Mobilizing Resources For The Development Of Statistical Capacity

NATIONAL STATISTICS BUTREAU, ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN

Mobilizing and securing adequate resources and infrastructure for the development of national statistical capacity
OUTLINE

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BHUTAN AT GLANCE

Area: 38,394 Sq. Km

Administrative Units:
- 20 Districts/Dzongkhags
BHUTAN AT GLANCE

Total Population

Male 385,845 52.4%
Female 349,708 47.6%
735,553*

163,001 Regular Households

Urban 37.8%
Rural 62.2%

Source: 2017 PHCB

Education

Total Fertility Rate is 1.7
Average Household Size is 3.9
98.6% of the households have access to Improved Drinking Water Source
74.8% of the households have Improved Sanitation Facility
Electricity is the Source of Lighting for 96.6% of the households

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INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK: NATIONAL STATISTICS BUREAU

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LEGAL FRAMEWORK

EXECUTIVE ORDER (MAY 26, 2006):

In order to streamline and strengthen the statistical system in the country, the NSB is hereby designated as the central authority for collection and release of any official data, and their custodian. As such, all ministries, departments, and agencies are directed to acquire prior approval from the NSB on all statistical matters.

- Conducts all the National survey and Census
- Survey Clearance
- Technical Assistance to other ministries/agencies
- Coordination within the BSS

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NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF STATISTICS

• NSDS I was prepared in 2008-2013
• NSDS II was prepared in 2014-2018
• NSDS III was prepared in 2019-2023

STRATEGY OBJECTIVES

1. Develop and implement a legal and policy framework for the development of Official Statistics
2. Develop the BSS staff efficiency and career satisfaction
3. Make efficient use of the technical and financial resources across the BSS
4. Increase the Official Statistics availability to fulfil user needs
5. Offer the users an easier access to the data

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STRATEGY OUTCOME

1. Established authority for statistics
2. A better informed society
3. Improved data quality
4. Strong statistical institution
## MAJOR SOURCE OF FUNDING & ACTIVITIES

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MAJOR SOURCE OF FUNDING & HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

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EXISTING GAPS

- LACK OF NATIONAL STANDARDS/ ADHERENCE TO UN NQAF
- LACK OF STATISTICAL LEGISLATION
- LACK OF ADEQUATE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE
- LACK OF ADEQUATE FUNDING
- HUMAN CAPACITY CONSTRAINT
- LACK OF DATA LITERACY
WAY FORWARD

- Developing national standards and aligning with UN NQAF
- Statistics Act – Currently drafting with support of PARIS21
- Strengthening information technology infrastructure (To support data collection, management, analysis, sharing, visualization and dissemination)
- Resource mobilization (RGoB & Development partners)
- Capacity enhancement of statistical staff through 5 Year HRD plan
- Conduct of yearly data literacy programmes with diverse audiences
- Strengthening administrative data collection (HMIS, EPIS, EMIS, GLDB, etc.)
- Strengthening co-ordination within the BSS