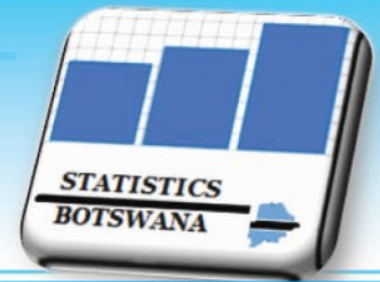


STATISTICS BOTSWANA



DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION OF THE NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEM- THE BOTSWANA CASE

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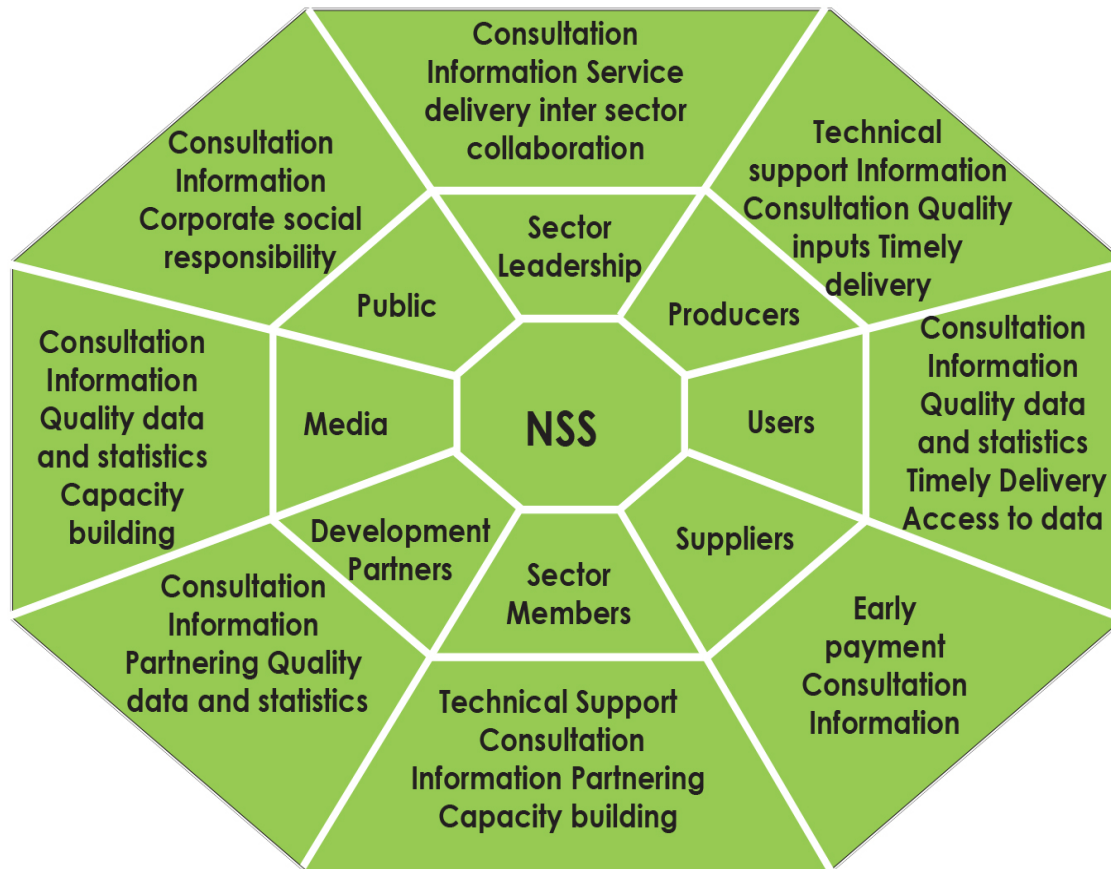
BACKGROUND

- **Legal Framework through the Statistics Act revised in 2009**
 - **Statistics Botswana the pre-eminent agency responsible for the development and management of official statistics.**
 - **Incorporated the Coordination of the National Statistical System (NSS) by Statistics Botswana**
 - **Official statistics produced by means of a process guided by the National Statistical System (NSS); and**
 - **Statistics Botswana (SB) provides standards for the production and dissemination of official statistics;**
- **SB coordinates, monitors and supervises the activities of the NSS for purposes of carrying-out statistical business in accordance with principles of official statistics.**



