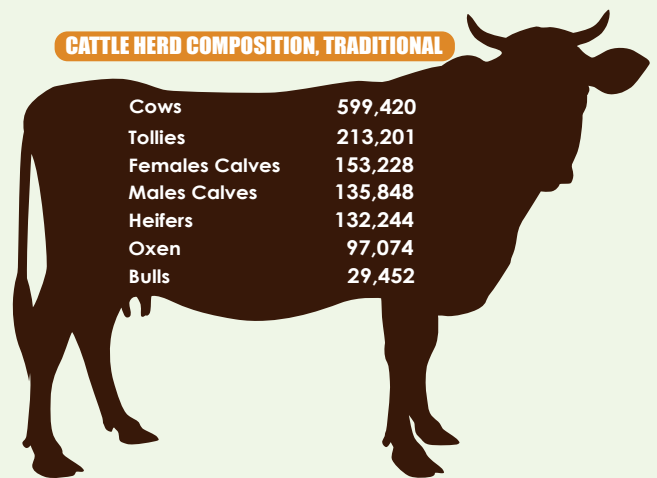
SHEEP POPULATION



CATTLE POPULATION DISTRIBUTION BY DISTRICT, TRADITIONAL



CATTLE HERD COMPOSITION, TRADITIONAL



CROP STATISTICS

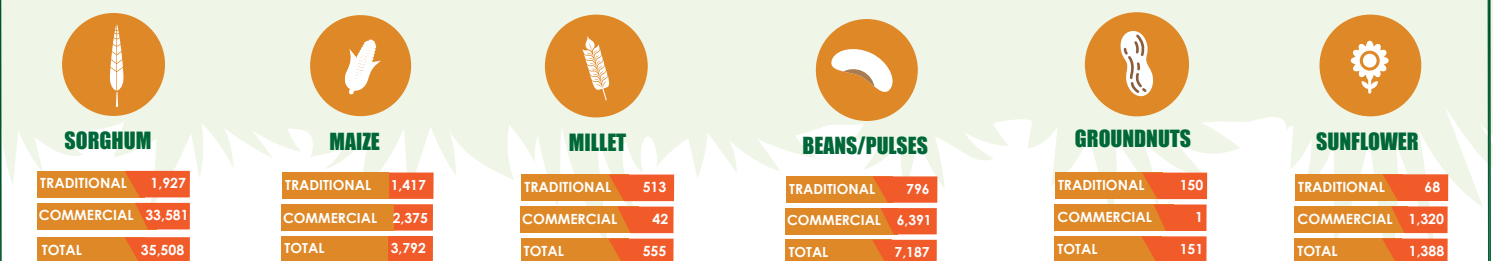
AREA PLANTED (Hectares) BY TYPE OF CROPS, 2015



AREA HARVESTED (Hectares) BY TYPE OF CROPS, 2015



TOTAL PRODUCTION (Metric Tonnes) BY TYPE OF CROP, 2015 CENSUS



SB and UB tie the knot



Statistics Botswana signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the University of Botswana on 26 June 2018. Pic: left; Professor David Norris, Right: Dr B. Mguni

The Statistician General, Dr Burton Mguni and University of Botswana Vice Chancellor, Professor David Norris spearheaded the signing of the MoU. The MoU between the two institutions aims to strengthen cooperation mainly in the areas of:

- Training and capacity building through exchange programs, attachments, enhancement of officers and students skills, exposure on various statistical areas including census/ survey/research methods as well as continuous refresher courses, amongst others;
- Development of systems for specific statistical data processing applications;
- Conduct of joint surveys/researches on identified subject areas and guiding each other on analysis and presentation of census/survey/research results;
- The general use of facilities for training purposes, advocacy, and dissemination of statistics, and most importantly;
- Collaboration in community education to increase mathematical, statistical and research awareness and knowledge to the public.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, the Statistician General, Dr Mguni said the signing is an excellent example of the

strength of cooperation between the two institutions and is also a clear indicator that the institutions are committed to both the production of quality official statistics, and statistical development in general.

“Statistics Botswana and the University of Botswana have much in common. Built into both our DNA is a commitment to innovation on data collection and analysis as well as the spirit of pioneering new ways of better developing statistics and its use in research and decision making in the country”, he said.

