MAINSTREAMING OF GENDER STATISTICS IN THE NATIONAL STATISTICS SYSTEM

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BOS Mandate

* Mandated by Statistics Act No. 8 of 2001 to collect, analyse and disseminate Official statistics nationally
* Also responsible for the coordination of the National Statistics System.
Lesotho started the development and implementation of NSDS I between 2006/07 and 2016/17.

Evaluation undertaken in 2019

Development of NSDS II commenced in August 2020

- **Focus**
  - Gender Mainstreaming
  - Modernise NSS by using new technologies and new data sources (admin data, big data, Geospatial etc.)

- PARIS21 (OECD) provides both technical and financial support
Assessment undertaken across the NSS, through
- Review of existing literature,
- Face-to-face interviews and virtual meetings

The assessment used the Advanced Data Planning Tool (ADAPT) developed by PARIS21 - a data planning tool which enables detailed data demand and supply analysis

Employed Capacity Development Framework (CD4.0) developed by PARIS21 (CD4.0 looks at NSS through three major pillars: the System, the Organization and the Individual. For each of the pillars there are Targets for attention in terms of Resources, Skills and Knowledge, Management, Politics and Power and Incentives)

In addition a Questionnaire on Gender Statistics was administered across NSS (to assess MDAs demand and use of Gender statistics)
Out of 232 global SDG indicators, Lesotho selected 152, of which 101 (66%) have data.
* Of the 152 Lesotho SDG indicators, 44 (29%) are gender-related, of which 37 (84%) of the applicable are available.
* For the 44 applicable Gender-related indicators, the 37 with data available reflect large concentration in Goals (1,3,4,5,8,17); the least concentration is noted for Goal 16.

* Gender related indicators mostly pertain to the People goals; the concentration is on Health, Education and Gender Equality.
Challenges

- Most MDAs do not compile gender-related SDGs indicators
- Lack of capacity and skills on gender issues
- Low use of administrative data
- Low Budget for Gender-related activities
- Lack of priority setting for gender disaggregated data
Recommendations

* On organisational setup: Review the organizational structure of MDAs.
* Improve coordination among MDAs and other producers of gender-related data.
* Explore and harness more administrative data
Way Forward

Development of NSDS II strategic foundations:

* Formulated a mission with emphasis on Gender derived from NSDS special topics
* Include NSDS strategic objectives focusing on Gender
* Assist MDAs to identify Minimum Essential Indicators for Gender statistics which will be highlighted in their sector plans for statistics

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Thank you for your attention!