
MEASURING ASSET OWNERSHIP FROM A GENDER PERSPECTIVE CURRENT AND FUTURE PLANS

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Introduction

- The Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS) is a semi Autonomous agency of government responsible for the Production and Dissemination of socio-economic statistics; and is responsible for Coordinating, Monitoring and Supervising the NSS.
- The production of Statistics is guided by the National and international development Frameworks



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Status of Gender Statistics Development

- The National Gender policy – governing gender mainstreaming in national development programmes is under the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development.
- Sex disaggregated data is generated in most of Surveys, Censuses and administrative records
- Mainstreaming gender responsive statistics in the NSO and the NSS was not conceived till 2007.
- Gender statistics development has to-date been institutionalised in the statistical system – a Statistics Unit in the NSO and a sub committee for gender statistics are in place.

Engendered Statistical Programmes

**National Household
Survey (Panel and
cross- sectional:
both regular and
adhoc)**

Education, Health, Labour
force, Time Use data
Asset Ownership
Well being

Water and sanitation,
enterprises and
Ownership,
Energy (access)

Current practice of collecting data on Asset ownership

- The inclusion of questions or modules in the survey undertaken by UBOS is demand driven.
- There are however, some questions that benefit all users irrespective of whether they are demanded or not and gender is one of them
- The Household Surveys undertaken to date have largely focused mainly on Education, Health, Energy and Agriculture.
- We have also undertaken gender specific surveys (eg on domestic violence, gender based violence etc and included questions on assets)



Current practice of collecting data on Asset ownership cont'd

- The questions attempt to account for all assets in the households and who owns them (in some specific surveys)
- Generally, asked questions about household assets and changes over time refer to the entire household and not individually owned assets.



Challenges to collecting Asset data relating to individuals

- Some resources are shared with joint ownership. **The challenge is how to determine the share which belongs to each individual.**
- While it is possible to collect individual information, one needs to obtain additional information beyond assets to meaningfully relate the information and to understand the total assets owned. **The challenge is how much more information do you include?**
- Assets regarded as high value and important vary by region, culture and by socio-economic status. **Which ones should be included?**



Challenges to collecting data relating to individuals cont'd

- Assets owned by individuals may not be common knowledge to other household members and may deliberately be withheld for some reason. This applies not only to women but also men. **The question are- what is the best approach to gather such information? Is it to separate men and women or interview different sex per cluster ?**
- Indeed in most household surveys in Uganda, the head of household is interviewed (70 percent male). Clearly some information outside the knowledge of the respondent will be missed.



New initiatives

- Improvement of the questions asked to be able to capture more gender issues- Eg The Panel survey 2012/13, Included questions on asset ownership by sex.
- We intend to add modules to existing surveys rather than stand alone surveys.
- It is difficult to adequately meet the demand of users during questionnaire development. Hence the need to prioritise the questions (full module Vs prioritised set of questions)



Conclusion and Way forward

- Progress has been made to increase the availability of gender disaggregated data
- However, there is still room for improvements and UBOS will support the efforts to increase gender responsive data.



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