THE BOTSWANA NSS

Figure 4: NSS Stakeholder Matrix



THE BOTSWANA NSS

- **Botswana has a decentralized statistical system:**
 - **The burden of statistics production falls on Statistics Botswana (SB), Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs);**
- **36% of data that supports national and international agendas, (e.g. National Development Plans and SDGs are from surveys & censuses conducted by SB with some in collaboration with some NSS sectors (e.g. Agriculture; Health etc.)**
- **More than 55% will be produced by MDAs from administrative records.**
- **The National Monitoring and Evaluation System (NMES) data management stream is led by SB and the NSS is critical to the effective functioning of the stream.**



THE BOTSWANA NSS (Cont'd)

- **Success factors of an effective NSS in Botswana, include:**
 - **Functional statistical system (committees operational);**
 - **Satisfied data users and evidence based policies and decisions;**
 - **Available data for all national and international agendas; and**
 - **Efficiency and effectiveness in statistical development.**



BOTSWANA NSS (Cont'd)

- **Botswana NSS at different stages of statistics production**

SB has officers attached at only five (5) MDAs:

- **Ministry of Agriculture Development and Food Security;**
 - **Administration of Justice;**
 - **Ministry of Health and Wellness;**
 - **Ministry of Basic Education; and**
 - **Ministry of Transport and Communication.**
- **For rest of NSS, SB provides technical support on statistical development to MDAs on need basis.**



BACKGROUND - INSTRUMENTS BINDING STATISTICAL COORDINATION IN BOTSWANA

Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics

- **Principle 8: Coordination among statistical agencies within countries is essential to achieve consistency and efficiency in the statistical system.**

Statistics Act, 2009

- **Section ...: revised in 2009;**
- **Its revision enable the organisation to develop and coordinate the NSS: SB through the revision coordinates, monitors and supervises the activities of the NSS for purposes of carrying-out statistical business**

African Charter on Statistics:

- **Enhancing coordination of activities, institutions and partner interventions at national, regional and international levels.**

COORDINATION OF THE NSS

- **A bottom-up approach used in designing the Botswana Strategy for the Development of Statistics BSDS (2015)**
- **Advocacy and development of Sector Statistics Plans (SSP) - the stage has been done diligently**
 - **Currently fifteen (15) sectors including SB have enrolled; More still to enroll.**
- **Coordination, collaboration and partnerships is inevitable for effective data production, quality and access;**
- **Coordination of the NSS is facilitated through enrollment of the sectors into the BSDS.**
- **Coordination structures include:**
 - **Sector Statistics Coordinating Committees,**
 - **Joint Working Technical Committees; and**
 - **Reference Committees**
- **Coordination and collaboration enforced through the Statistics Act, Section 26;**

