An Overview of the Modernisation Project

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Rationale for Project

- Why this Project?
Loan Agreement

- Loan Agreement signed on December 11, 2008
  - by Minister of Economic Affairs and Empowerment, Innovation, Trade, Industry and Commerce
Objectives

- General Objective:
  - To strengthen the BSS ability to provide relevant, timely and quality Economic and Social Statistics
  - To establish the leadership of the BSS in the area of Statistics within the Public Sector
Beneficiaries of the Project

- The country as a whole:
  - The Public Sector
  - The Private Sector
  - Civil Society
Components of Project

- A new or revised **legal framework** (Component 1)
  - To strengthen the BSS to perform its duties more effectively
  - To strengthen the technical & administrative autonomy of the BSS
  - To broaden the institutional setting to include other statistics producing units of agencies and ministries, while asserting BSS’ role as leader of a wider statistical system
Component 1: Legal Framework Cont’d

- To enhance the internal and external accountability of the BSS & other statistics producing units in agencies and ministries.

- To better allow for compliance by both those agencies responsible for collecting information & those agents or agencies expected to provide information.
Component 1: Legal Framework Cont’d

- To clarify the scope of data protection

- To make it more apparent that the BSS has the responsibility for making information more accessible to users

  ● When the new legal framework is adopted or if a new Act is passed

    - a Statistical Council (SC) will be institutionalised.
      ● The SC will replace the SSC
Component 2: Statistics Network

- To provide assistance for the creation of a network of agencies involved in Statistics production
  - To improve cooperation
  - To coordinate the national statistics programme
    - Set priorities for statistical products
Component 2: Statistics Network Cont’d

- To ensure that standardized/harmonised concepts, definitions, procedures & working methodologies are used by all agencies

- To establish clear & formal communication channels between agencies and the BSS
Component 3: Institutional Reengineering

To reform the institution in terms of its managerial & administrative performance
Component 4: Enhancement of Statistical Products

- To improve the technical capacity of the BSS and other agencies to collect, process and disseminate data.

- To improve the production and dissemination of key Social and Economic Statistics.
Component 5: Human Capacity

- The Project will support the creation and implementation of an HR Management System & any necessary regulatory reforms

- Provide to the BSS and other agencies:
  - Academic and On-the-job technical training
Component 6: Technical Infrastructure & Public Outreach

- To upgrade the information technology of the BSS and relevant agencies
  - Upgrade of hardware & software
  - Establishment of an Intranet & network with agencies which provide data to the BSS

- To facilitate dissemination of statistics to the public
  - Enhancement of the BSS Website
Structure for Project Execution

- A Statistical Steering Committee (SSC) established
  - Role
    - Coordination & monitoring of Project
    - Approval of Annual Operating Plan
    - Relevant SSC members will be responsible for ensuring the implementation of technical assistance activities financed by the Project within their agencies
  - Comprises representatives of Public and Private Sector agencies, Central Bank
    - Chaired by the Director of Statistical Service
Sub-Committees

- Provision made for setting up of technical sub-committees
Structure for Project Execution Cont’d

- Project Coordinating Unit:
  - A Project Coordinator
  - A Senior Accountant
  - A Project Officer
  - A Clerk/Typist
Project Implementation

- Conditions Prior have been met so that funds may be drawn down
- The Procurement Consultant is on board
  - Training of staff of the Project Coordinating Unit (PCU) in procurement matters
- Discussions being held with stakeholders to prepare TOR for Consulting Agency to assist in the implementation of the Project
Project Implementation Cont’d

- Consultancies:
  - Package 1 - Includes Components 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
  - Package 2 - Includes Component 6
Execution Mechanisms

- The Annual Operating Plan (containing targets, budget, source of financing)
- The Procurement Plan (containing schedule for procurement of goods & services)
- The Operating Manual (containing detailed Project execution procedures)
Monitoring and Evaluation

- Examination of technical & financial reports
- Annual Project review meetings
- Independent midterm & final evaluations
- External auditing by auditors approved by the IDB.
Conclusion

- Project supported by Government
  - Will lead to:
    - the provision of timely, relevant and quality statistics required by users
    - General improvement in technical capacity and procedures of the National Statistical System

- Beneficial to the Public & Private Sectors & the Public, in general
Success will depend on the full cooperation and commitment of all stakeholders
Thank You