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Setting up a Professional Services Unit








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About UBOS




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- δ **Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS) was formerly the Statistics Department in the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (MFPED)**
 - δ UBOS was established by an Act of Parliament - UBOS Act 1998
 - δ UBOS plays a dual role in the development and maintenance of the National Statistical System (NSS):
 1. *UBOS is the principal agency responsible for collecting, processing, analyzing and disseminating official statistics;*
 2. *UBOS is also responsible for coordinating, monitoring and supervising the National Statistical System.*






Legal mandate

 UBOS is responsible for among others, the development of the NSS - collection, analysis and publication of statistical information, and all matters incidental to the foregoing which are considered relevant

 **Sect.3 (2)(a) (iii)** mandates UBOS to provide guidance, training and other assistance as may be required to other users and providers of Statistics and to do all things necessary or incidental or conducive to the objects of the Bureau







UBOS Institutional Framework

-  UBOS is governed by a board of directors (BOD) - the policy making organ that provides policy and strategic direction to the organization
-  The current NSDS 2013/14-2017/18 covers 23 Ministries Departments and Agencies of Government – it aims among others, at ensuring the long term sustainability of the NSS by securing funding for priority data production, analysis and dissemination.
-  Further, the NSDS provides for Infrastructure development since most MDA's have inadequate statistical and supportive infrastructure. A PSU once put in place would be instrumental in supporting the required infrastructure within the MDAs