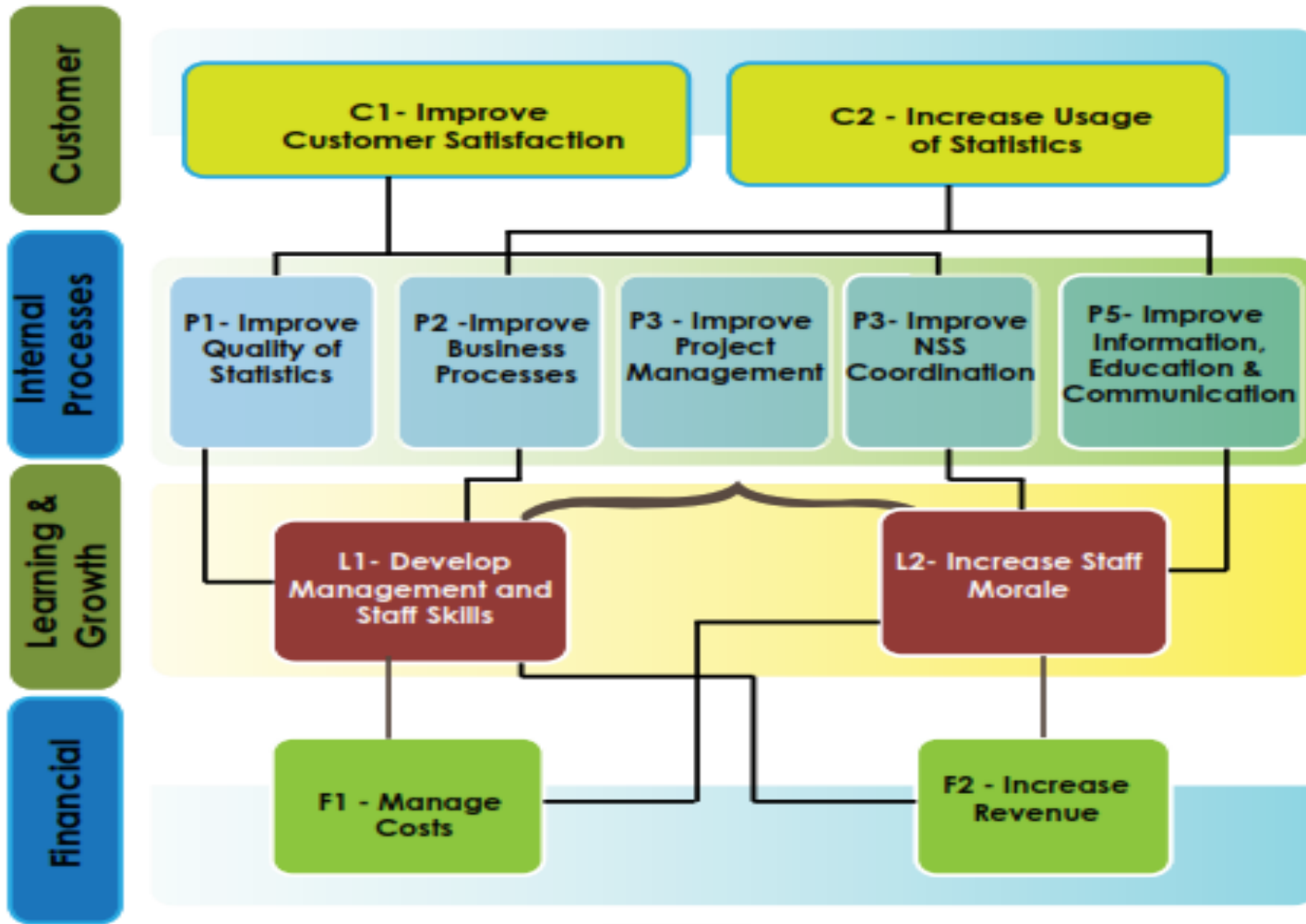


STRATEGY MAPS

- **THE STATISTICS BOTSWANA STRATEGY MAP (2015 – 2020)**
 - *Covers a number of areas including focus on strengthening the NSS Coordination through*
Strategy Perspective P3 - “ Improve NSS Coordination”
- **The BOTSWANA STRATEGY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF STATISTICS (BSDS (2015-2020)**
 - *Supports NSS Coordination through*
BSDS Goal #2 : An effective NSS and
Objective 2.1: Improve Statistical Coordination

