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Message from the Government Statistician



Statistics is an indispensable element in the information system of a democratic society. This is the first Principle the UN Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics. Statistics support the National system made of the government, the private sector, the civil society and the general public

by providing information about the people, the economy and the social situation in the country. Statistical data monitor how we are progressing as a country and as a people, when and where we are becoming weaker or stronger and why.

The National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda (NISR) is a knowledge-based organization that provides relevant, timely, accurate and accessible statistics which form basis for policies, plans, decisions and actions. The NISR is the government statistician, the national statistical authority and the leader of the Rwanda Statistical System (NSS).

The NISR shares these achievements with our stakeholders- the households, establishments and institutions that provided us the raw data, the national government agencies and local government units that provided us the data collected from their own systems, the development partners that gave us technical and financial support and the mass media that helped us disseminate the information to the public.

This is the NISR first Newsletter, we would like to inform you of what we have delivered and achieved in our first quarter of 2008.

We look forward to providing you more and better in 2008 despite our limited resources.

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1. Introduction



*NISR staff workshop at Rubavu
in march, 2008*

The National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda (NISR) was created in 2005 to replace the former Department of Statistics in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning (MINECOFIN). The Institute is governed by the board of Directors and operates on the basis of performance contract with MINECOFIN. The NISR is mandated to track and monitor the economic development and poverty reduction performance indicators. In particular, it manages and produces all the statistics for national development.

In early 2007, a Support Project to the NISR was

formulated and its implementation commenced in April 2007. The project is financed through a basket fund by partners including, the Department for International Development (DFID), European Commission (EC), and United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and is managed by UNDP. It is aimed at strengthening the capacity and supporting NISR to roll out the actions set in its strategic plan.

During the first quarter of 2008, a total estimated amount of 978,344 USD has been utilised. The following sections describe the NISR accomplishments / achievements per department.

2. Key achievements per Department

2.1. Economic Statistics (ES) Department

- Consumer Price Indices (CPI)
 - Consumer Price Indices (CPI), for the months of January and February and March 2008 were produced. Currently finalizing with the CPI for April 2008.
- Producer Price Indices (PPI)
 - Producing Producer Price Indices (PPI) for the last quarter of 2007 and collecting data for the first quarter of 2008. Producing fourth quarter of 2007 and first quarter of 2008 external trade statistics
- National Agriculture Survey
 - There is progress in conducting the National Agriculture Survey (NAS). Data collection for Season A was completed. Currently collecting Season B data.

2.2. Demography and Social Statistics (DSS) department

RSPA, 2007:

RSPA means Rwanda health Services Provision Assessment and is conducted every five years. The main objective for this survey is to collect information on the quality and access to health care services countrywide in terms of number of facilities, equipment and technical staff (health care providers). The survey was conducted on 457 facilities mainly public, with some private recognized. The data collection was done by 12 teams of health technical staff (nurses), five persons each. The supervision was conducted by both NISR and Ministry of Health cadres. The survey was organized by the NISR in cooperation with the MOH and MACRO International (USA). Currently, the data analysis is ongoing for the final report which is supposed to be ready by the end of this year 2008.

The NISR technical support to MINEDUC:

This technical support aims to provide the denominator for different education rates calculation and to proceed to data analysis of education indicators in collaboration with the MINEDUC technical staff. The Institute is involved in the Education Management Information System (EMIS) program such to correct the questionnaire for going on now education data collection.

Child labor:

This survey was planned in collaboration with the Ministry of Public Service with the objective of looking at problems related to child labor and the causes. The survey was carried out in 6900 homes in all Districts in the country. This survey is conducted from February to July 2008. The statistics got will help the Government to make decisions on how to help parents, guardians and leaders in general in protecting children's rights.

District baseline Survey:

This is a survey conducted in all Districts in Rwanda. The survey is mainly to get information on living conditions, Agriculture and health of the people. Data entry has been completed for Southern and Western Provinces. Preparatory activities for the Northern Province and Kigali City have been finalized.

2.3 Support to the Finance and Administration Department

□ Strategic direction and leadership and financial management:

The draft of two key documents were finalized and presented for implementation. These are:

- Performance Evaluation System
- Financial Regulations and Guidelines Manual
- There was a training conducted to all the staff on how the performance evaluation system will be working.

- District Statisticians

The thirty (30) district statisticians had a two (2) day workshop at NISR Headquarters. The District Statisticians have helped in a positive step towards reinforcing the district statistical offices capacity, which has contributed tremendously to the production and dissemination of statistics at the grassroots.

- Public Relations strategy and plan for NISR

Public Relations Strategy and plan for NISR was finalized and submitted. It was presented during the retreat that was held in Rubavu District in March 2008. The NISR Website has been redesigned and it is expected to be diploid by end of May which is part of dissemination.

