

# The Challenges Faced by LISGIS in the compilation of metadata

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## **Available of Metadata in LISGIS**

Since its independent in 1847, Liberia has conducted four population censuses.

They are the 1962, 1974, 1984, and 2008 population and housing census.

Liberia has also conducted three LDHS Survey.

They are 1988, 2007, and 2013 Liberia Demographic and Health Survey

## **Available of Metadata in LISGIS cont'd**

She has conducted a list of surveys, since its establishment.

LISGIS had no metadata for all these censuses and surveys conducted

## Available of Metadata in LISGIS cont'd

# Definition of Metadata

Africa Charter for Statistics defines metadata as:

“the range of information, generally textual, that fosters understanding of the context of which statistical data have been collected processed and analyzed with the objective of creating statistical information

**According to the ISO** “Metadata is data that defines and describes other data.”

## **Available of Metadata in LISGIS cont'd**

In February, 2013, UNSD sent a representative who introduce the concept of metadata in LISGIS

Since then LISGIS has began to develop metadata  
Example DevInfo

Presently, availability of metadata is very limited

Most of the government ministries have no metadata

Very few NGOs has metadata available but ambiguous because they are inconsistency, incomplete or inaccurate

# CHALLENGES FACED IN METADATA COMPILATION

LISGIS has lots of challenges

- Lack of adequate trained personnel in metadata compilation
- Lack of full understand and use of metadata
- Lack ability to provide training on metadata compilation to other ministries and agencies
- Limited resources to provide guidance to other producers

## CHALLENGES Faced CONT'D

- LISGIS inability to financially support the CSIO and other institutions
- Unable to provide metadata to users
- Low level coordination among various institutions



# Way Forward

- **LISGIS need to begin taking action now for metadata compilation**
- **Establish a technical committee on metadata compilation**
- **Create awareness on the relevance and use of metadata**
- **Create a metadata repository**

## Way Forward cont'd

- **Provide training on metadata compilation process**
- **Conduct a workshop with all focal persons in all sector**
- **Extend also those in the 15 Counties**

# Vision

Have a metadata repository to contain:

Have business metadata

Have technical metadata

Have a Operational metadata

Strive to have all ministries and agencies metadata harmonized

Thank you for your attention