Dr Mguni also reiterated that the signing of the MoU is a huge incentive for both SB and UB as it aims to strengthen collaboration mainly in the areas of training and capacity building, development of systems for specific statistical data processing applications, conduct of surveys/researches as well as collaboration in community education.

For his part the University of Botswana Vice Chancellor, Professor Norris said his institution has historically collaborated with Statistics Botswana in a number of areas, including training and provision of technical assistance during design, conduct and analysis of various national surveys and censuses.

“Statistics Botswana and the University of Botswana have much in common. Built into both our DNA is a commitment to innovation on data collection and analysis as well as the spirit of pioneering new ways of better developing statistics and its use in research and decision making in the country”, Dr. Mguni.



“The signing of the MoU does not mark the initiation of collaboration between the two institutions, rather it marks a renewal, reinvigoration and refocusing of collaborative energies in ways that maximize mutual beneficiation between our two institutions, he said.

Professor Norris further said that the collaboration of both UB and SB is beneficial not only in terms of staff access and experience in research, but also in terms of enhancing quality of students training by offering real life experience of participating in surveys and working with real life primary data.

Statistics Botswana continues to appeal to other sectors to enroll in the National Statistical System by way of signing MoUs.

To date, SB has successfully enrolled other sectors, among them; Ministry of Tertiary Education, Research Science and Technology, ACHAP, NBFIRA, Namibia Statistics Agency, BURS and HRDC.

The Statistics Act of 2009 recognizes the National Statistical System (NSS) and Statistics Botswana’s role as coordinator of the NSS. Therefore the signing of MoUs is directed towards the need to work closely and collaboratively with other entities in the production of official statistics to enhance evidence-based decision making processes and planning across all sectors of the economy.



SB & ACHAP

FORMALISE THEIR PARTNERSHIP



From left to right: Acting CEO for ACHAP Mr. Lesego Busang and former Statistician General Ms. Anna Majelantle signed on behalf of both organisations

Statistics Botswana (SB) kick started this year by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the African Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Partnership (ACHAP) to formalize and solidify their partnership.

The signing on behalf of SB was done by the then Statistician General Ms. Anna Majelantle while Acting Chief Executive Officer for ACHAP Mr. Lesego Busang signed on behalf of ACHAP.

The MoU which provides an overarching framework to encourage collaboration between the agencies articulates the principles by which jointly supported activities might be developed and executed.

Most importantly, the partnership will improve data sharing protocols between ACHAP and SB as well as improve collaboration in secondary data analysis.

The collaboration will further cover technical assistance; statistical capacity building; research; innovative data processing; monitoring and evaluation; and data dissemination for the production of quality official statistics and informed policy and decision making.

Furthermore, the collaboration contributes to the efficient and effective monitoring and evaluation of National Development Plans (NDPs), national priorities and international frameworks and provision of official statistics through data sharing arrangements.

STATS QUIZ

When is the next Botswana Population and Housing Census?

- A. 2022
- B. 2019
- C. 2021
- D. 2020

Who is Statistics Botswana's Statistician General?

- A. Ms. Anna Majelantle
- B. Mr. Letsema G. Motsemme
- C. Mr. Kenneth O. Matambo
- D. Dr. Burton Mguni

How many offices does Statistics Botswana have countrywide?

- A. 2
- B. 4
- C. 6
- D. 8

What is the correct Statistics Botswana website address?

- A. www.statsbots.org.bw
- B. www.statsbots.bw
- C. www.statsbots.co.bw
- D. www.statsbots.com

Name one organisation that Statistics Botswana has signed an MoU with

- A. Barclays
- B. Choppies
- C. University Of Botswana
- D. Japan Embassy

INTERESTING FACTS



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- The total number of work permit holders that were valid as of end of March 2018 was 5,736. Of these 5,040 (87.9 percent) were employees while 696 (12.1 percent) were self – employed. Overall, male work permit holders at 75.6 percent were higher than their female counterparts (24.4 percent).



Transport Infographics



The total number of Passengers who used Botswana Airports was 204,642

OUT OF THIS



59.2% WERE INTERNATIONAL

Passengers entering and leaving Botswana and



40.8 % WERE DOMESTIC

Passengers travelling within Botswana



SSKIA

was the busiest airport. It accounted for

54.4% of total passengers and the second busiest airport with

Maun at **30.1%**



Mzanzi taxmen in town



A delegation of South African Revenue Service (SARS) paid a courtesy call to the Statistician General on 24 January 2018. The SARS delegation comprised of Dr Tshikhawe Munyama an Executive for Trade and Industry Statistics, Ms Boitumelo Matjane a Functional Specialist Analyst and Mr Sandile Ntoyi an Operational Specialist, International Relations.

