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Partnership on supporting subnational statistical systems 

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African Context

Legal Framework

NSO

Sectoral
More and more autonomous NSOs BUT Limited capacity

Decentralisation within Line Ministries: very few countries

NSO provincial offices: very few countries
Sectoral

Sectoral statistical units weak

Almost no decentralisation
Is it possible to establish partnership at subnational level?
WHY IS STRENGTHENING STATISTICAL CAPACITY AT SUBNATIONAL IMPORTANT?

• To support national capacities in planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluating the country's programmes at subnational level
Local government

Few privates

Municipalities

Civil societies

Potential users/partners
**Producers**

**NSOs:** Subnational offices not effective for all countries or lack of capacity

**Sectoral (Education, health, agriculture):** Institutional constraints: inadequate support in terms of funds, equipment, personnel and skills

**Big Data:** NGOs very limited and are the only development partners on the ground
Partnership Initiatives at continental level

- **ASCC**: Panafrican institutions, RECs, STCs, Countries
- **Continental Fora**: StatCom-Africa/CoDG, ASSD
- **Key programmes**: SHaSA, CRVS, GiSS-Second Administrative Level Boundary (SALB)
Partnering in WHAT?

- Human capacity
- Legal Framework
- Finance & Equipment
PARTNERING IN WHAT?

• Legal framework:
  • Promoting statistical law and NSS coordination;
  • Structuring NSO;
  • Empowering statistics function and profession;
  • Establishing communication and cooperation between all actors through an inclusive NSDS.

• Human resources:
  • Sustainable incentives: salaries and allowances to mitigate staff mobility and motivate jobs at subnational offices;
  • Continuous in job-training for scaling up statistical skills.
PARTNERING IN WHAT?

• Financial resources:
  • Statistical operations.

• Adequate physical infrastructure:
  • Work space;
  • Equipment (including new technologies).
Questions for discussion

1. In a situation where NSO has not provincial representations, how to enhance statistics production, to coordinate the subnational system and establish partnership?

2. In the absence of development partners at subnational level, how to boost capacity of key statistical producers?
Recommendations

• Legal framework: Statistical law that defines statistical system and its structuration and coordination at national and subnational levels;

• To improve and sustain a Management Information Systems (MIS) at subnational level, need to establish subnational statistics council that can help first in scaling up statistical production at subnational level, second raise awareness on importance and use of statistics by local authorities and third develop statistics culture for general population;
Recommendations

• To reinforce NSO capacity to establish provincial offices; and

• To ensure that all joint statistical funded programmes clearly encompass subnational statistical component.
Subsequent steps

1. Ensure that all countries develop NSDS fully embedded into NDP; and

1. Elabore SSDS at subnational level.
THANKS FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION!