



Uganda's National Training experiences: using the StaTact tool and lessons learned

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Introduction



The United Nations Institute for Training and Research in collaboration with the UN Statistics Division conducted a national StaTact Training for the Uganda National Statistical System from 11th to 12th June 2019 at Fair Way Hotel in Kampala-Uganda.

Participants:

The Training attracted 30mparticipants from Ministries, Departments and Agencies within the National Statistical System. The participants comprised of both producers and users of statistics produced in the National Statistical System.

Facilitators:

The training was facilitated by a team of staff from UNITAR and UNSD.



Overview of the StaTact Tool



The StaTact used during the training is a web based tool that facilitated short term multi stakeholder action planning on different problems identified.

The StaTact GAMSO and GSBPM are the main analytical frameworks that were used by participants for assessing current situation, identifying key stakeholders and discussing possible solutions.

In addition, StaTact Tool offers online avenues for collaboration, discussion and follow –up within the working groups before and after the workshop as well as visualization of the action plans.



Using the StaTact Tool



The trainees were divided into smaller task force that handled the different identified bottlenecks to the NSDS implementation in Uganda.:

- ➤ GAMSO (Governance); was used by the task force to identify institutional issues that need to be dealt with as a task force. Appreciating the environment under which the NSDS is implemented
- GSBPM (Data Ecosystem): looked at the process weakness, root cause and propose solutions / action plans
- Business cases of the issues where linked to different SDG indicators in trying to see how addressing such issues would Leverage a given SDG Goal/Traget /Indicator.



Using the StaTact Tool



The training in Uganda focused on addressing a number of bottlenecks in implementing the National Strategy for Development of Statistics (PNSD II). The problem Areas covered include:

- i. Existence of Data Gaps
- ii. Weak legal framework
- Weak process of institutionalizing the function of statistics within MDAs.
- iv. Inadequate Attention Given to Administrative Data
- v. Weak Capacity for Statistics Interpretation and Analysis
- vi. Limited Access to Data
- vii. Inadequate Application of technology to Statistical Activities
- viii. Insufficient Capacity Development
- ix. Inadequate Disaggregation for some indicators / statistics



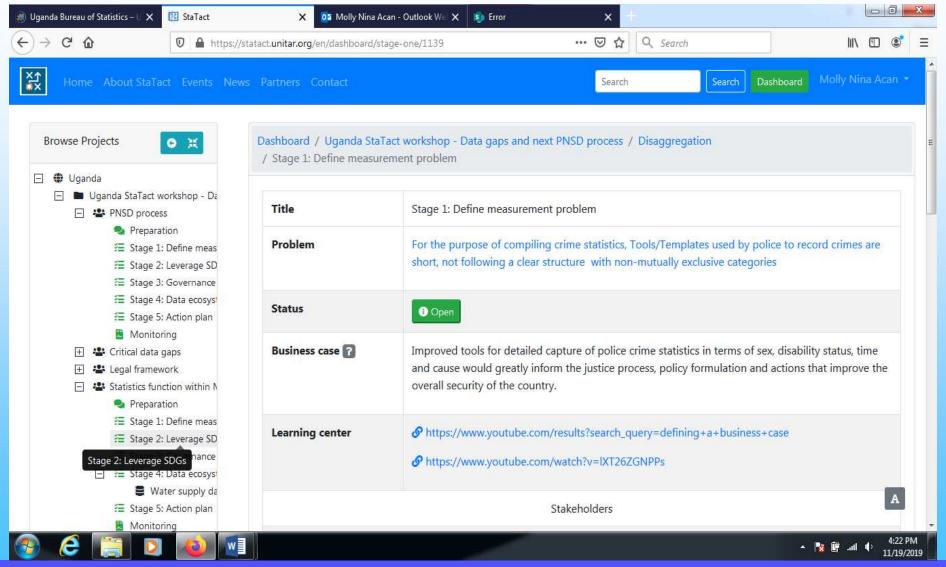
Erample of a Task Force Work



Screen shots of the work of the taskforce on: inadequate disaggregation of some statistics / indicators