The objective of the visit was to improve the quality of the bilateral trade statistics between the two countries, and to improve accounting for commodities that come in and out of the two countries.

During the visit the SARS team met Statistics Botswana's International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS) team to discuss the compilation of IMTS and trade data asymmetries between the two countries.



Migration Chief visits Statistics Botswana

The Regional Director for International Organization for Migration (IOM), Mr. Charles Kwenin says it is imperative that his organization should work with statistical bureaus to collate and analyze data on migration.

Mr. Kwenin made this call on 07 February 2018, when he paid a courtesy call to the Statistician General.

The IOM was established in 1951. It is the leading inter-governmental organization in the field of migration and works closely with governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental partners.

With 169 member states, a further 8 states holding observer status, and offices in over 100 countries, IOM is dedicated to promoting humane and orderly migration for the benefit of all.

It does so by providing services and advice to governments and migrants. IOM works to help ensure the orderly and humane management of migration, to promote international cooperation on migration issues, to assist in the search for practical solutions to migration problems and to provide humanitarian assistance to migrants in need, including refugees and internally displaced people.

ANSWERS TO STATS QUIZ

When is the next Botswana Population and Housing Census?

- A. 2022
- B. 2019
- C. 2021**
- D. 2020

Who is Statistics Botswana's Statistician General?

- A. Ms. Anna Majelantle
- B. Mr. Letsema G. Motsemme
- C. Mr. Kenneth O. Matambo
- D. Dr. Burton Mguni**

How many offices does Statistics Botswana have countrywide?

- A. 2
- B. 4**
- C. 6
- D. 8

What is the correct Statistics Botswana website address?

- A. www.statsbots.org.bw**
- B. www.statsbots.bw
- C. www.statsbots.co.bw
- D. www.statsbots.com

Name one organisation that Statistics Botswana has signed an MoU with

- A. Barclays
- B. Choppies
- C. University Of Botswana**
- D. Japan Embassy



IMF Team Visits Statistics Botswana

to reflect on recent data on National Accounts, exports & imports (in value and volume), household surveys, employment, poverty and inequality issues.

Statistics Botswana hosted the Bank of Botswana and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on 22 May 2018 to reflect on recent data on National Accounts, exports & imports (in value and volume), household surveys, employment, poverty and inequality issues.

While in Botswana, the IMF team said they would consult several agencies to discuss current policies and implementation issues and exchange views on various aspects of the country's economy.

When welcoming the visitors, the then Deputy Statistician General (Economic and Social Statistics), Dr Burton Mguni informed them on the ongoing project of rebasing the National Accounts. Dr Mguni also pointed out that the Balance of Payments were generally a responsibility of the Central Bank.

For her part Ms Boitumelo Matlhaga, Director for Economic Statistics, informed the delegation of the processes involved in producing trade statistics, their challenges along with remedies that have been put in place.

She further highlighted that Statistics Botswana interfaced

their system with Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS) customs systems for ease of data sharing. The Manager for Labour & Poverty Statistics, Mr Moffat Malepa also gave a synopsis on the Botswana Multi-Topic Household Survey (BMTHS), which provides Labour and Poverty statistics among others, highlighting that SB was currently working with the World Bank to produce the survey's main report.

For his part a member of the IMF delegation, Mr Rodolfo Maino appreciated the feedback and indicated that the IMF would use data from the BMTHS as input into a Labour and Poverty survey that they would be conducting.

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World Bank

paid courtesy visit to SB

To determine ways of delivering on World Bank's support to the development of Botswana Jobs Strategy



From left to right; Mr. Dino Leonardo Merotto (Lead Economist), Mr. Victor Sulla (World Bank Senior Economist) and Mr. Xavier Furtado (World Bank Country Representative and Special Envoy to SADC)

The trio from World Bank - Mr. Xavier Furtado (World Bank Country Representative and Special Envoy to SADC), Mr. Dino Leonardo Merotto (Lead Economist) and Mr. Victor Sulla (World Bank Senior Economist) paid a visit to Statistics Botswana (SB) on Monday, 25 June 2018.

