

**WORKSHOP ON COMPILATION OF
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STATISTICS**

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1.0 ZANZIBAR PROFILE

Zanzibar lies off the eastern coast and is situated some 30 Kms, from mainland East Africa. It comprises two main Islands (Unguja and Pemba) and several small Islands. It has a total land area of 2,654 square Kms, 1,666 square Kms or 63 percent of the total in Unguja Island and 988 square Kms, or 37 percent of the total in Pemba Island. In 1964, came to unit with Tanganyika and formed the United Republic of Tanzania. The official names of these two united were Tanzania Zanzibar and Tanzania Mainland.

The 2002 Population and Housing Census revealed that Zanzibar has a total population of 981,754 of which 63 percent and 37 percent for Unguja and Pemba Island respectively. The 1988-2002 intercensal growth rate was 3%.

Agriculture is the backbone of the Zanzibar Economy in term of production of food, employment generation, foreign exchange etc. About 90 percent of the Zanzibar foreign exchange were generated from the Agriculture and is basically from the mono- crop known as Cloves.

Before 1979, functions of statistical of the Government were handled by the statistical unit in the Ministry Planning and Economic Affairs. The need for established the Statistics Department under Act Of 1979 was realised during the preparation of the first three- year (1979-81) plan for Economic and Social Development of Zanzibar. In 1999, the Statistics Act was revised to make the provision of statistical data and information more effective and response to user needs

2.0 THE OFFICE OF CHIEF GOVERNMENT STATISTICIAN (OCGS) ORGANIZATION CHART

The OCGS is the only Central Statistical Office in Zanzibar, all statistical matters concern Zanzibar are her responsibilities under the statistical Act No. 9 of 1999 of Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar. This act empowers the OCGS to collect, compile, analyse and disseminate all statistical data from time to time relating to the economic and social activities of the country.

In line with the above act five section was formed namely :-
Economic Statistical Section, Demographic and Social Section, Statistical Services Section, Finance and Administration, and Pemba office.

The Statistic unit collect, compile and analyses the international trade Statistics are followed under Economic Statistical Section known as Trade and Transport Statistical Unit.

Trade and repairs Sector has international trade higher share. Its contribute about 10% to the total GDP which indicate a rank number 3 after Agriculture and Public Administration.

2.1 THE TRADE AND TRANSPORT STATISTICS UNIT

The trade and transport statistics unit is one among the unit under the Economic Statistics category.

A part from data collection on International trade statistics, the unit is responsible for collecting statistics on inter-state trade, transport and telecommunication.

International trade statistics refer to the flow of goods between Zanzibar economy and the rest of the world. It covers all goods which to and subtract from Zanzibar as result of movement into or out of the Zanzibar whether by sea or air ie imports and exports of goods.

Zanzibar like many other countries in the world collects international trade statistics from Custom Department. Due to the fact that, custom is a union institution, collection of these international trade statistics are from Custom Department/Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) in monthly bases through soft copy from TRA. Since there is good relationship between TRA and OCGS we have close checking and data cleaning before official statistical publication and provide to data users. The major areas of checking include number of cargo shipping/ air cargo arrival and comparing checking of previous with current monthly import and export data.

Commodities classification are re-coded to allow the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) analysis, but due to lack of processing equipment and manpower, the current commodities classification data does not go into details, it is often limited only to section category.

The tables below show Imports and Export values, the main Imports and Exports Commodities and the main Imports and Export partners for the last 5 years.

Table I: SHOWS IMPORTS AND EXPORTS VALUE
FOR 1999-2003

(' 000' USD)

YEAR	IMPORT	EXPORT
1999	115,466.5	25,431.3
2000	104,692.6	15,565.6
2001	66,326.0	15,906.1
2002	59,523.8	7,847.3
2003	68,787.4	13,119.7

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) – HQ Dar es Salaam

As shown in Table 1 above that, Exports value for all five (5) years are more the imports value, this means that Zanzibar has not experienced a positive balance of trade.

TABLE 2:SHOWS THE MAIN COMMODITIES IMPORTS AND EXPORTS
FOR 1999 – 20003

(' 000' US D)

SECTION DESCRIPTION	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
IMPORT:					
Mineral Products	7,086.8	13,829.5	14,505.8	12,783.3	13,202.7
Vegetable Products	22,357.2	15,317.0	13,186.8	9,472.1	11,976.1
Vehicles, Aircraft, vessel etc.	7,278.0	5,296.4	5,033.0	4,778.9	11,597.9
Machinery & Mechanical Appliances Electrical etc.	14,796.5	12,955.5	7,201.0	8,833.8	9,947.0
Prepared food stuff, Beverages & Tobacco	22,231.3	26,813.0	5,282.6	5,390.6	6,851.8
Other	41,717.7	30,481.2	21,116.8	18,265.1	15,211.9
Total	115,466.5	104,692.6	66,326.0	59,523.8	68,787.4
EXPORT:					
Vegetables Products	22,455.5	12,799.7	14,620.0	6,677.8	12,350.2
Machinery & Mechanical Appliances, Electrical etc	2,715.0	2,418.0	841.3	685.2	185.1
Lives Animals & Animal Products	207.9	58.8	94.7	147.5	182.2
Base Metal & Articles of Base Metal	7.2	53.0	67.7	279.3	149.5
Others	45.7	236.1	282.5	57..5	252.7
Total	25,431.3	15,565.6	15,906.1	7,847.3	13,119.7

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) HQ, Dar es Salaam

Table 2 above shows Mineral products lead import commodity for the year 2003, followed by vegetable products, vehicle, Aircraft, vessel; etc. While export Commodity was also leading by vegetable products, then Machinery & Mechanical Alliances, electrical; and so on.

**TABLE 3: SHOWS MAIN IMPORT AND EXPORT PARTNERS
FOR 1999 – 2003**

(000" US D)

PARTNERS	YEAR				
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
IMPORT:					
China	4,160.2	3,891.0	1,253.8	2,601.4	2,543.9
India	7,706.2	6,608.2	4,539.8	5,807.0	3,406.7
Japan	5,523.3	4,731.9	4,008.4	3,687.6	5,493.6
Kenya	7,477.7	12,348.8	13,187.4	7,393.0	10,521.8
Other Countries	90,599.1	77,112.7	43,336.6	40,034.8	46,821.4
Total	115,466.5	104,692.6	66,326.0	59,523.8	68,787.4
EXPORT:					
India	4.8	9.9	13.5	0	1,487.4
Singapore	13,008.6	7,676.0	2,503.7	1,195.8	3,518.8
U.A.E	1,812.3	1,411.1	963.7	2,706.2	1,970.5
USA	1,411.9	1,142.9	829.2	1,393.1	578.7
Other Countries	9,193.7	5,325.7	11,596.0	2,552.2	5,564.3
Total	25,431.3	15,565.6	15,906.1	7,847.3	13,119.7

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) – HQ, Dar es Salaam

Table 3 above shows that Kenya is main Import trading partner for year 2003. Other major trading partners are India, Japan and China. The main export trading partner is Singapore, followed by U.A.E, India and U.S.A.