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Innovation and modernisation through standard-based statistical business architecture

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"(...) Les informations et les données - statistiques de haute qualité sont essentielles pour la bonne planification et la mesure des résultats du développement. L'Afrique doit produire ses propres données afin de pouvoir au mieux superviser et accompagner les objectifs économiques et sociaux, y compris les lignes et les objectifs de l'Agenda 2063. La révolution des données en Afrique donnera à notre Continent, l'occasion d'interagir avec les diverses communautés et d'adopter une gamme suffisante de sources de données, d'outils et de technologies innovatrices, qui permettront au Continent de produire des données désagrégées, en incluant les données désagrégées par genre, pour la prise de décision, la prestation de services et l'engagement des citoyens.



The Future we want for Africa Unity Prosperty & Peace





We are facing new challenges that should be seen as new opportunities.

Our policy makers are more sensitive to statistics.

Our users are more informed and demanding.

We need to prepare accordingly strengthening **National** our Statistics Systems.









































National Statistics System Law

Promote new thematics

 Should allow the creation of a system integrated by institutions with expertise in different fields.

Promote the use of administrative records

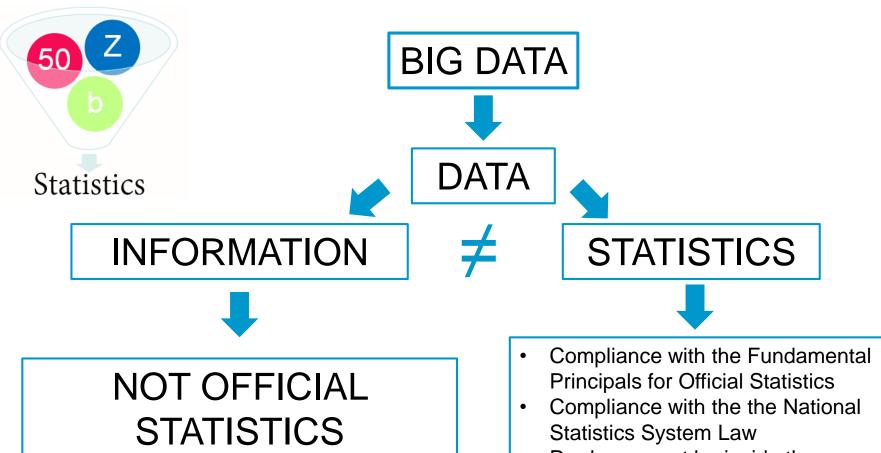
 The law should mandate the institutions to allow access of their administrative records to the national statistics system.

Facilitate the system coordination

 The law should create a superior entity with the power to coordinate allow all institutions under the system.

Allow autonomy

The law shouls guarantee finantial autonomy.

