



PILLAR II: ECONOMIC STATISTICS

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National Accounts

A major step that needs to be taken by SSL in order to improve National accounts statistics compilation and dissemination is to rebase the national accounts in 2018. The current base year is 2006, SSL needs to rebase to 2016, since this will be in line with international guidelines. In this regard, rebasing of national accounts will require the conduct of the following key surveys in 2016:

- The Sierra Leone Integrated Household Survey (SLIHS), 2016
- Listing of business establishments and the conduct of the Economic Census in 2016
- Adopting international standard industrial classification Revision 4 (ISIC Rev 4) and Central Product Classification Revision 2 (CPC Rev. 2) and SNA 2008 as instruments for the compilation of national accounts (GDP) statistics
- Improving source data from administrative sources, compiled by MDAs
- Developed infrastructure for the compilation of quarterly National Accounts by 2019

Balance of Payments (BoP) and Monetary statistics

The Bank of Sierra Leone will:

- Adopt the current IMF Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual (6th Ed.), 2009
- Spearhead the conduct surveys for the compilation of data on International Investment Position (IIP)

External Trade

- SSL will form a committee comprising SSL, Bank of Sierra Leone, NRA and EPRU to reconcile the sources and methods of compiling foreign trade statistics in the country

- SSL will increase the frequency of foreign trade statistics that will meet the needs of BSL and other users by 2016

Government Finance Statistics (GFS)

- Adopt the 2001 GFS manual and commence publication based on the GFS latest manual at least for the budget sector during 2016, and gradually extend the fiscal statistics to cover the wider general government sector over subsequent years;

Index of Production (IOP)

- SSL will conduct quarterly establishment surveys to compile the quarterly IOP for the first time in 2017.

Consumer Price Index (CPI) and Producer Price Index (PPI)

SSL will conduct the following activities:

- Reconstruct the CPI basket and rebase the CPI weights using results of the SLIHS, 2016 by 2018
- Expand the sample outlets of markets for the CPI using the business directory information starting 2017

The activities planned to improve PPI compilation include:

- Conduct detailed quarterly sample surveys of establishments for the compilation of national accounts starting 2016
- Increase the coverage of quarterly surveys to cover regional cities by 2017

Business Register and Surveys

- Update the Business Register using the results of the business listing exercise and the Census of Business Establishments that will form the basis for the updating of the Business Register in 2017
- Conduct targeted and detailed Annual National Accounts Survey of value added and output such as the Annual Economic Survey (AES) to reduce no response starting 2016
- Expand the sand extraction and quarrying activities starting 2016
- Expand the Quarterly Business Confidence Index (BCI) surveys to cover the regional cities starting 2016

Employment and Labour Statistics

- Conduct a household-based Labour Force Survey in 2016
- Support the Ministry of Labour and Social Security to carry out frequent and credible factory inspections and to produce administrative labour statistics, starting 2016

Agricultural Statistics

Agricultural Statistical data will continue to be collected and analysed by PEMSD. The Ministry will upgrade the capacity of their statistical unit, with assistance from SSL, by providing training, advice and practical assistance with processing, analysis and dissemination.

The joint plans between the Ministry of Agriculture and SSL for the period include:

- Assistance to the Ministry of Agriculture to conduct a new survey in 2016 of agricultural inputs and their cost of production.oth crops and livestock would be covered.
- Conduct detailed Agricultural Survey/Census covering land areas under cultivation, production, employment and prices in 2017.

- Carry out a detailed analysis of the 2015 Food Security and Vulnerability Survey data in 2016

Poverty Statistics

- Assemble all available poverty indicators from census, surveys and other sources and create a national poverty database for public consumption and dissemination via the enhanced SSL website in 2016.
- Prepare the updated poverty profile using the SLIHS 2016 data by 2017

Other Economic statistics

(a) Energy and Water Statistics

- Establish Statistical Units/M&E unities in each of the Ministries of Energy and Water Resources
- Measure the nationwide installation, production, distribution and consumption of electricity, oil, hydro and other energy sources starting 2016
- Construct energy balances of supply and demand
- Produce statistics on portable water production and consumption (Rural and Urban) services (Ministry of Water Resources) by 2020
- Produce statistics on energy potential in the country e.g. hydro, and solar energy by 2020

(b) Environment and Climate Change Statistics

- Statistics on land use will be developed, jointly with the GIS Unit and with the Ministry of Land, Environment and and Country Planning.

- Work will also be undertaken to compile annual statistics on sanitation and sewerage. Climate statistics would continue to be published in the Annual Abstract.

(c) Transport and Communication Statistics

- Improve data collection on licensed vehicles and drivers
- Conduct a vehicle census in 2018

(d) Tourism and Culture

- Improve data collection on tourism establishments and indicators
- Conduct a survey of tour guide, national park activities and other tourist attraction sites in 2020