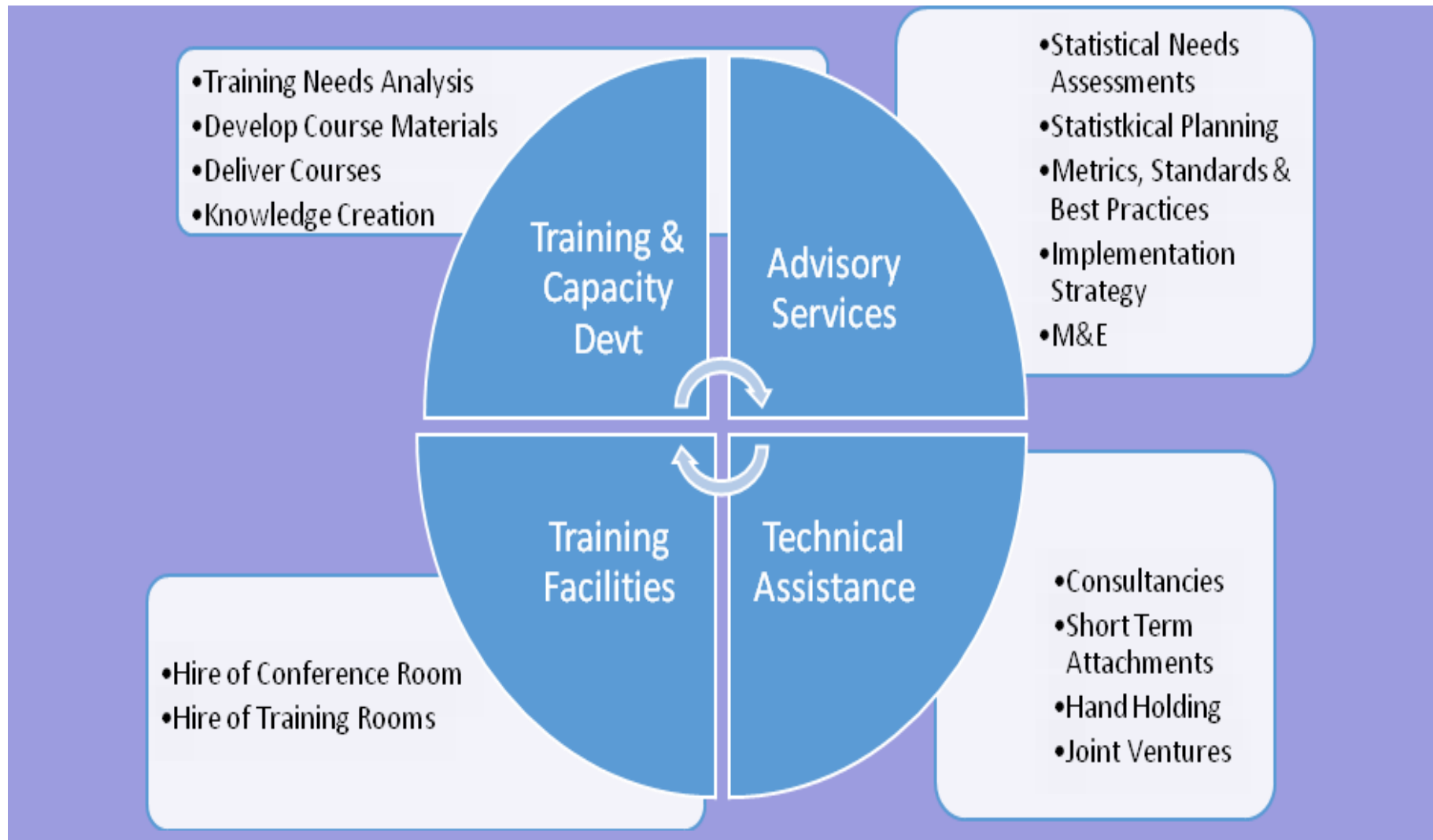
Why the PSU

-  To provide technical guidance to the NSS in a more organized manner
-  To separate the core business of UBOS and the adhoc requests that come up when the annual plans have been completed
-  To create an incentive for staff of UBOS as they get engaged in the PSU projects
-  Provide refresher courses for UBOS staff



Why the PSU cont'd...

-  To develop talent in analytical work within the organization
-  To boost professional linkages with other institutions
-  To absorb retired yet knowledgeable staff from UBOS
-  To increase statistical products at almost no cost to the UBOS



“Contact-us centre”

- δ Main, central point of contact to UBOS
- δ Toll-free access, centralized email response

Advisory services

- δ Custom solutions packaged for clients
- δ Facility rental

Project management other custom services

- δ Technical assistance
 - σ Capacity building (training, mentoring, attachment and exposure)
 - σ Custom tabulation
 - σ Custom surveys
 - σ Custom analysis

Market Potential

 The rapid assessment reveals that there is a high demand for Data and other Statistical Services provided by UBOS especially from;

- δ ■ NGOs and civil society Organizations
- δ ■ International agencies
- δ ■ Private companies/private sector
- δ ■ Individuals
- δ ■ Private sector establishing business in Uganda
- δ ■ Government Ministries, Departments and agencies
- δ ■ Local Governments
- δ ■ University Students and other academic institutions
- δ ■ Researchers
- δ ■ Public sector
- δ ■ Other data producing agencies with limited capacities



Possible Competencies

- GIS
- Economic Policy Analysis
- Statistical Analysis
- Finance and Accounting
- Population and Demographic Analysis
- Information Technology



Risk Mapping



a) Market Risk

- Demand for PSU services in the market and the competitiveness of PSU price



b) Competitive Risks

- More established firms that provide services similar to the PSU

c) Technology & Operational Risks

-  Technological changes and the need to partner and benchmark from similar institutions that have succeeded in the past like Statistics Canada




d) Financial Risks

-  Assumption is that PSU pre-finances a big percentage of the assignment before the client pays
-  The need for UBOS to provide seed money and subsidy to facilitate the smooth operation of PSU until such a time when it is self-sustaining.

e) Buy-in risks – within and without



Support for PSU Development

-  UBOS benefited from the ISFP programme financed by the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada and implemented by Statistics Canada
-  Supported the Bureau to finalise the Business Plan for the establishment of the PSU
-  Refined the objectives, outputs & Outcomes

 Financial viability in the long term

 Three year project

δ First year, “Pilot”

 PSU in UBOS Old structures not currently fully used

δ Report to the Deputy Executive Director, Statistical Production and Development.