- Procurement

The NISR physical infrastructure has been enhanced accordingly, more equipments have been supplied and installed (Computers, Furniture, Digital Access entry facility).

2.4. Research and Building (RCB) Department

Training and workshops were conducted:

- Workshop of the thirty (30) District statisticians was conducted for two days from 10th and 11th April, 2008 at NISR Headquarters. This workshop aimed at reminding the district statistician about their duties and discuss on ways to get accurate, timely and relevant data.



- There was also another training of District statistician, statisticians from Ministries and Government agencies which was conducted for two days form 28th to 29th at Vacina on Data collection, processing and management (Data management and survey methods).

□ Interim Demographic and Health Survey

Data collection and data entry (seven data entry clerks) for the Interim Demographic Survey is completed. Presently, the staffs of Research and Capacity Building are processing the preliminary report



2.5 Management Information System (MIS) Department ICT Support

The MIS unit has continued to provide technical ICT support to all other units at NISR using its technical staff. The target is to ensure that the NISR network and all equipment 100% operate all the time. Currently through the efforts of the unit staffs, they are 60% operating. It's envisioned that during 2008 it will move to 100%.

Data entry for surveys:

Data entry for the following surveys was done by the MIS unit:

- Data entry and data clean of Southern Province was finalized
- Data entry of Western Province was finalized and data clean is still in progress
- Data entry of interim Demographic and Health Survey (DHS) and FARG and SPA was already done and they are currently in phase of analysis
- Data entry of Agriculture survey will start in mid-may 2008

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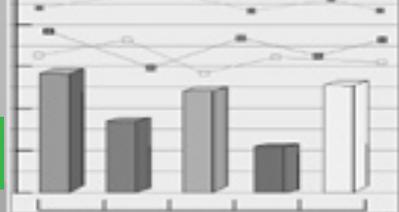
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STATUS AT A GLANCE

MDG	VISION 2020 AND MDG INDICATORS	2000 Baseline	TARGETS MDG 2015	LATEST VALUE (2005 & 2006)
MDG 1: Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger	Poverty (% below national poverty line)	60.4	30.2	56.9
	Child malnutrition (% of under-5s underweight)	24	14.5	22.5
	Proportion (%) of the population below minimum level of dietary energy consumption	41.3	20.7	36
MDG 2 Achieve universal primary education	Literacy level (% of 15 - 24 year olds)	74	100	76.8
	Primary school net enrolment (%)	72	100	95
	Primary school completion rate (%)	22	100	51.7
	Gender gap in primary education (%)	0.0	0	0
MDG 3 Promote gender equality	Gender gap in literacy (%)	10.0	0	0.1
	Seats held by females in parliament (% of seats)	--	50	48.8
		--	100	84
MDG 4 Reduce child mortality	Children immunised against measles (% of 11-23 month-old)			
	Under 5 mortality rate (per 1,000 births)	196	50	152
	Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 births)	107	28	86
MDG 5 Improve maternal health	Maternal mortality rate (per 100,000 births)	1,071	268	750
	Births attended by skilled health personnel (% of births)	--	--	28
MDG 6 Combat AIDS, malaria and other diseases	HIV prevalence (%)	13.9 d/	--	3.5
	Modern contraception (condom use) prevalence (%) among 15 -24 year-olds	4	--	39
	Proportion of population aged 15-24 years with comprehensive correct knowledge of HIV/AIDs	--	--	51% (G);54% (Boys)
	Ratio of school attendance of orphans to school attendance of non-orphans	--	--	0.92
	Proportion of population with advance HIV infection with access to ARVs	--	--	
	Prevalence and death rates associated with malaria (%)	51	--	0.4 to 4.9%
	Proportion of children under 5 sleeping under insecticide-treated bednets	--	--	70%
	Prevalence and death rates associated with tuberculosis	--	--	6%
	Proportion of tuberculosis cases detected and cured under directly-observed treatment short courses	--	--	
MDG 7 Ensure environmental sustainability	Forested land as percentage of land area	--	--	
	Ratio of Area Protected to Maintain Biological Diversity to Surface Area	--	--	
	Proportion of the Population with Sustainable Access to an Improved Water Source	--	--	
	Proportion of the Population with Access to Improved Sanitation.	--	--	
MDG 8 Develop a global partnership for development	Proportion of ODA to basic social services (basic education, primary health care, nutrition, safe water and sanitation);	--	--	
	Proportion of official bilateral HIPC debt cancelled	--	--	
	Debt Service as a Percentage of Exports of Goods and Services	--	--	
	Telephone Lines and Cellular Subscribers per 100 Population	--	--	
	Personal Computers in Use and Internet Users per 100 Population	--	--	

Likely to achieve goals

Very likely to achieve goals

Unconclusive

Unlikely



Millenium Development Goals

COUNTRY REPORT 2007

Towards sustainable social and economic growth