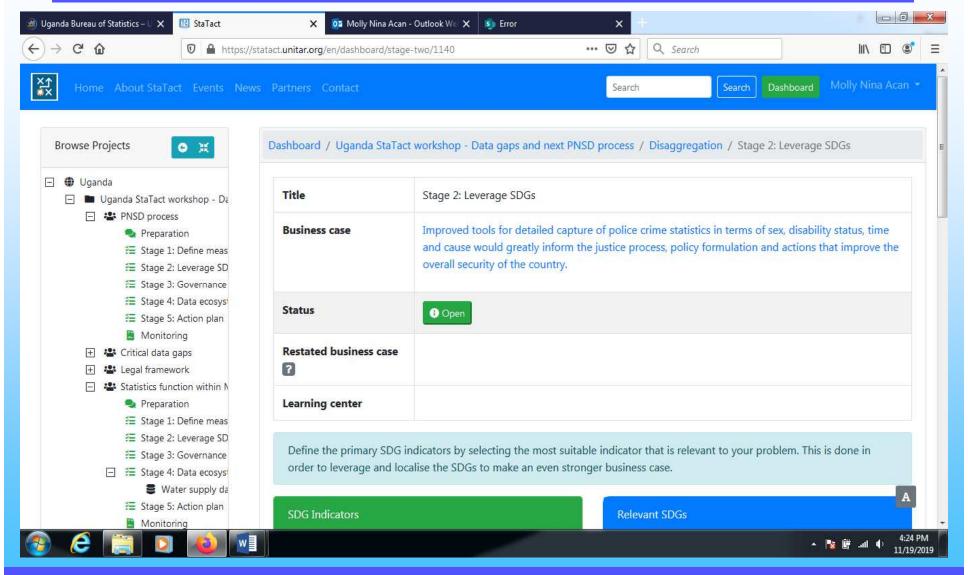






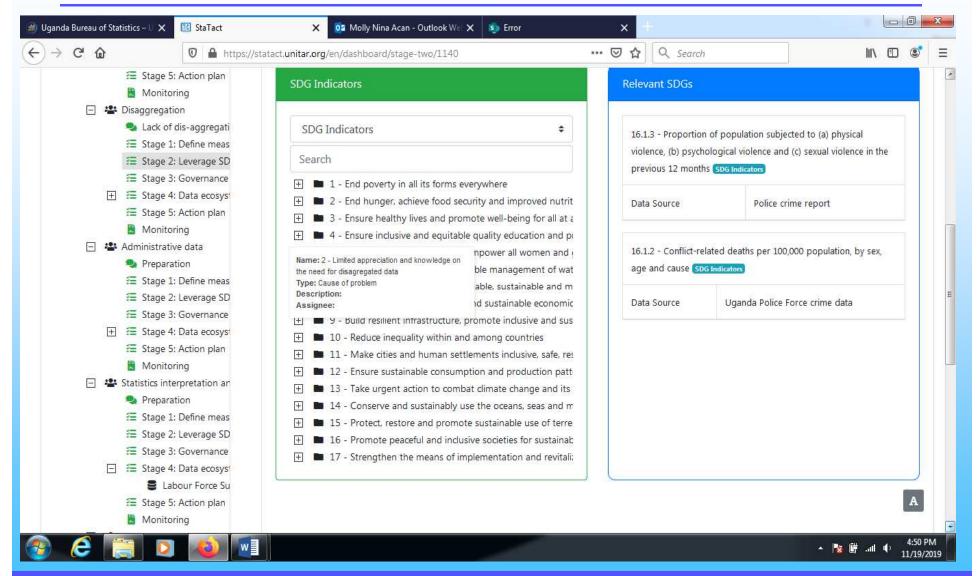






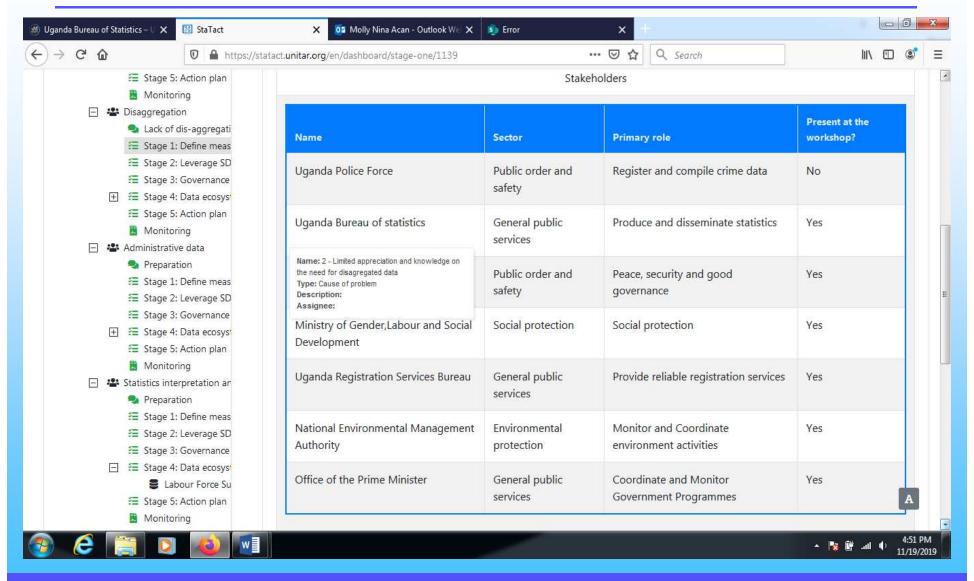






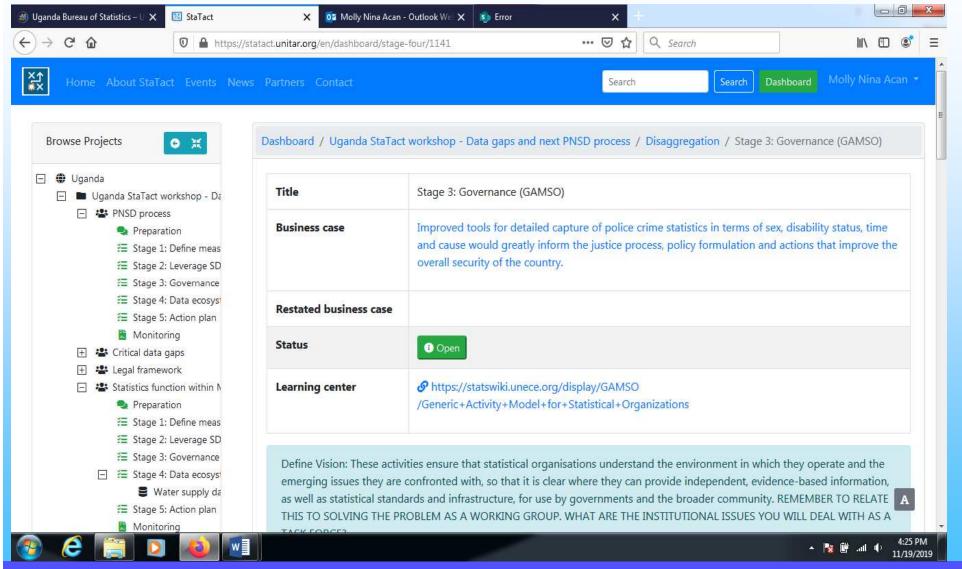






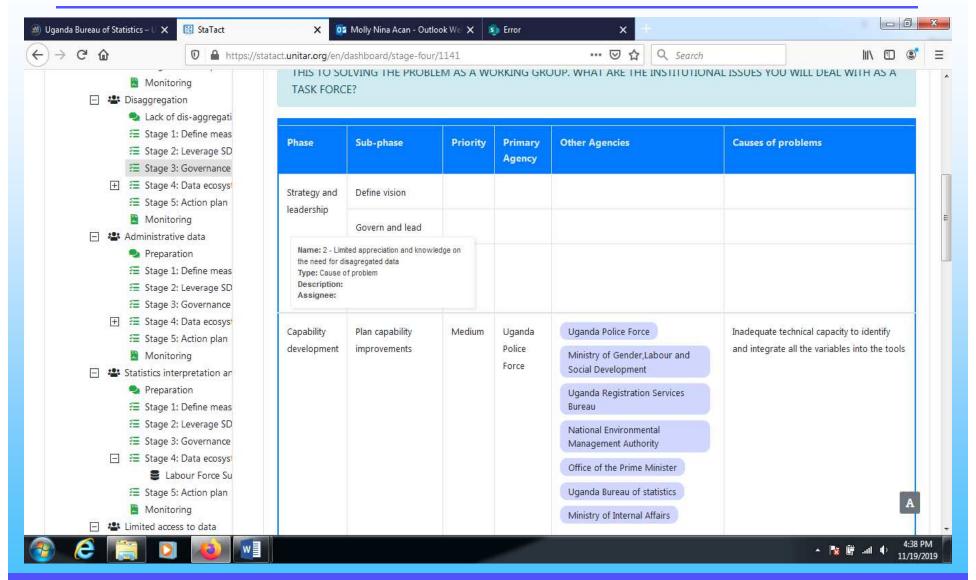






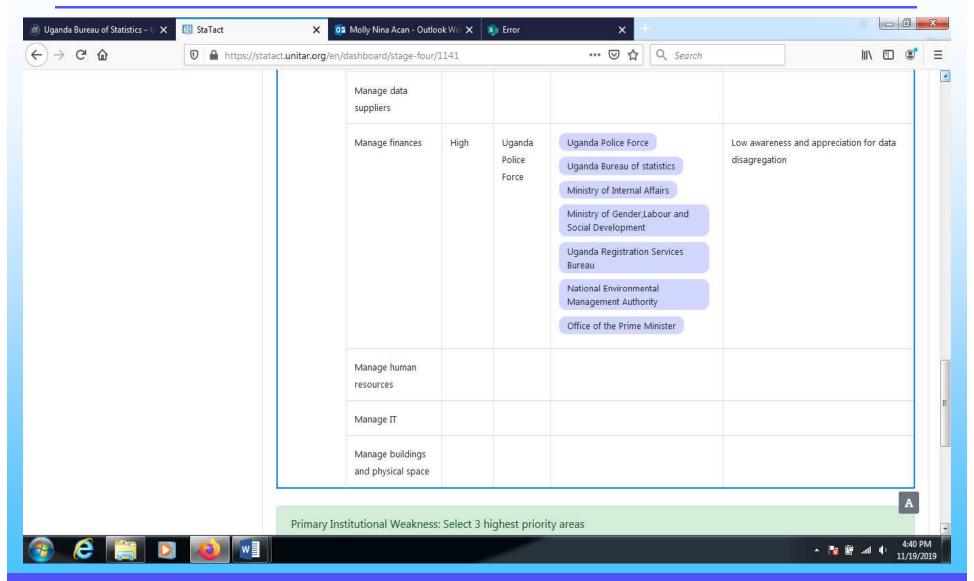






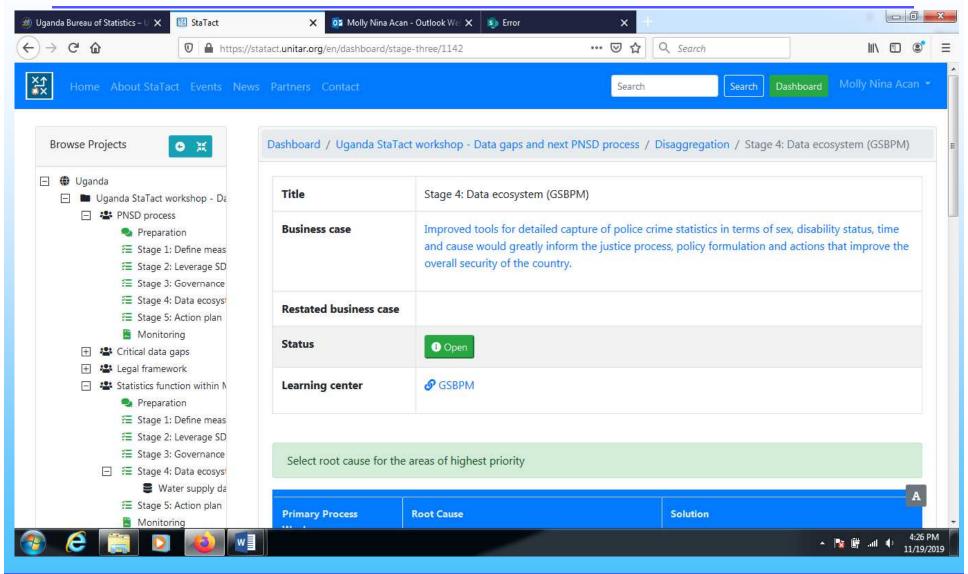






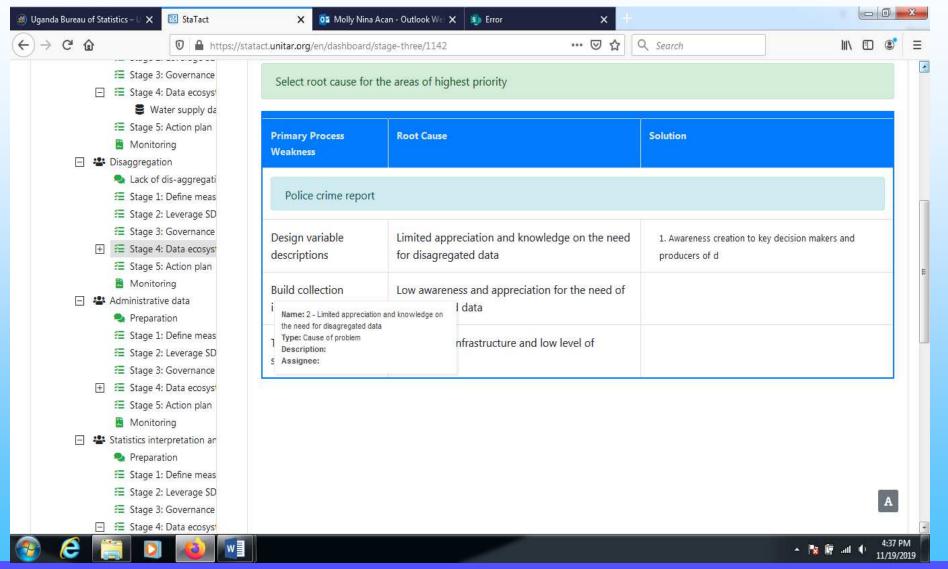






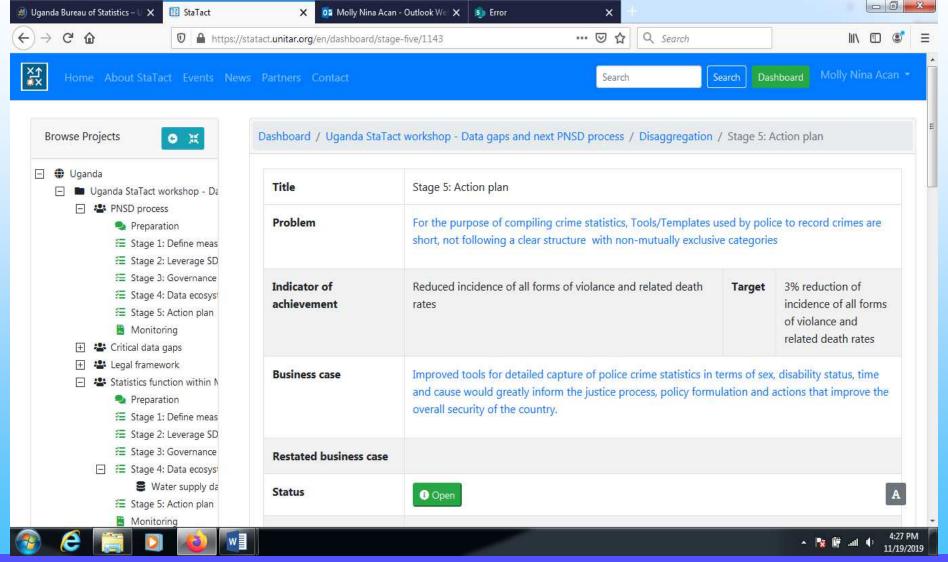














Lessons Learnt



The live group discussions made it easy to receive contributions from the different members within a task force. This allowed the task force to agree on systematic solutions for different issues on time.

The National Statistical System - NSO, MDAs & HLGs are major implementers of the NSDS and therefore their participation in the task force discussions was very vital.

Achieving real solutions for existing bottlenecks in the implementation of the National Strategy for Development of Statistics require a better understanding of the root causes



Challenges



- ➤ Poor internet connectivity slowed down the full participation of some members especially when all trainees logged onto the StaTact page.
- ➤ For some of the bottle necks of NSDS in Uganda, it was not quite easy relating it to a specific SDG indicator.
- ➤ Follow up with the participants and other stakeholders in the Statistical System became a challenge as no training materials were shared with members. The link shared failed to open and when we gave feedback no solutions were reached.
- ➤ The training time was not very sufficient for some sessions which affect the learners absorption.



Recommendations



- ➤ There is need to invest more on internet connectivity in preparation for StaTact training using the Web based tool.
- Bottlenecks that are not directly related to the data production process may not have to be linked to specific SDG indicators.
- ➤ For future engagement on StaTact Tools, the facilitators should share all relavant materials with participants before leaving the workshop facility.
- The different training sessions should be made commensurate to the amount of knowledge to be given out.





Thank You