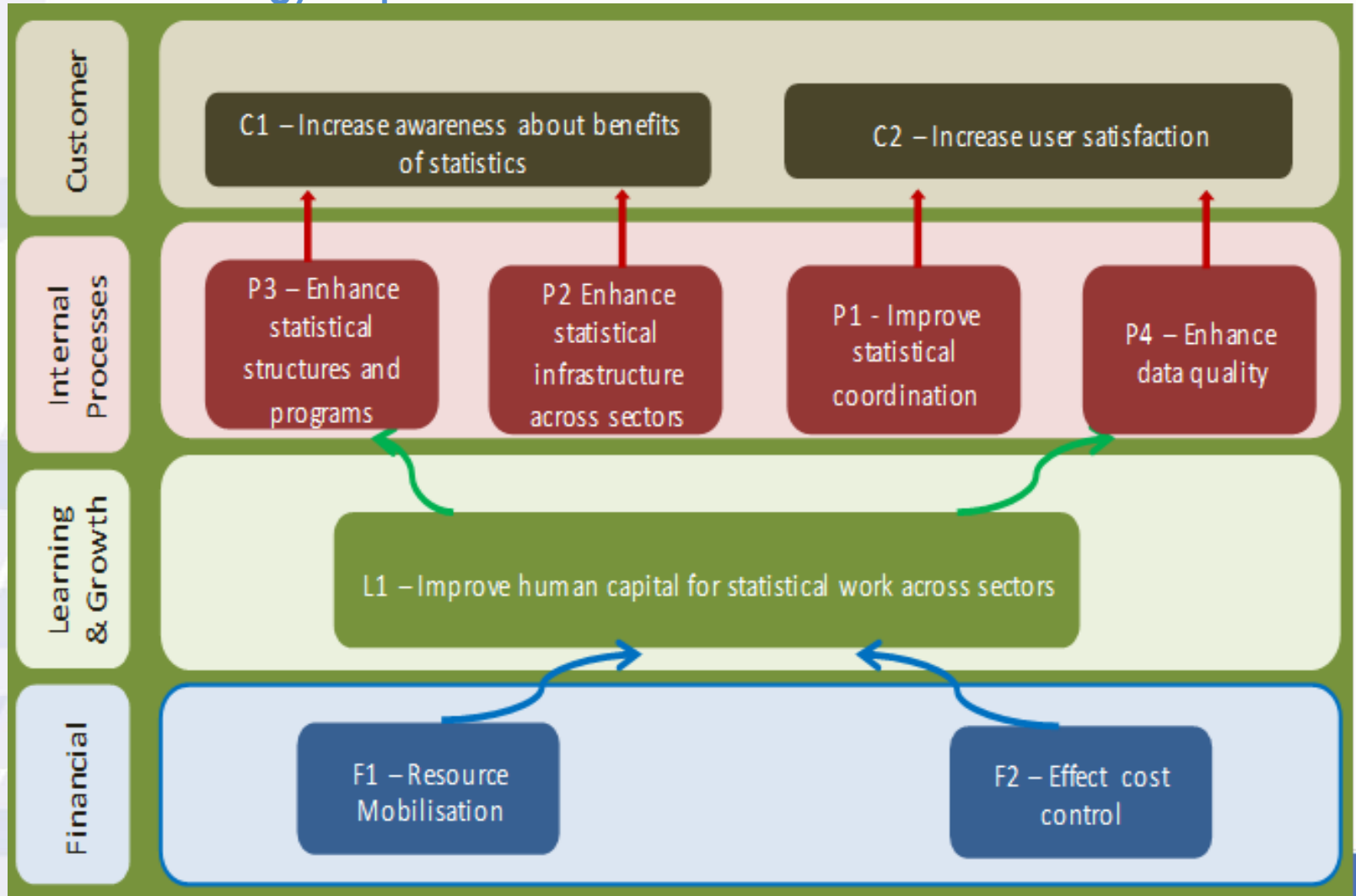


STATISTICS BOTSWANA STRATEGIC MAP



BSDS STRATEGY MAP

BSDS “NSS” Strategy Map



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NSS COORDINATION RELATED INITIATIVES

- **Development of different strategic initiatives include:**
 - **DQAF**
 - **Compendium of Concepts, Definitions & Classifications for NSS**
 - **Stakeholder Engagement Program**
 - **Advocacy Program**
 - **Data Quality Policy**
 - **Communication Strategy**
 - **Service Charter and Standards**
 - **Data Dissemination Strategy**
 - **NSS Coordination framework**
 - **IEC Program**
- **Ten (10) Memoranda of Understanding (MoU's) have been signed with different sectors and agencies.**
 - **More MoUs are still to be signed.**



NSS COORDINATION CHALLENGES

- **Implementation of SSP & Monitoring & Evaluation of both the SSP and BSDS Action Plan- not well articulated as expected.**
 - **Challenges include:**
 - a. **human capacity constraints;**
 - b. **lack of sectors appreciation of the importance of statistics;**
 - c. **limited funding for implementation of sector statistics plans**



CONCLUSION & WAY-FORWARD

- Botswana NSS still at infancy stage – First ever BSDS
- NSS response to national priorities towards providing statistical information very good
- Effort to implement the strategic initiatives to be fast tracked
- Build capacity within the NSS
- Supporting infrastructure critical
- Strengthen implementation structures e.g. NSS Committees



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