NATIONAL STATISTICS BUREAU
Royal Government of Bhutan

12 FIVE YEAR PLAN
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1. Background

The National Statistics Bureau (NSB) as the central authority for collection and release of any official data, and their custodian aspires to provide 'quality and timely statistics for evidence-based policy and decision making.' It is mandated to conduct national surveys and censuses, publish statistical reports, validate and maintain a national data repository, ensure statistical uniformity and standards and provide technical supports to streamline and strengthen national statistical system.

2. Plan Priorities

The Mid Term Review of the 11th FYP underlined the challenges to produce timely and reliable data with existing discrepancies between local and national data sources, unreliable estimation of baseline and targets for many sectors, and inadequate capacities within such sectors in terms of data production, analysis and use. The availability of data produced through administrative data is still lacking in terms of quality.

In this regard, the NSB shall conduct national surveys and censuses and strengthen administrative data. Further, in line with the National Strategy for the Development of Statistics, the NSB shall implement the statistical coordination mechanisms, develop statistical legislations, statistical standards for quality assurance, leverage on the new technologies for statistical purposes and construct office building to ensure data security. The NSB shall also make consistent efforts to provide statistical and technical supports and create data literacy among the data users.

The NSB will implement the following programme with a capital outlay of Nu. 300 million in the 12th FYP.

Sl. No	Programme	Indicative Outlay (Nu in million)
1	Enhance the quality and timely statistics	470.00

3. Programme Summary

3.1. Enhance the quality and timely statistics

3.1.1. Total Cost

Nu. 300.00 million

3.1.2. Activities

Sl.	Activities	Indicative Outlay (Nu. in million)	Remarks
1	Mid Decadal Census (Update Frame)	32.50	
2	Bhutan Living Standard Survey	32.00	
3	Bhutan Multiple Indicator Survey and National Health Survey	75.00	
4	Labour Force Survey	0.00	Regular activity (50m)

5	Household Income and Expenditure Survey	0.00	Regular activity (10m)
6	Enterprise Survey	29.25	
7	Adhoc surveys (Eg. Suicide, Crime and etc,..)	30.00	Surveys to be conducted as per directives of the Government
8	Economic Census of Bhutan	35.00	
9	Regular publications [Consumer Price Index, International Comparison Price, Producers Price Index, Export and Import Index, Annual Environmental Statistics, National Accounts, Annual Dzongkhag Statistics, Dzongkhag At a Glance, Statistical Year Book, Gewog Level Database]	0.00	Regular activity (22m)
10	Use of new technology for online data collection and dissemination	40.00	
12	Data assessment for the 12th FYP	5.00	
13	User Satisfaction Survey	5.00	
14	Others (Statistical legislations - 3.5m, Statistical technical support-7m, National Statistical Standards & compliance guidelines, user guide-2.5m Data dissemination programs-5m)	16.25	
15	Construction of the Office Building		Incorporated under the office building construction program
	Total	**300.00**	

3.1.3. Multi-Year Programme Matrix

| Results (AKRAs) | Indicators | Indicator Weight | Unit | Baseline (Year) | Projected Annual Target | | | | | 12 FYP Target |
					Y1 2018-19	Y2 2019-20	Y3 2020-21	Y4 2021-22	Y5 2022-23	
Timely, relevant and reliable statistics for evidenced-based policy and decision making provided	National survey reports published	15	Number	2018	1	2	0	3	1	7
	National census reports published	15	Number	2018	1	-	-	2	1	4
	Regular official statistics reports published	20	Number	2018	3	3	2	3	2	13
	Statistical technical supports provided	5	Percent	2018	100	100	100	100	100	100
	Micro-data in the form of public use files to agencies/persons requesting provided	5	Percent	2018	100	100	100	100	100	100
	Statistical Standards developed	10	Number	2018	0	0	1	0	0	1
	National Strategy for the Development of Statistics developed	10	Number	2014-18	1	0	0	0	0	1

| | Statistical Legislations (Bill/Rules & Regulations) drafted | 15 | Number | NA | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| | Data Assessment for the 13th FYP developed | 5 | Number | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

