

# ***Overview of the Department of Census and Statistics Sri Lanka***

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## Statistical system of Sri Lanka consist of

- Department of Census and Statistics (Main official statistics producer)
- Other government agencies produce administrative data
- Research organizations

# Briefing on the Department of Census and Statistics (DCS)

## Outline

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# Briefing on the Department of Census and Statistics

## Introduction

- Established in 1948
- Responsible for collection, compilation and dissemination of statistical information in the socio-economic and demography status of the country
- Data are collected through surveys, censuses and administrative records
- Data users covers wide spectrum from students to planners, policy makers to international agencies
- Data collection is done as per the Census ordinance and Statistical ordinance



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### Vision

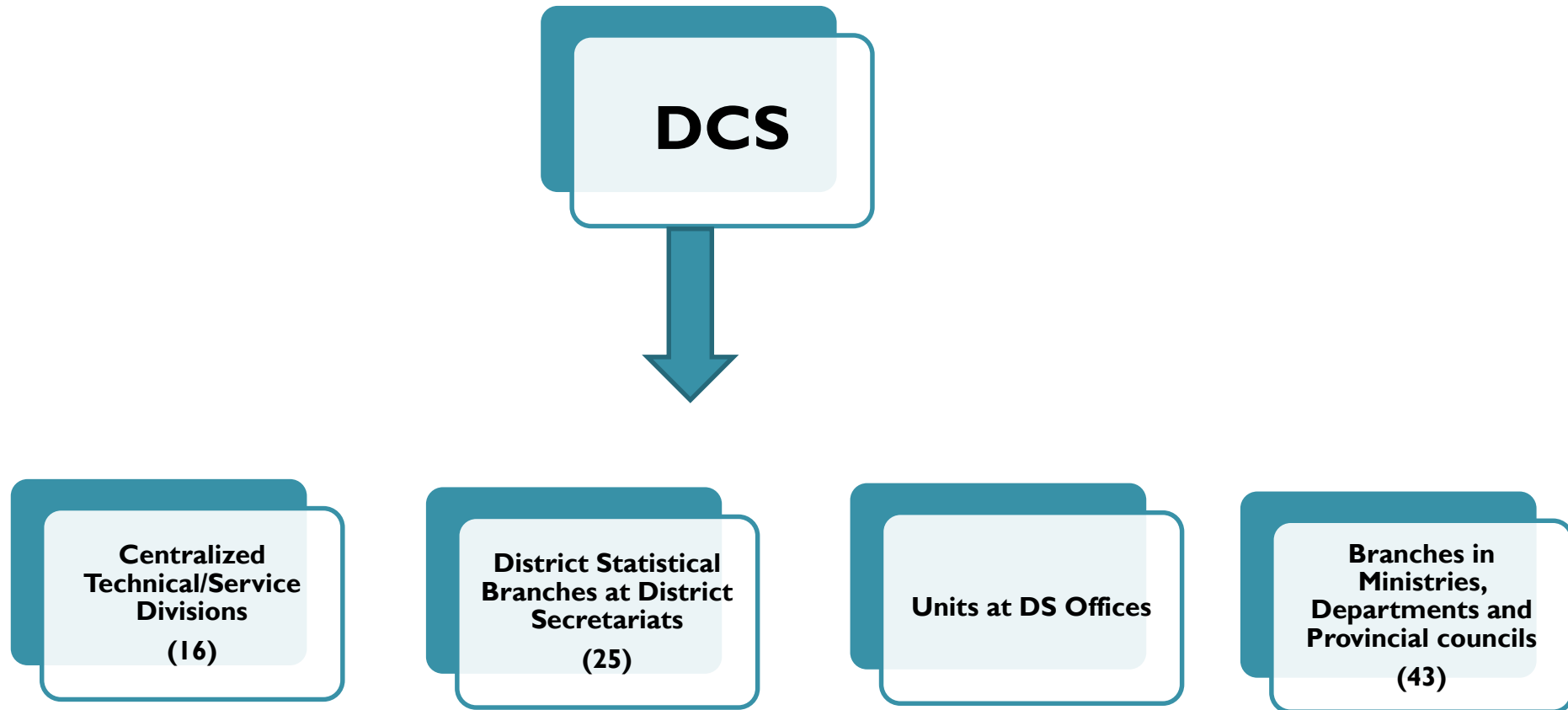
To be the leader in the region in producing timely statistical information to achieve the country's development goals.

### Mission

Making contribution to the socio economic development of the country by providing accurate timely statistics, more effectively by means of new technology, and utilizing the services of dedicated staff under a strategic leadership to become a prosperous nation in the globalized environment.

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## Composition of DCS



UN resolution 68/261  
Fundamental  
Principles of  
Official Statistics

- Basic framework which all statistical activities developed by national and international organizations must follow.
- The United Nations General Assembly has endorsed the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics on 29 January 2014, in its 68<sup>th</sup> session.

