



PILLAR I: GOVERNANCE, COORDINATION AND STATISTICAL OPERATIONS

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Governance and coordination of statistical activities are pre-requisites for sustainable development of the statistical system in the country. The strategic objective of the Pillar is to improve and strengthen coordination among all stakeholders and players in the national statistical system in conduct of statistical activities, to deliver comprehensive, high quality and timely statistics to the government, development partners and the general public to aid informed decision making processes. Areas of emphasis in this pillar will include: (a) developing policy and legal instruments that will address governance and coordination needs of the NSS (b) Physical infrastructural Development including modern office and Web-based Data system; (c) Intra- and Inter-MDA collaboration and partnership in the generation of official statistics.

In addition SSL and the NSS will take the following actions from 2016-2017:

- Review the Statistics Act, 2002 to incorporate the functions of the National Statistical System (NSS) and the United Nations Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and best practices for effective data collection, processing and dissemination
- Strengthen the regional and districts offices as well as the statistical units of local councils, and MDAs to improve on data compilation methodologies, starting 2016
- Review existing MoUs SSL has with MDAs to broaden the scope and areas of delineation and collaboration with MDAs regarding the collection, processing and dissemination of official statistics in the country by the end of 2017
- Strengthen and give strong technical backup to MDA statistics units to assist in correcting their basic weaknesses; to this end SSL will Employ and deploy 5 more statisticians to 5 MDAs
- Develop a Compendium of harmonized statistical standards, protocols concepts, definitions, and classifications and a Compilation of good statistical methods or techniques which can act as reference points for all MDAs, by the end of 2017

Outputs and data collection (see also under Pillars II, III and IV)

The following actions will be taken:

- The NSS will review the requirements of monitoring the SDGs and develop coordinated plans to produce the necessary indicators starting 2016
- SSL will establish procedures for assessment of the quality of domains of statistics and conduct assessments starting 2016

Data Dissemination

The NSS will develop a strong advocacy and publicity strategy to raise awareness of statistics

- The NSS will produce a comprehensive formal dissemination policy for all official statistics starting 2016
- The NSS will fully comply with the IMF GDDS starting 2016
- From the beginning of 2016, the NSS will ensure that data and metadata are available for all its series and that reports are produced promptly for all surveys. These data will be disseminated both via traditional paper and via the SSL website.

Staff numbers

- SSL will work with MDAs to conduct a review of planned work and the staff resources necessary to accomplish it and make proposals to Government; the NSS will fill the identified positions using promotion, inter-organizational transfers and direct recruitment from 2016-2017
- The NSS will develop a Human Resources Policy and Strategy from 2016-2017
- SSL will propose a new salary structure for discussion with the Government and Donor Partners aimed at retaining good quality staff by the end of 2016.

Physical infrastructure (for ICT see under Pillar V)

The SSL Head Quarter building at Tower Hill will be completely demolished and a new 6- storey building constructed with adequate underground car park facilities starting 2016. This still leaves major problems with the quality of the accommodation provided to SSL staff in regions and districts. Lack of resources; mean that all 12 district offices cannot be improved in the planning period. SSL will therefore concentrate its resources on constructing the three regional offices in Bo, Kenema and Makeni starting 2018.