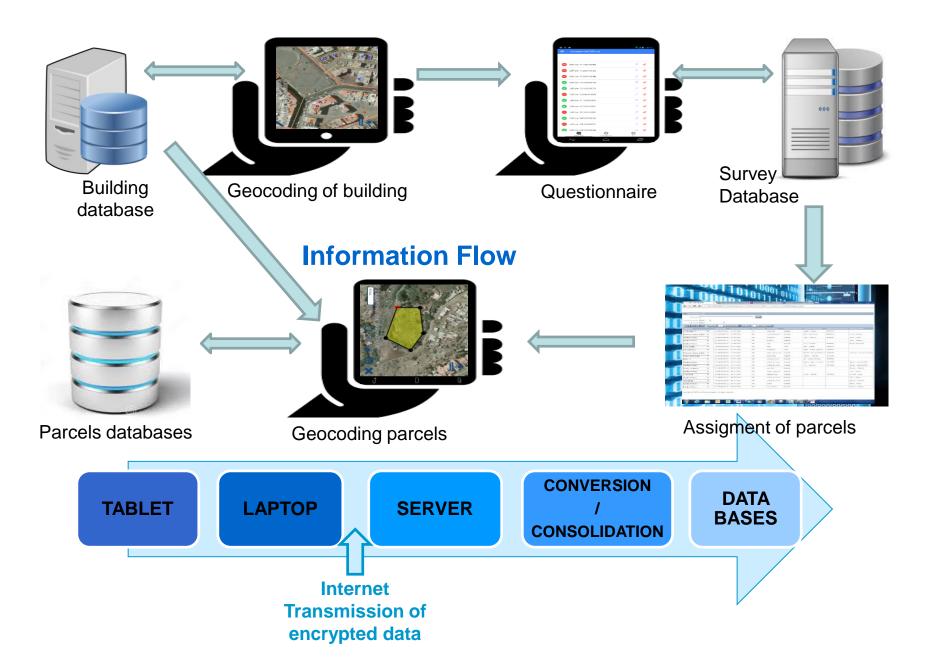


- Producer must be inside the National Statistics System
- Produced/Used in accordance with Concepts, classifications, and methodologies to be approved.



OFFICIAL STATISTICS

Innovation in data collection



Are we in the right place?



What else can we know about you?

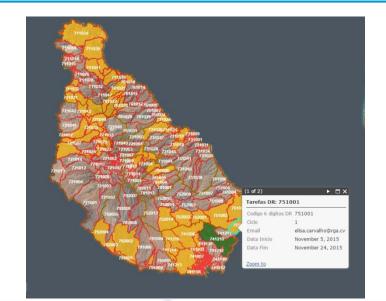


Innovation in data collection

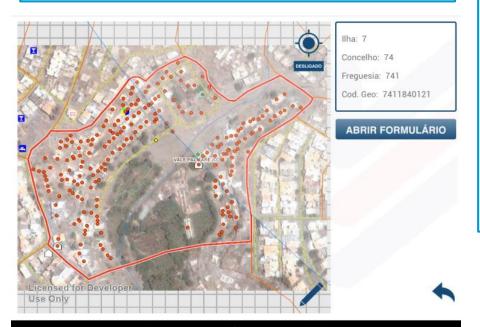
How big is the parcel you're producing on?



How's the operation going?



Are we in the right place?



Innovation in data collection

Enumerators can verify their location through GPS guarantying that they are in the building they were assigned to.

In case of a new building they can georeference it updating the sampling database.

The headquarters can track the location of each enumerator.



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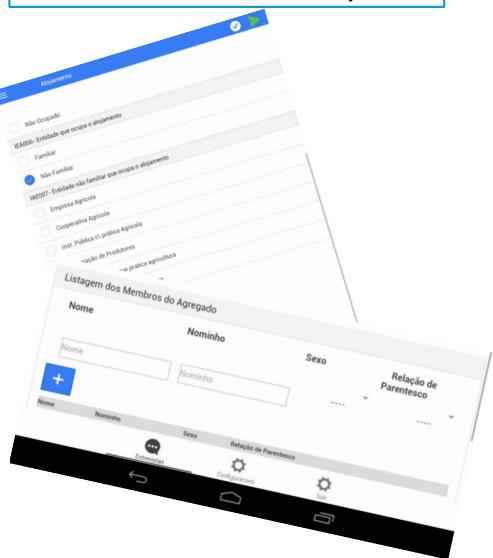
Geocoding the agriculture parcels we can:

- Accurately map them, allowing geomorphological and geo-climatic analysis;
- Calculate the productivity index by type;
- Link the parcel information with the household information.



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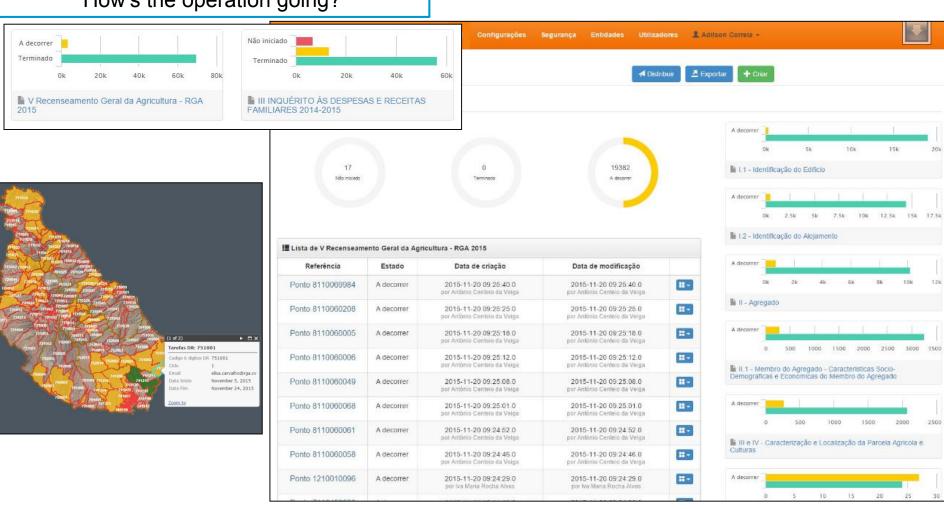


