Challenges in Building Partnerships for the Development of Subnational Statistics

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To accelerate Africa's development over the next 10 years, AfDB has embarked on a landmark initiative within the context of its Ten-Year Strategy (TYS).

High-Fives priority areas that require detailed sub-national data at lowest geographical level in each country.

It’s more about direct data than ex-post disaggregation.
A 5-Fold Challenge (1 of 3)

1. Strategic & Systemic
   - Current NSDS’s do not comprehensively and properly integrate this aspect;
   - NSS definition is national/central-government biased;
   - Extending the notion of statistical system to local areas increases complexities

2. Geographical & Administrative
   - No uniform definition of sub-national;
   - Geographical & administrative stratification are intertwined
For a given local area, are boundaries the same for all statistical operations and areas [e.g.: household; education; health; economy; environment; infrastructure; etc.]

Is a statistical unit the same at both sub-national and national levels?

Is the sum of subnational items equal to the whole?

Sub-national areas will no longer be seen as mere enumeration areas

Statistical survey should be integrated in each sub-national area.
A 5-Fold Challenge (3 of 3)

5. Operational

- More complex direct data collection
- Time implications
- Cost implications

- Partnership required
- Need to look at options: what are the potential partners
Partnership Arrangements

AfDB statistical department will strive to translate the Bank’s network of partnerships into data collection and sharing partnerships. This will require conducting a review of existing partnerships related to Bank operations:

1. Public-Private-Partnerships;
2. Relationships with:
   - Research centers
   - Universities
   - Consulting Firms
   - Local governments
   - Etc.

It will also require internal partnership: between statistics department and operations departments at AfDB.
Recommendations (1 of 2)

1. Strategic partnership
   - Develop guidelines for sub-national strategies for the development of local statistics;
   - Integrate such strategies with NSDS - Establish related partnerships

2. Geographical & Administrative partnership
   - Partner with geographical & administrative institutions on identification of sub-national areas.
3. Local data sharing

- Establish data partnerships with all major Bank operation partners.
- Promote local participation in data sharing and the establishment of local data sharing communities (LODASC)

4. Operations data partnership

- Develop a statistical framework for the transformation of development project data into sub-national statistics – and establish relevant data sharing partnerships.
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