

MKUKUTA Monitoring **Highlights: Issue 2**

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Welcome to the second MKUKUTA Monitoring **Highlights**. It provides a brief email update on progress every two months.

HIGHLIGHTS :

- **New MKUKUTA Monitoring Master Plan** has been approved and is attached here. Comments continue to be welcomed.
- **2005 Poverty and Human Development Report** is now available in hard copy and at <http://www.tanzania.go.tz> or <http://www.repoa.or.tz> Hard copies have been delivered to all Ministries. Briefs and maps will be available soon.
- **Technical Working Groups** for MKUKUTA monitoring are being re-constituted and initial work has begun, including workplans, budgets and orientation for new members.
- **Social protection** paper is attached.
- **2004/05 Demographic and Health Survey** is now available from the National Bureau of Statistics. Key findings are on <http://www.nbs.go.tz>
- **Agricultural Sample Census** reports on livestock and crop production will be available in May.
- **2006 Integrated Labour Force Survey** is currently underway and continues through December 2006.
- **2006/07 Household Budget Survey** has begun preparation and the questionnaire has been circulated to stakeholders by the National Bureau of Statistics for comment.

Further detailed information.....

Revised and approved MKUKUTA monitoring system : Consultations began during the first quarter of 2005 to revise the Poverty Monitoring System to suit the broader needs of MKUKUTA. Drafts of the MKUKUTA Monitoring Master Plan were circulated, and the most recent presented and discussed with the Technical Committee of the monitoring system in February 2006. It received approval as a working document, and has also received approval from the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Planning, Economy and Empowerment. This now enables full implementation. The Master Plan is attached (with the *draft* indicator list).

Comments and views continue to be welcomed by the Secretariat. These will be consolidated to inform future revisions of the system (please send comments to: MKUKUTAMonitoring@gmail.com).

National Indicators : Consultations involving several hundred stakeholders, including Ministries, development partners, civil society and the private sector have taken place over the last 5 months. These have culminated in 'cluster' discussions in line with the MKUKUTA structure. Remaining activities include Cluster 1 (growth) final discussions scheduled for **Monday 27 March** , followed by further work to establish baselines, targets and meta-data for each indicator. Announcements of meetings are provided through this email address.

Our goal remains to ensure that the indicator set is manageable, and that there are quality data available for tracking change. Links to Ministry MISs, and Budget Support Indicators are recognised as important elements. We will be challenged to produce the first Status Report on these indicators by the final quarter of 2006.

Tanzania 's 2005 Poverty and Human Development Report (PHDR): is now available free of charge in hard copy from our office (address below). It contains analysis of the status of poverty and, for the

first time, provides District estimates of poverty and other key indicators. An overview of rural production and the potential for growth through integrated production schemes is also provided

The official 'launch' and presentation will take place during the coming weeks. Briefs for each chapter and maps illustrating District information are also being produced (Kiswahili and English).

Technical Working Groups for MKUKUTA Monitoring: Three re-constituted groups involving more than 130 members are taking shape. These are: *Research & Analysis* (Chair: Planning, Economic Affairs and Empowerment), *Surveys & Routine Data* (Chair: National Bureau of Statistics) and *Communications* (Chair: Poverty Eradication Division). Orientation and regular work schedules will be established by mid-April. Our aim is for government, academic/research institutions, development partners, civil society and the private sector to be represented in each group. Detailed terms of Reference for each group are contained in the Master Plan.

Household Budget Survey discussions : An open session about the forthcoming Household Budget Survey (2006/07) was held in February. Final comments on the questionnaire are due by early April. Please provide these to the National Bureau of Statistics (attn: social statistics).

Social Protection: In 2005, The Poverty Eradication Division was requested to coordinate the various stakeholders active in social protection policy and activities, towards a common framework as expressed in the MKUKUTA. Various discussions have taken place including a small roundtable 'brainstorming' in preparation for the forthcoming visit by Government officials to a cash transfer scheme in Zambia. A brief paper from this is attached. If you are interested in being kept informed about this specific topic, please let us know via email.

Finally, we apologise for the delay in the National Dialogue/Poverty Policy Week resulting from the need to focus on establishing the new Government administration. Further information will be forthcoming.

The Poverty Eradication Division

For further details contact us through this email address, or visit us in the Vice President's Office building, Kivokoni Front, Dar es Salaam . Please let us know if you, or others wish to be added or deleted from this list.

Finally, we welcome information from all stakeholders in relation to what they are doing to *implement* MKUKUTA.

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