The purpose of the visit was for the envoy:

- to determine ways of delivering on World Bank's support to the development of Botswana Jobs Strategy;
- discuss the availability of business data for Botswana (e.g. business register and the quarterly earnings & employment survey or any survey of the informal sector or household based enterprises);
- deliberate on the possibilities of using census data to analyze changes in employment types and occupation in Botswana across wards and over time;
- discussions on poverty analysis; and
- to deliberate on the next steps of Reimbursable Advisory Services (RAS) work on continuous Botswana Multi-Topic Household Survey (BMTHS)

When presenting on the development of the Jobs Strategy, Mr. Merotto who is in charge of this program globally outlined how job diagnostic works and articulated the data needs required to complete the analysis of the strategy.

"We are still formulating a Job diagnostic tool for countries worldwide and development of the strategy is a consultative process which is country and context specific, therefore it will take time to implement", Mr. Merotto said.

For his part, SB's Statistician General Dr. Burton Mguni reiterated the importance of job creation and assured the visiting contingent of SB's unwavering support to the cause.

He also advised the World Bank team to engage other stakeholders such as The Botswana Institute for Development Policy Analysis (BIDPA) and the Human Resource Development Council.





WORLD BANK VISIT

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Creating more and better jobs is central to our work at the World Bank and a shared goal for virtually all countries —developed and developing alike, espouses David Robalino, Manager of the Jobs Cross Cutting Group in a blog he posted recently.

This “shared goal” brought Andrea Martin and Melis Guven to the boardroom of SB to discuss the Social Protection Framework. The duo from World Bank were received by Mr Tapologo Baakile - Director of Social and Demography Statistics, Ms Phetogo Zambezi-Director of Standards, Methods and Information Systems and Ms Nametso Kgosiyame- Senior Documentation and Dissemination Officer.

Ms Melis Guven, Senior Social Protection Economist explained that they were on a mission to modernize social protection in Botswana. She said their eight day stay in the country was to among other things render support to Government on the National Social Protection Framework,

which she divulged has already been drafted.

She also intimated that the Social Registrar software tool piloting has started in earnest. When quizzed on the importance of such a tool, Mr Baakile eulogized that the system is vital in interfacing all social schemes like LIMID, Pension Administration and Civil Registration.

This he said will curb “double dipping”, and information collected can be availed without the “tedious and costly” exercise of a survey.

Ms Zambezi said that the peculiarity of the system is that it will serve as a basis for identifying populations eligible for social security allowances and those excluded from accessing other public and private services.

She therefore said she concurred with the World Bank team that this would be a welcome development.



UNICEF Chief visits Statistics Botswana

"Our relationship comes from afar before SB became a parastatal", she said.

UNICEF Country representative, Ms. Julianna Lindsey paid a courtesy call to the Statistician General on 01 February 2018 to explore possible areas of cooperation between the two organizations.

During the meeting Ms. Lindsey commended SB for having released BMTHS poverty module results in January 2018.

"The dissemination forum was quite informative and we learnt a lot from it", she said.

She further said her organization is willing to collaborate with SB on various fronts such as health and education for the interests of children.

For her part, the former Statistician General, Ms. Anna Majelantle applauded Ms. Lindsey for her visit, adding that SB has always had excellent relations with UNICEF and other United Nations organizations operating in Botswana.

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UNICEF has been working in Botswana since independence in 1966. While in the early days work



