CHALLENGES OF USING ADMINISTRATIVE DATA FOR PRODUCTION OF OFFICIAL STATISTICS IN NAMIBIA



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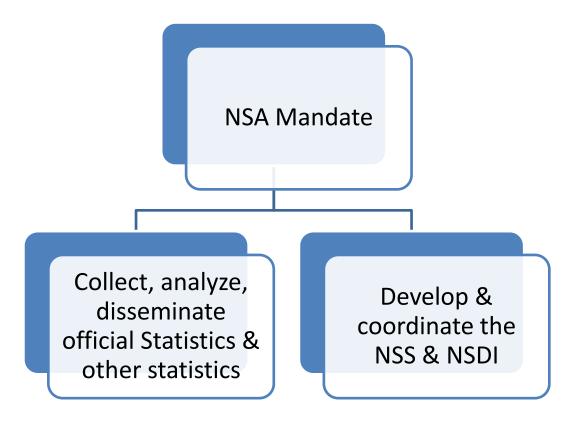
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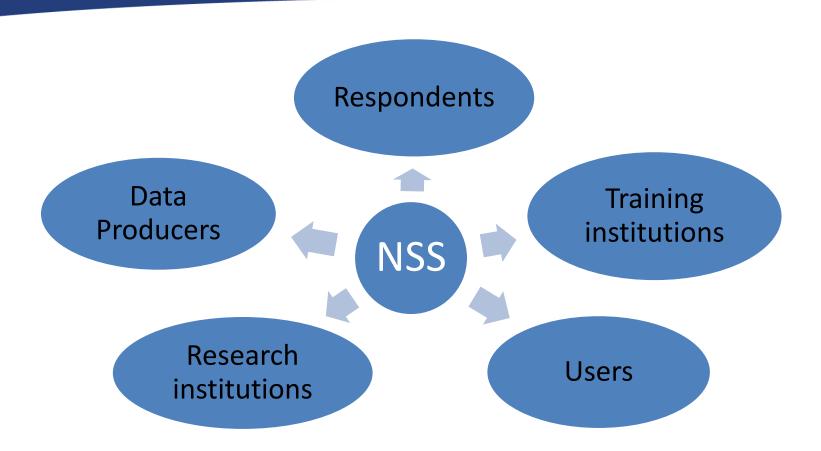
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Introduction: NSA's Core Mandate

The Statistics Act (Act. No.9 of 2011)



Introduction: NSS Coordination



Overview: Administrative data

- > Produced by public institutions as part of the operations
- ➤ Main purpose is not for statistical productions, but contains valuable info for statistical production

Disadvantages	Disadvantages		
Time and cost savings	• Data Incomplete/ inaccurate data items		
Timely data	• Data Quality issues e.g. inconsistencies		

Framework, Policies & Standards



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Namibia Quality Assurance Framework for Statistics DATA COLLECTION,
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Challenges of using Admin data for official statistics

- Lack of an integrated system in place
- Delayed submission of data
- Accuracy Invalid values, incorrect format, internal inconsistencies, outlier values
- Completeness- missing information
- Most Data providers do not have "Metadata" in place
- Lack of National Statistical Concepts & Definition Compendium
- Long turnaround time if verification needed Bureaucratic process

Example: Namibia Revenue Agency







MONTHLY ADMINISTRATIVE TRADE DATA IS COLLECTED DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF EACH MONTH AFTER THE REFERENCE PERIOD

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Future Plans to improve the Quality of Admin data

- Develop Administrative
 Assessment Tool Input/source
 data
- Data sharing platform interoperability (UXP)
- Gazette Statistical Concept & Definition Compendium
- Increase data providers engagement



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