The information collected is verified and validate in a first instance, through a set of alerts and controls.



Innovation in data collection

How's the operation going?



Innovation in administrative data

"Data bank" does not mean database for statistical purposes, we need:

- New "data banks" should be developed in dialogue with the National Statistics System;
- Different systems that produce data for the same domain should be developed in a integrated manner that allows **communication** between systems (e.g. Databases from Police, Courts, Prisons).

Changes in the system should be carefully considered, since adoption of new systems can rupture a series of data.

National Expertise in IT to maintain and upgrade the different databanks.



Innovation in Dissemination

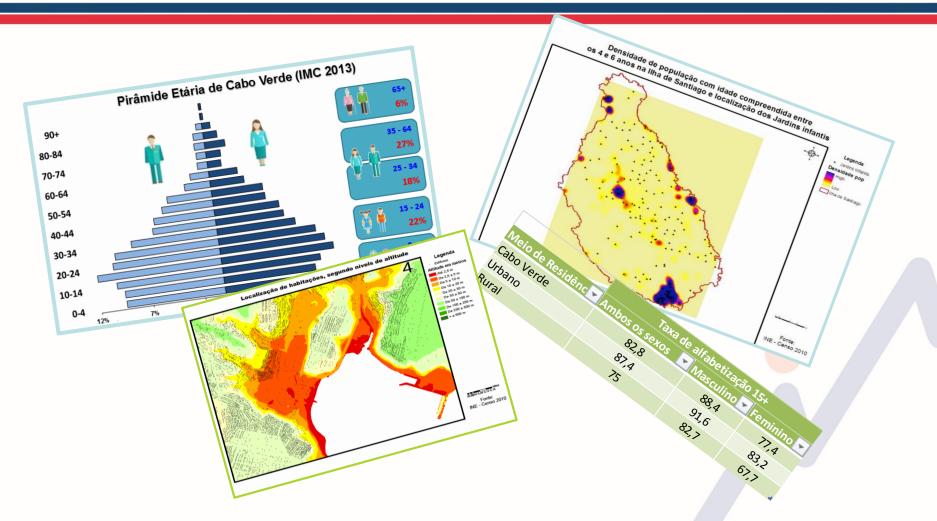
50 African Countries have a website. We need to go beyond.

NSOs respond according with user requests. We need to take the information to users before they request it.

There's several portals to choose from : DevInfo, Dataportal, ArcGIS...

We need to choose in accordance with our needs and capability to keep them updated.







Coordination and Cooperation

Africa is rich in regional organizations. Although the benefits are clear, we tend to harmonize inside a region, but not between regions. To enhance cooperation inside the continent we need:

- Harmonization of methodology and standards. This is possible through the Strategy of Harmonization of Statistics in Africa (SHaSA).
- A strong, capacitated, well staffed, and well funded continental institution capable of collecting the best continental practices and promote collaboration between countries, specially in terms of expertise in specific domains (IT, CRVS, Tourism Satellite Account, Environment Statistics...). A **continental Institute of Statistics** is one possible mechanism.



Coordination and Cooperation

- Better knowledge of continental best practices which is achievable through **indepth diagnosis of country experiences**. One example is the African Development Bank evaluation of National Accounts at national level.
- Document our success and failures, but specially our success.



Obrigado!

Gracias! Merci! Thank you!

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