

MKUKUTA Monitoring Highlights: Issue 6

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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 2007. Previous editions of this newsletter are available on our newly revised website : www.povertymonitoring.go.tz

GENERAL :

Newly appointed Directors :

- Mama Anna Mwashu, Director, Poverty Eradication Division
- Mama Albina Chuwa, Director General, National Bureau of Statistics

MKUKUTA Monitoring Master Plan and Indicator Report, as well as the second MDG Report for Tanzania were both launched by the Prime Minister, Hon. Edward Lowassa during the Bunge session, 23 April in Dodoma. The Master Plan provides information on institutional arrangements for MKUKUTA monitoring as well as indicator definitions, data sources and frequency of collection. Copies of both reports are available on the web and offices of the MKUKUTA Secretariat.

Members of Parliament also held special discussions on the Status Report 2006, Budget Guidelines 2007/08 and MKUKUTA on 23 April. This generated a lively discussion including a demand for stronger growth-orientated budgeting, more frequent communications about the findings of monitoring, and a stronger push on poverty reduction and access to social services.

The Status Report 2006 has been launched by the Permanent Secretary, Ambassador Charles K. Mutalemwa. , 2 March. More than 150 stakeholders took part. It included a detailed presentation of trends in outcomes for MKUKUTA. Copies of the report are available on the web mentioned above, and in hard copy from the MKUKUTA Secretariat.

MKUKUTA COORDINATION:

Indicator discussions began their next cycle with workshops on 18-19 April for each of the three MKUKUTA Clusters (Growth ; Social Well-being ; and Governance/Accountability). Research and Analysis Working Group presented the findings of the Status Report 2006, and the challenges of some indicators for which data is not yet available. In general, consensus was built for each Cluster and all previously agreed indicators were retained. For those where data is not available narrative reporting and analysis is recommended. Stronger links and capacity in MDAs was also recognised as a continuing challenge. The workshop report will be circulated to participants soon, and will be available on the web.

Social Protection : The Task Team on Social Protection (coordinated by the MKUKUTA Secretariat) reviewed the new Concept Note on Social Protection for Tanzania (available on request). The Concept Note is the framework for discussion with all stakeholders. Meetings have begun with MDAs, and non-state actors in April, and will continue through June. The Concept Note provides definitions relating to Social Protection and the extremely vulnerable in the Tanzanian context. Further forums will lead to building a National Social Protection Framework. In addition, 'mapping' of programmes in social protection is taking place and a database is being built by REPOA and ILO. Finally, a review of Tanzanian policies which relate to social protection will also begin soon.

Studies :

- **Study 1 :** *Mapping the transition of the MKUKUTA Monitoring Pooled Funds to the General Budget* has been produced in draft by Daima Consultants and is available from the Secretariat on request.
- **Study 2 :** *Review of the Agriculture Survey 2002/03* is underway by economists from the University of Dar es Salaam. The report should be completed by end of May 2007.

RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS (RAWG):

1. **Data Gathering Team 2007 has begun work** and includes staff from the MKUKUTA Secretariat, the National Bureau of Statistics and REPOA. They will work throughout May and into June collecting data and analytical information on progress relating to MKUKUTA indicators from MDAs and Local Government. This will be consolidated as part of the *Poverty and Human Development Report 2007* for Tanzania.
2. **Views of the People Survey** : Fieldwork is complete, and views were gathered on changes during MKUKUTA from approximately 5000 households and 110 Focus Groups in 10 Regions. The views of youth and elderly were areas of concentration. Analysis is underway and findings will be shared mid-year.
3. **SPECIAL Open Sessions:**
Open sessions for stakeholders are a routine part of RAWG. The following were held recently, and brief reports are available on request from the RAWG Secretariat based at REPOA (contact skyomo@repoa.or.tz or hilda@repoa.or.tz tel : 2700083).
 - *The Challenges of Growth in Africa : strategic directions* . Chaired by Hon. Minister Ngasongwa, MPEE with keynote address by Prof. Benno Ndulu (World Bank). 19 March.
 - *Demographic Trends and MKUKUTA* , with presentations by A. Chuwa (Director General, NBS) and Blandina Kilama (REPOA). 20 February.
 - *Dynamics of Poverty : research using panel data* , presented by Kathleen Beegle (World Bank). Including papers available on rural child labour, child transition to marriage, and the long-run impact of orphanhood. 9 March.
 - *Tanzania : Low electricity tariffs for the rich* , presented by Hans Hoogeveen (World Bank). 13 April.

THE NEXT open session is Friday 4 May at 13 :00, MPEE Main Conference Room. The newly up-dated Tanzania Socio-Economic Database will be presented.

SURVEYS AND ROUTINE DATA :

1. **Tanzania Statistical Master Plan (TSMP)** is underway with Ministries, Departments and Agencies. The process began in October 2006. Sixteen MDAs met recently in Bagamoyo to undertake their second draft of individual MDA statistical plans. These will be finalised by end of June, and the remaining MDAs will begin their plans in the new financial year (1 July). The development of the national-level Master Plan for Statistics, which aggregates MDA plans and also looks at wider aspects, will begin soon. For more information on TSMP, please visit NBS website : www.nbs.go.tz
2. **National Survey up-date**
 - *Household Budget Survey 2007* began in January 2007, and fieldwork will take 12 months. The questionnaire is on www.nbs.go.tz.
 - *District Agricultural Reports* 10 reports are ready and the remainder are being finalized. These give in-depth crop and livestock information, as well as information about access to agricultural services and inputs. They can be obtained from the resource centre at the NBS (Kivokoni Front, Dar es Salaam), and summaries are also available on NBS website.
 - *Integrated Labour Force Survey* : The survey has been completed, and full analysis is expected by mid year.
 - *Disability Survey* : The pilot is well underway. This will be one of the first nation-wide Disability Surveys in Sub-Saharan Africa. The core questions, definitions and information about disability statistics can be found at www.nbs.go.tz
3. **TSED:** The new TSED database, based on DevInfo 5.0 technology has been finalized. If you wish to receive a copy on CD-Rom contact Ms. Elide Mwanri at NBS. You can also visit the TSED website to access the new database www.tsed.org

Finally, watch for announcements of the **May PER/MKUKUTA Consultation** coming soon.

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

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