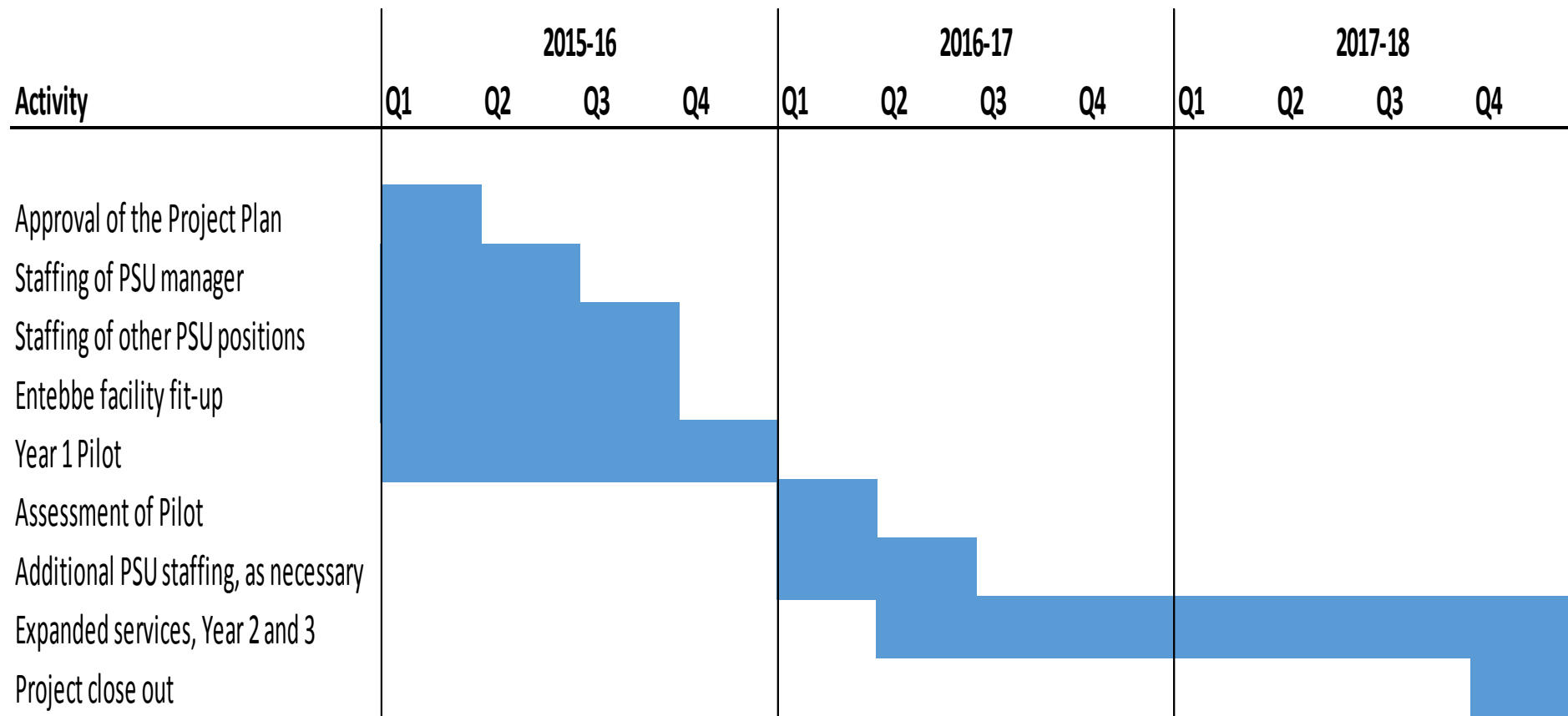
 Re-use 2014 Census equipment



Schedule to establish PSU



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Develop capacity when to say “no”

- Cede all low-quality statistics to others, not within scope of PSU
- Decide which topics are off-limits
 - e.g. public opinion polling



Conclusion

-  UBOS is taking forward the development of the PSU
-  There is support from the BOD and it will start operating in FY 2016/17
-  Appreciation to Statistics Canada for the support



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