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13th Five Year Plan (July 2023-June 2028) **National Statistics Bureau**

Background

The NSB as the central authority for collection and release of any official data and their custodian, is mandated to conduct national surveys and censuses, publish statistical reports, validate and maintain a data repository of the country, ensure statistical standards, provide technical supports to streamline and strengthen the statistical system in the country.

The key challenges identified through the assessment of the National Strategy for the Development of the Statistics highlights data gaps related to quality, frequency and disaggregation. Further, it underlines the need for adequate statistical infrastructure including office space, predictive analytics system and statistical policy.

Plan Priorities

In this regard, the NSB shall conduct national surveys and censuses to generate high frequency data and statistics and enhance quality of administrative data. The NSB shall improve data methodology by adopting data integration techniques, foresight capabilities and big data analytics. The NSB shall make efforts to ensure adequate statistical infrastructure including office space, predictive analytics system and statistical policy. Further, the NSB shall provide statistical and technical supports and create data literacy among the data users.



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Detailed 13th FYP:

Section. I:							
Plan		13th FYP of NSB (July 2023-June 2028)					
Agency:		National Statistics Bureau, Royal Government of Bhutan.					
Vision:		To provide high quality statistical products and services to support social and economic development of the country.					
Mission:		1.To provide relevant, reliable, and timely statistics to facilitate planning and evidence-based decision making; and 2.To ensure that the compilation and dissemination of statistics are in accordance with scientific principles, professional ethics and international standards.					
Outcome	Out put	Project	AKPI	Activity	Baseline	Target	MoV
Bhutan's public sector is a more dynamic results-oriented agent of transformation, demonstrating effectiveness, accountability, and robust management of the economy.	Data and statistics are available and used for foresight-oriented policy, planning and service delivery.	Evidence-informed decision-making and service delivery.	Beginning 2026, the quality of administrative data of the priority sectors strengthened (12 sectors).	1. Conduct administrative data quality assessment of 12 sectors: (1). Energy statistics; (2). Telecom statistics; (3). Banking statistics; (4). Trade statistics; (5). Tourism statistics; (6). Tax statistics; (7). Traffic statistics; (8). Health statistics; (9). Education statistics; (10). Agricultural statistics; (11). Labor and employment statistics; (12). Civil registration and vital statistics; and (13). Any other administrative data of importance to the government.	0	12	Data quality assessment report(s)
				Beginning 2025, data and statistics with increased frequency	1. Explore GDP by Dzongkhag; 2. Publish Household Income and Expenditure Survey report annually; 3. Publish Agriculture and Livestock Survey report quarterly; 4. Publish Labour Force Survey report quarterly; 5. Publish Economic Census report every five years;	Annually NA Annually Annually 2010	Quarterly Annually Quarterly Quarterly 2027



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	and disaggregation published.	6. Conduct Bhutan Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey report every 10 years;	2022	2027
		7. Publish Bhutan Living Standards Survey report every five years;	2022	2027
		8. Publish Poverty Analysis Report every five years;	2023	2027
		9. Publish Small Area Estimation of Poverty report every five years;	2017	2027
		10. Publish RNR Census every 10 years;	2019	2028
		11. Publish Population and Housing Census of Bhutan report every 10 years;	2017	2027
		12. Publish periodic official statistics -14:	14	15
		(1). Consumer Price Index monthly;	Monthly	Monthly
		(2). Construction Material Index quarterly;	Quarterly	Quarterly
		(3). National Accounts Statistics/GDP quarterly;	Quarterly	Quarterly
		(4). Producers Price Index quarterly;	Quarterly	Quarterly
		(5). Environmental Statistics Accounting annually;	Annually	Annually
		(6). Export Import Index quarterly;	Quarterly	Quarterly
		(7). Statistical Yearbook of Bhutan annually;	Annually	Annually
		(8). Bhutan at A Glance annually;	Annually	Annually
		(9). Dzongkhag Statistics annually;	Annually	Annually
		(10). Dzongkhag at A Glance annually;	Annually	Annually
(11). Gewog Level Data annually;	Annually	Annually		
(12). Gewog at A Glance annually;	Annually	Annually		
(13). Socio-Economic Indicator quarterly;	Quarterly	Quarterly		
(14). Vital Statistics report annually;	Annually	Annually		
(15). National Summary Data Page periodically; and	Quarterly	Quarterly		
(16). Any other national level surveys/censuses of importance to the government.	Adhoc	Adhoc		
By 2028, statistical	1. Improve data methodology by adopting data integration techniques, forecast/foresight capability, and big data analytics.	0	1	



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			infrastructure for statistical operation ensured.	2. Operationalize Bhutan Statistical Database System with predictive analytics features;	0	1	
				3. Enhance statistical capacity.	0	5	
				4. Ensure data archival, confidentiality, and office space; and	0	1	
				5. Develop and implement statistical policies and strategies that aligns with the fundamental principles of official statistics.	0	1	
