

MKUKUTA Monitoring Highlights: Issue 8

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Welcome again to the electronic Newsletter for **MKUKUTA** monitoring in Tanzania. The following gives a brief overview of progress since early August 2007. Previous editions of this Newsletter are available on our website : www.povertymonitoring.go.tz

NATIONAL POVERTY POLICY WEEK (PPW) 2007 is being organized from 19th November – 22nd November 2007 at Ubungo Plaza, Dar es Salaam.

The main objectives are:

- To get feedback and share experience with stakeholders on MKUKUTA implementation and monitoring outputs.
- To foster ownership of MKUKUTA among the stakeholders and provide a forum to reflect and exchange view on the implementation, achievements, challenges, lessons and future plans.
- To continue raising awareness of MKUKUTA document among the people of Tanzania.
- To share information on expected follow-up on resource allocations and implementation.
- To disseminate new information from MKUKUTA Monitoring System (e.g. Views of the People 2007, the Poverty and Human Development Report 2007, the MKUKUTA Annual Implementation Report, the results of the Integrated Labour Force Survey (2006), and the findings from the Household Budget Survey Community module (2007).

NEW OUTPUTS from MKUKUTA Monitoring:

1. **MAIR (MKUKUTA Annual Implementation Report 2007).** The final draft is being edited and expected to be disseminated during the PPW. The preparation of MAIR was done in close collaboration with MDAs. Most of the comments from stakeholders (MDAs, DPs etc.) were incorporated, but some useful for future improvement in report writing. It will be also opened for further responses at the PPW event in November 2007, for future improvement.
2. **PHDR – The Poverty and Human Development Report (2007)** first draft is being circulated for comments by the Research and Analysis Technical Working Group. It provides analytical information about major development changes and poverty, and an update and analysis of MKUKUTA indicators. This year's overall theme is on growth and it seeks to generate discussion in policy directive for sustainable growth priorities. It also includes new data from the Integrated Labour Force Survey, the HBS Community module (2007), and the Views of the People Survey (2007). This PHDR is the fourth in the national series of PHDRs (2001, 2003, 2005).

3. **Views of the People (VoP)** – The final draft have been released. This survey gathered people’s views on the performance of public institutions across the Mainland. It included special emphasis also on the views of the elderly and the views of youth. The full draft report will be released in November 2007 at PPW. Main findings have been incorporated in the PHDR 2007 analysis.
4. **Social Protection** – The National Social Protection Framework has been drafted and is being assessed by a review team. This is in its final stage. It will be shared widely with stakeholders soon.

HIGHLIGHTS OF MEETINGS AND COORDINATION:

TC Meeting:

The MKUKUTA Technical Committee met in September and agreed, amongst other matters, to strengthen the reporting system of the monitoring system, and to review future funding of the monitoring system. The next meeting will be held in early December.

Census and Surveys (including Routine Data):

(Further details available from the National Bureau of Statistics).

- **Review of Calendar of annual Household Surveys:** NBS has commissioned a study to review the sequence of annual national surveys which inform the monitoring system. This should assist in optimizing the choice of core priority surveys and their funding. The study will be completed by end 2007, and will inform the Statistical Master Plan (below).
- **Tanzania Statistical Master Plan (TSMP)**
Preparation of this instrument is ongoing and progressing well with MDAs. It is led by NBS, and will emerge by the end of 2007 for comments.
- **Tanzania Socio-Economic Database (TSED)** – new CD ROMs are available at NBS and you can find more information on the website <http://www.tsed.org>. We are now sensitizing MDAs about developing Sector Databases for ministries, linked to the statistical master planning process.

Survey up-date:

- *Household Budget Survey (2007)* is progressing well and data is being collected in the field, results will begin to emerge from mid-2008 following data cleaning and analysis. Poverty estimates will be a key output of this survey.
- *Tanzania HIV/AIDS* survey has begun with enumerator training. The survey will be implemented during 2008. It is the second of its kind in Tanzania.
- *Agricultural Survey 2002/03* results are nearly complete (including Regional reports) and various reports are available at the NBS offices and web site. The next survey is now beginning preparation, and expected to begin in 2008 (pending identification of funds).
- *National Business Survey* has been done for all enumeration areas except Dar es Salaam which is currently underway.

- *National Panel Survey* is being designed. It should enter the field in 2008, and will be conducted annually on pilot phase. The main objective is to track changes in poverty regularly; a secondary objective is to assess the impact of large scale programmes (such as TASAF).
- *Tanzania Disability Survey* - Preparations for the survey are going on. The following major activities have been implemented:
 - ✓ *Development of Instruments* - Three questionnaires have been finalized.
 - ✓ *Pre-test* - conducted in Pwani and Dodoma municipality. Data processing of this is underway. The full scale survey will begin soon.

RAWG Open Sessions have been held which included:

- **Sept. 2007:** *Budget Allocations and Implications for Reaching MKUKUTA Goals 2005/06 – 2007/08.*
The seminar examined the MKUKUTA budget allocations and the implications for reaching the MKUKUTA goals. The seminar was presented by Prof. Amon Mbelle, of the University of Dar es Salaam.
- **Oct. 2007:** *Labour Market Segmentation, Growth and Poverty Reduction in Tanzania.* The seminar assessed the role of labour market dynamics in explaining trends in growth and poverty. It was presented by Dr. Godius Kahyarara, Department of Economics, University of Dar es Salaam.

Further sessions will be held, hosted by RAWG, and increasingly focused on issues of equitable growth.

Communications TWG:

The Technical Working Group is currently organizing Poverty Policy Week, and is also planning further dissemination of materials to raise awareness of MKUKUTA.

Studies:

Study 1: Review of the Agriculture Survey 2002/03 is in the process of finalization and will inform the forthcoming survey. It was presented in draft to the Survey Technical Working Group and comments are being incorporated.

Study 2: The shift of the MKUKUTA Monitoring Pooled Fund to main national budget. This study is complete and recommended a phased approach in order to ensure monitoring continues but is improved.

Thank you for your interest in MKUKUTA Monitoring. If you have questions please contact us through email (mkukutamonitoring@gmail.com)

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