- Principle 1 – Relevance, Impartiality and Equal Access
- Principle 2 – Professional Standards, Scientific Principles and Professional ethics
- Principle 3 – Accountability and Transparency
- Principle 4 – Prevention of misuse
- Principle 5 – Sources of official statistics
- Principle 6 - Confidentiality
- Principle 7 - Legislation
- Principle 8 – National coordination
- Principle 9 – Use of international standards
- Principle 10 – International cooperation

# Technical Divisions -



## ◆ Population Census and Demography



## ◆ Agriculture and Environment



## ◆ Industries, Construction, Trade and Services

- ◆ National Accounts
- ◆ Training
- ◆ Research and Special Studies
- ◆ Prices and Wages
- ◆ Sample Surveys
- ◆ Cartography
- ◆ SDG Unit



## ◆ Information and Communication Technology



## Supporting Services Divisions

- ◆ **Publications**
- ◆ **Library and Documentation**
- ◆ **Establishment and Accounts**
- ◆ **Printing**
- ◆ **Field Management**
- ◆ **Data Dissemination Unit**
- ◆ **International Statistics Unit**
- ◆ **Internal Audit Unit**



## Statistical Activities

### ■ Census of Population and Housing

- First Census was conducted in 1871 and usually conducts once in 10 years.
- Latest census conducted in 2012 and it was the 14<sup>th</sup> census.  
(Covered the entire country after 30 years)
- Next Census will be conducted in 2021
- Collect social, economic and demographic information on each and every individual and their housing information, at a given point of time

### ■ Demographic and Health Survey

- Once in 5 years.
- Collect information on maternal and child health, nutrition and reproductive health (**Tablet computers were used for data collection: CAPI**).



## Statistical Activities

- **Economic Census (Industry, Trade and Services Activities)**
  - Once in 10 years.
  - To Develop a comprehensive register of industrial establishments.
  
- **Industry Survey**
  - Annually.
  - To provide indicators of the performance and the structure of the industrial sector.
  
- **Construction Industry Survey**
  - Annually.
  - To measure the rapid development of the Construction Industry.

## **Statistical Activities**

- **Economic Census (Agricultural Activities)**
  - **Once in 10 Years.**
  - **Collect information on agricultural holdings.**
- **Bi - annual Sample Surveys to estimate the Paddy statistics**
- **Highland Crop Statistics(District wise) – Yala and Maha Seasons.  
(Area and Production)**
- **Cost of Production for Tea, Rubber and Coconut – Annually**
- **Livestock Statistics(Production - Cattle, Buffaloes, Goats, Sheep, Swine, and Poultry) - Annually**



**Statistical Activities: Compile National Accounts from year 2007**

- **Responsible for compiling National Accounts (GDP, Economic Growth Rate..) of Sri Lanka**
- **Annual and quarterly national account estimates are published in time lag of 75 days**
- **Moving base year from 2002 to 2010 was carried out successfully in early 2015**



## **Information and Communication Technology Division**

- **The data processing work of censuses and surveys**
- **Maintenance of DCS website: [www.statistics.gov.lk](http://www.statistics.gov.lk)**
- **Maintaining web-based interactive data bases**
- **Updating advance Data Release Calendar of DCS**
- **Maintained of hardware/software used by the DCS**
- **Training of DCS staff on ICT**

## Statistical Activities; Household Surveys

- **Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES)**
  - Every 3 years
  - Per-capita Income and expenditure values
  - Poverty Headcount ratio
  - Poverty levels by DS division is available for 2012/13
  
- **Labour Force Survey (LFS)**
  - Quarterly
  - Data collection commence using CAPI technology
  
- **Domestic Satellite Accounts Survey**
  
- **Time use survey, Women's well-being survey, GATS survey, STEPS survey**

## **Statistical Activities: Prices & Wages Division**

- **Collection of weekly retail prices**
- **Compile**
  - **CCPI- Colombo Consumer Price Index**
  - **Inflation**
  - **PPI: Producer Price Index**
  - **NCPI: National Consumer Price Index**

