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National Institute of Statistics

Is the entity responsible for collecting, processing and dissemination of the official Foreign Statistics of goods in Mozambique.



Coverage



Record all goods which add to or subtract from the stock of material resources of a country by entering (import) or leaving (export) its economic territory included in the international merchandise trade statistics (IMTS).



i. Main source

- Customs officer

ii. Secondary source

- Electricity Enterprise import of electricity;
- Petroleum Company import and export of fuels;
- MOZAL import raw material and export aluminium;
- SASOL for the export of natural gas;
- National Institute of Cotton (export);
- National Distributor of Sugar (export);
- Bank of Mozambique.



Data collection



- Collection of the forms by Customs Agents from Clearance Agents,
- Data entry of the forms at Customs Office,
- Reception of the data base .
- construction of an independent data base.
- selection of the useful fields for the production of the statistics of foreign trade.



Data collection (cont)



- Analysis of the consistence of the currency and exchanges rate, combination of the regime and CPC, origin and destiny countries.



Balance of Payments



- The Central Bank has legal authority for collecting information to produce official statistics concerning Balance of Payments;
- 2013 – Migration from BPM5 Methodology to BPM6 and the data are compiled and published according to BPM6 since Q2 2014.



- And we have also started Coordinated Direct Investment Survey (CDIS) aiming to provide reliable and up-to-date information on direct investment in Mozambique and other assets and liabilities with the rest of the world.



Constraints



We don't produce statistics of the quantities yet, because this variable is still collected in a inconsistent way, that is, the volumes are not consistent with the values

MAIN REASON:

- In some transactions and customs invoices submitted,
 - the quantities are not in the default drive.Example: instead of **kg** show the number of boxes/units (number of items)



- The internal evaluation is done based on the targets of tax collection,
 - what makes them collect many Customes Declarations (DU's) in short times.



- In Mozambique and elsewhere in the world some companies are not required by law to declare commercial transactions with outside, so to capture the information, Mozambique uses second source of information



MEGA PROJECTS



- Although the Mega Projects present few items, they have more than half the volume of transactions/trade in the country.



MEGA PROJECTS



- This information is collected through Bank of Mozambique and it is based on quarterly corporate balance sheets then they don't provide at all details needed to meet the needs of the External Trade Statistics



Successes



- Increase of staff in the sector of foreign trade statistics, although it is still not enough .
- Automation of the routines of production process of the FTS using SPSS.



Successes (cont)



- Creation of a team work group constituted by Statistics Office, Central Bank, Customs officer and Ministry of Industry and Commerce, to improve the quality of the Foreign Trade Statistics.



Successes (cont)



- The Customs officer improved the collection information system, replacing TIMS application for a new online system JUE (one windows system)

Advantages:

- ✓ reduces the flow of paper
- ✓ rapid at data processing
- ✓ all participants in the transaction process is online



Successes (cont)



- TIMS system was not yet fully replaced by JUE (one windows system), but it is believed that by the end of the year, it will be entirely replaced....



Challenges



- The team work group on Foreign Trade Statistics has been working hard to get better quality of the data:
 - explain the customs agents the implication in the omission of quantity information in customs declarations



Challenges



- Create a questionnaire to enable the Statistics Office to collect data directly from external sources
- Producing External Trade indexes
- Create a system of receiving electronically the data from the Clearance Agents



- Informal cross border trade:
 - we made a preliminary study at the borders to evaluate the flow of the informal trade
 - through this study we found out what kind of merchandize are mostly traded ...
 - we have started with a pilot survey.



Challenges



- The Central Bank is intending to separate the transactions of BOP in two ways:
 - BOP for Mega-Projects; and
 - BOP without Mega-Projects



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