3.1.4. Programme Monitoring Matrix

Results (AKRAs)	Indicator	Baseline	12 FYP Target	Data Source	Reporting Frequency	Reporting responsibility	Reporting To
Timely, relevant and reliable statistics for evidence-based policy and decision making provided	National survey reports published	5 (BLSS, PAR, MPI, BMIS, Adhoc Surveys)	7 (2022 BLSS, 2022PAR, 2022MPI, 2019-23 LFS, 2019 NHS/BMIS, QHES & Adhoc Surveys)	Survey reports	Annually	PPS, NSB	GNHC
	National census reports published	1 (PHCB)	4 (2018-19 ECoB, 2022 Mid Decadal Census Frame, 2022 Population Projection Report, 2019-23 Thematic Reports)	Census reports	Annually	PPS, NSB	GNHC
	Regular official statistics reports published	12 (NAS, CPI, ICP, PPI, AES, SYB, BAG, ADS, DAG, NSDP, SEI, GLD)	13 (NAS, CPI, ICP, PPI, AES, XMPI, SYB, BAG, ADS, DAG, NSDP, SEI, GLD)	Primary data/Secondary data/ administrative data reports	Periodic (monthly, quarterly, annually)	PPS, NSB	GNHC

	Statistical technical supports provided	2 (Population dynamics, Sampling, Statistical softwares)	7 Population dynamics, Labour & Employment, RNR, Health, Education, Sampling, Statistical softwares)	Administrative reports	Periodic (monthly, quarterly, annually)	PPS, NSB	GNHC
	Micro-data in the form of public use files to agencies/persons requesting provided	100%	100%	Administrative reports	Periodic (monthly, quarterly, annually)	PPS, NSB	GNHC
	Statistical Standards developed	0	1	Administrative reports	Annually	PPS, NSB	GNHC
	National Strategy for the Development of Statistics developed	1	1 (2019-23 NSDS)	Administrative reports	Annually	PPS, NSB	GNHC
	Statistical Legislations (Bill/Rules & Regulations) drafted	0	1 (2019-23)	Administrative	Annually	PPS, NSB	GNHC
	Data Assessment for the 13th FYP developed	0	1	Administrative	Annually	PPS, NSB	GNHC

3.1.5. Collaborating Partners

Agency/Local Governments/CSOs/private sector	Type of collaboration required (specific interventions)
All central ministries, agencies, local government, state owned enterprises, corporations, private sectors, NGOs and CSOs and international institutions.	Support and provide required data as well as data requirements to NSB
Local Government/MoH/MoLHR/MoIC/MoF/MoEA and other relevant data producing agencies	Support for the development of the National Statistical Standard and Compliance Guidelines, NSDS, Data reporting guidelines, legal and policy frameworks
MoIC	Technical support for ICT infrastructure

3.1.6. GNH Domain Effect

Domain	Impact	Remarks
Living standard	Positive	With generation of the household poverty on consumption and multi-dimensional official statistics - evidence-based policy and decision making shall be supported for positive impact
Community vitality	Positive	With collection, compilation and dissemination of the lowest/Gewog level data, the local leaders/communities shall be facilitated to make better decisions for positive impact
Education	Positive	With parenting of statistical services, the Official Statistics relating to Education shall be supported. Various other national level surveys and census shall also support the generation of relevant education related data for better decisions
Ecological Diversity and Resilience	Positive	The Bhutan Statistical System shall continue to produce enhanced/improved official statistics on Environmental Accounting and Statistics with improved coverage of the relevant indicators for better policy and decisions
Cultural Diversity and Resilience	Positive	Relevant Official Statistics shall be produced to support this domain whenever possible and administrative data shall be strengthened to positive impact
Health	Positive	The National Health Surveys is planned to be conducted to generate improved health related official statistics. Other

		health official statistics and administrative data shall be strengthened to for quality data
Time Use	Positive	The NSB shall be supporting the generation of indicators relating to time use whenever possible in collaboration with the relevant BSS stakeholders. Specific studies may also be conducted if required or support the relevant sectors in this regard
Psychological Well-being	Positive	The NSB shall be supporting the generation of indicators relating to time use whenever possible in collaboration with the relevant BSS stakeholders
Good Governance	Positive	The NSB shall continue producing relevant, reliable and timely official statistics on all key socio-economic indicators and other relevant indicators [periodic publications/surveys and censuses/research reports] to facilitate the Good Governance. The NSB shall be providing technical backs toppings to relevant sectors wherever required and shall provide data for public use. In addition, NSB shall continue to support the preparation, monitoring and evaluation of the Annual Performance Agreements as a part of National Technical Committee and as one of the core mandates

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