Ms. Julianna Lindsey explaining her mission to SB Executive

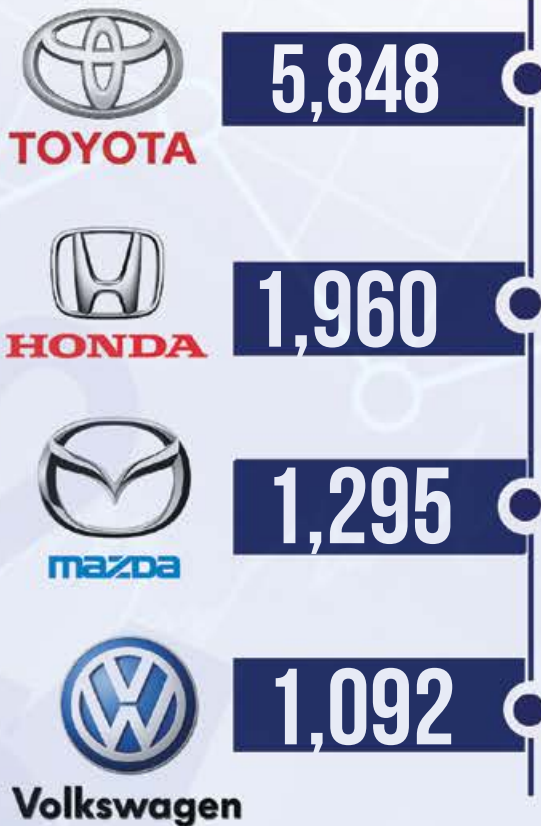
focused on specific interventions, such as providing materials for schools, now the country office concentrates on working with Government at policy level to improve life for the children in Botswana, particularly vulnerable children and orphans.

UNICEF works primarily with the Government of Botswana in support of NDP 11, within the framework of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework. It further collaborates with the University of Botswana, Faith-Based Organizations, Civil Society Organizations and NGOs.



TOP 4 MOTOR VEHICLE FIRST REGISTRATION BY MAKE AND BODY TYPE, Q4 2017

Toyota as in previous quarters proved to be a popular make during this quarter, it contributed **39.0 percent** of the total first registrations.

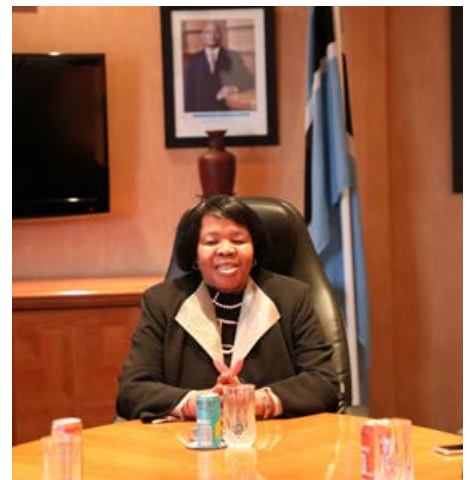


Tsamaya Sentle *Mme Majelantle!*



▶ **Mrs. Anna N. Majelantle**
Former Statistician General

Photos over the years illustrating her journey



With a Bachelor of Statistics and Accounts Degree, from the University of Botswana; Graduate Qualification in Epidemiology from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA; and a Master of Public Health in Epidemiology and Biostatistics Degree from Tulane University, School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, Anna Majelantle was without doubt best suited to head Statistics Botswana.

World Day to combat desertification

Statistics Botswana joined other government agencies to commemorate the 2018 World Day to Combat Desertification (WDCD) on 20 June 2018 in Ntshantle village, Southern district. The WDCD is observed every year to promote public awareness of international efforts to combat desertification.



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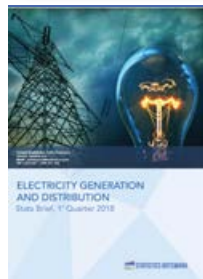
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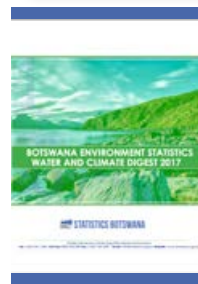
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FOOTPRINTS OF GOD

Often when we meet people on a new day, the customary good morning might not necessary herald the goodness that is implied, beneath the smiles and good looks that we portray belies ordeals that may make us feel abandoned, overwhelmed and defeated. There are times in our lives when we feel all alone, but God says:

"Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand". ISAIAH 41: 10

One night a man had a dream. He was walking along the beach with the Lord. In his dream, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one was his and the other belonged to the Lord. It came a time when days were very dark and everything was falling apart in his life. He looked back and noticed that along the path of his life was only one set of footprints. He started questioning God." Lord why did you forsake me when I needed you most in my life?

God's response: "During that time of suffering in your life, when you see one set of footprints, I was upholding you in my loving arms."

You might be feeling alone in your life and thinking that it is finished with you but it's never over until God says it is over. Do not be afraid the lord is with you.

"God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do?

Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good? Numbers 23:19

Finally, For you to enjoy the benefit of being in his arms you have to seek first the Kingdom of God and all his righteousness and all things shall be added unto you, Matthew 6: 33

May the good Lord bless you...



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