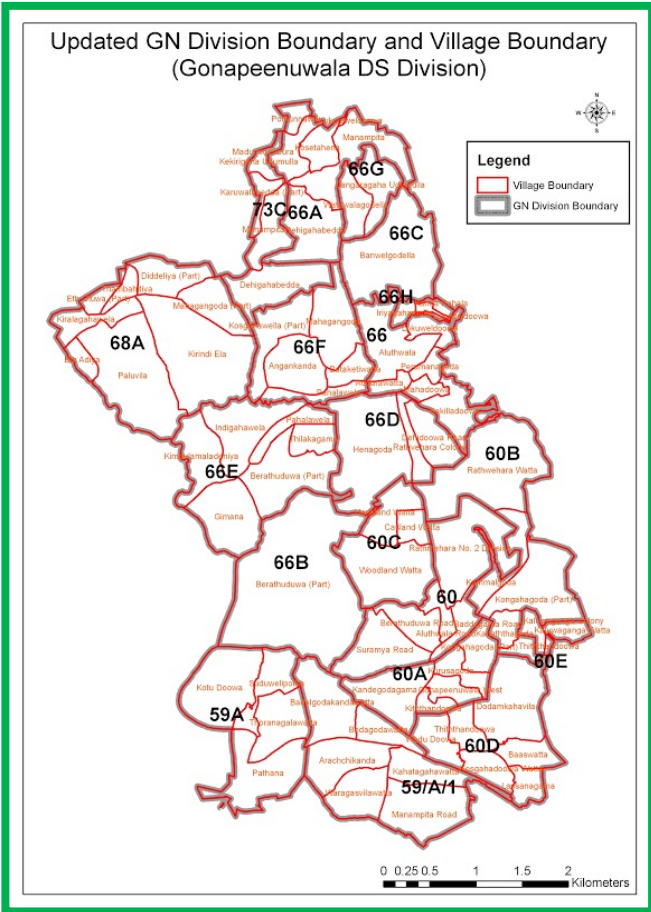
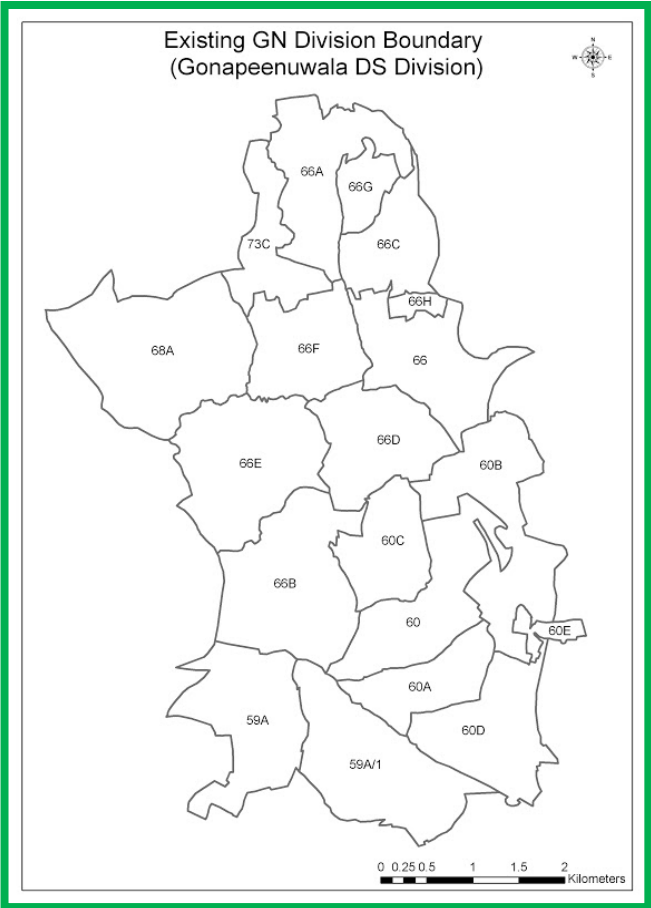
**DCS introduced National Consumer Price Index which has been releasing monthly from 2015**

DCS is a direct user of price indices (for Compilation of national accounts)



# Statistical Activities: Cartography Division

Preparation of boundary maps (census block level) and preparation of thematic map for data presentation





## **Training Division**

- Conduct training programs to the staff
- Conduct International training programs
- Conduct internship programs for universities/Technical college students

## **Research and Special Studies Division/International Statistics Unit**

- Census on children's homes
- Preparation of Official Statistics Programme
- Other special statistical activities

### **Statistical Activities: Data Dissemination Unit & SDG Unit**

- Responsible for providing the data requested by the parliament and other government institutions, researchers etc.
- Releases micro data for data users in accordance with micro data dissemination policy
- Operates Sales Counter of the departmental publications
- Coordinating the work of compiling SDG indicators for the country

## Supportive services

- Preparation of annual publications
- Provide digital library facilities to the DCS officers
- Administrative and accounts work
- Printing of all the materials and reports
- Overall coordination work of the branch offices and the central office
- Responding national and international data requests
- Auditing of DCS work

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## Use of new technology & other developments

- Field data collection using CAPI
- Conduct next Census of Population & Housing 2021 using Handheld Devices
- Modernization of the Department website; [www.statistics.gov.lk](http://www.statistics.gov.lk)
- Data dissemination through info graphics
- Use of digital maps for the next CPH 2021
- Review of National Statistical System of Sri Lanka with the support of UNESCAP

# Thank you

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