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towards the Internationally Agreed Developments Goals in the  
Southern African Development Community region

**Country presentation**

**Zimbabwe**



# **NATIONAL ACCOUNTS IN ZIMBABWE**

## **1) INTRODUCTION**

THE ZIMBABWE CENTRAL STATISTICAL OFFICE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPILING NATIONAL ACCOUNTS IN ZIMBABWE. THE OFFICE IS UNDER THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

THE NATIONAL ACCOUNTS SECTION HAS A STAFF COMPLEMENT OF SIX PROFESSIONAL STAFF AND ONE SUPPORT STAFF.

THE COMPILATION IS GOVERNED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ACT. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THERE IS A NEW STATISTICS ACT WHICH WAS APPROVED BY PARLIAMENT AND SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT.

UNDER THE NEW ACT;

THE CENTRAL STATISTICAL OFFICE BECOMES AN EXECUTIVE AGENCY HEADED BY A DIRECTOR GENERAL.

THE ACT CREATES A NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEM (NSS) WITH CSO AS A HUB

THE ACT SPECIFIES THE ROLES OF PRODUCERS, USERS AND RESPONDENTS.

THE NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEM IS COORDINATED BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL WHO ENSURES THAT STATISTICAL STANDARDS ARE MET AND CERTIFIES ALL OFFICIAL STATISTICS.

THERE WILL BE A COMMON STATISTICAL SERVICE AND THERE WILL BE A REGULAR AUDIT OF ALL STATISTICS PRODUCED BY DIFFERENT PRODUCERS APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL.

## **2) NATIONAL ACCOUNTS**

THE NATIONAL ACCOUNTS ARE PRODUCED FOLLOWING THE 1993 SYSTEM OF NATIONAL ACCOUNTS (1993 SNA).

THE FOLLOWING APPROACHES ARE USED;

PRODUCTION APPROACH

EXPENDITURE APPROACH

INCOME APPROACH

THE PRODUCTION APPROACH IS THE MAIN APPROACH.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR 2007.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS FIGURES FOR 2008 ARE STILL BEING WORKED ON.

### **3) DATA SOURCES**

THE NATIONAL ACCOUNTS ARE COMPILED USING

CENSUSES AND SURVEYS, AND ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

#### **AGRICULTURE**

AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK SURVEYS AND CROP FORECAST SURVEYS

#### **INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION**

CENSUS OF MANUFACTURING PRODUCTION COVERING

- MANUFACTURING
- MINING
- CONSTRUCTION
- ELECTRICITY AND WATER ESTABLISHMENTS

MONTHLY VOLUME OF MANUFACTURING PRODUCTION

VOLUME INDEX OF MINING PRODUCTION

UNIT VALUE INDEX OF MINING PRODUCTION

RETAIL TRADE INDEX

QUARTERLY CONSTRUCTION SURVEYS

RETAIL TRADE INDEX

TAX RETURNS FROM DEPARTMENT OF TAXES

NATIONAL INCOME SURVEYS COVERING WHOLESALING, RETAILING, TRANSPORT AND HOTELS

RETURNS FROM AIR ZIMABAWAWE

RETURNS FROM NATIONAL RAILWAYS OF ZIMBABWE

### **RESERVE BANK OF ZIMBABWE**

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS COMPILED BY THE RESERVE BANK OF ZIMBABWE (RBZ) COMBINING MERCHANDISE TRADE FROM CSO AND SERVICES TRADE FROM RBZ.

### **EMPLOYMENT**

QUARTERLY EMPLOYMENT SURVEY

### **FINANCE**

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS FROM MINISTRY OF FINANCE COVERING CENTRAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

PARASTATAL RETURNS

SURVEY OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

NONPROFIT INSTITUTIONS SERVING HOUSEHOLDS (NIPSH) SURVEY

### **INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION AND TOURISM**

BED OCCUPANCY RATES

## **PRICES**

CONSUMER PRICE SURVEY (CPI)

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX

BUILDING MATERIALS PRICE INDEX

CIVIL ENGINEERING MATERIALS PRICE INDEX

RENT AND DOMESTIC WORKERS SURVEY

## **INCOME CONSUMPTION AND EXPENDITURE SURVEY (ICES)**

### **INFORMAL SECTOR**

- INFORMATION FROM ICES IS USED TO ESTIMATE THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE INFORMAL SECTOR.

## **4) CHALLENGES**

### **RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS**

#### **HIGH STAFF TURNOVER**

THIS IS EXPECTED TO BE ADDRESSED BY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW ACT.

#### **DELAYS IN THE FLOW OF DATA FROM DATA SOURCES AND LOW RESPONSE RATES**

THE OFFICE IS NOW USING ENUMERATORS TO GET DATA FROM RESPONDENTS FOR CENSUSES OF PRODUCTION, ETC.

## **5) ASSISTANCE**

THE OFFICE RECEIVED ASSISTANCE FROM THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (AFDB) AND SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY (SADC) THROUGH

ICP REGIONAL AND SUBREGIONAL WORKSHOPS AND NOW THROUGH THE  
STATISTCAL CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT COVERING THE PERIOD 2009 TO 2010.