Gender Statistics in Lesotho

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Background

• Bureau of Statistics Act No.8 of 2001 mandates the bureau to:
  – collect, analyse and disseminate official statistics
  – Coordinate and supervise the National Statistics System (NSS)
• To carry out this mandate, the National Strategy for Development of Statistics (NSDS I) was developed and implemented in 2009/10 and 2016/17
• Evaluation undertaken in 2019
• Development of NSDS II commenced in August 2020
Methodology

• Assessment was undertaken across the NSS, through
  – Review of existing literature
  – Face to face interview

• The assessment was done using three approaches namely:
  – The Advanced Data Planning Tool (ADAPT)
  – Capacity Development Framework (CD4.0)
  – Questionnaire on gender statistics
Assessment

- National Strategic development Plan 2019-2023 (NSDP II) had identified 152 SDG indicators of which 44 are gender related.
NSDS II

The five strategic goals of the current NSDS focus on:

• Strengthening coordination of the statistical system
• Improving human and financial resources
• Ensuring quality statistics
• Mainstreaming gender in data production and analysis to leave no one behind,
• Demand-driven production of statistics
Coordination

The bureau has revisited the Statistics Act to:

• Review statistical legislation and development of Statistics Act regulations
• Create NSS coordination structure
• Facilitate creation of statistical units in MDAs
What’s been done

• Formalized the collaboration with the department of Gender through the signing of MOU
• Establish gender focal points in MDAs and held training with respect to Gender Statistics
• Reviewed the administrative records to fill gender data gaps and ensure data collection tools are gender-sensitive
2021 Intercensal survey

- Gender mainstreamed in the 2021 Lesotho Demographic survey (intercensal)
Strategies identified and applied in the two reports include:

• Results are presented by sex as a primary and overall classification;
• Reflect gender issues;
• Data and results are based on concepts and definitions that adequately reflect the diversity of women and men and capture all aspects of their lives;
THANK YOU

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