

# The Accelerated Data Programme

## Building Partnership for Statistics

### The ADP project: what is it about?

Established in the context of the 2004 Marrakech Action Plan for Statistics (MAPS), the Accelerated Data Programme (ADP) complements the activities of the **International Household Survey Network (IHSN)**, established to improve the coordination and effectiveness of international survey programmes.

Drawing on the tools developed by the IHSN, the ADP aims to help countries overcome some of the obstacles to better and wider use of survey data, by documenting survey micro- and meta-data in an international and readily exchangeable format.

The ADP overall objective is to align survey programmes and national statistical outputs with users' priority data needs by making better use of existing data and, where necessary, providing resources for new data collection exercises.

### Aligning with national priorities: NSDS

The National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS) in Zambia provides the framework for strengthening the National Statistical System over the period 2010-2014. NSDS major goals include:

- Improve customer satisfaction with data provision
- Improve accessibility of official statistics
- Develop central data Warehouse

- Develop CSO website as an NSS resource
- Improve coordination among data producers

The Accelerated Data Programme initiative seeks to address the above issues by providing data producers with training, tools, guidelines, good practices and technical support to data producers in Zambia. Furthermore, assistance is also given through designing and setting up a web-based National Data Archive.

### Harmonising support: GTZ and PARIS21

In August 2009, an Implementation Agreement was signed among PARIS21/OECD, GTZ-Macro and CSO. As stated in the IA:

- **PARIS21/OECD** will provide, in a timely manner, to GTZ-Macro and CSO information on planned trainings for the implementation of ADP activities
- The **GTZ-Macro** project will act as contact point in Zambia and coordinate with PARIS21 for development of training modules related to the ADP.

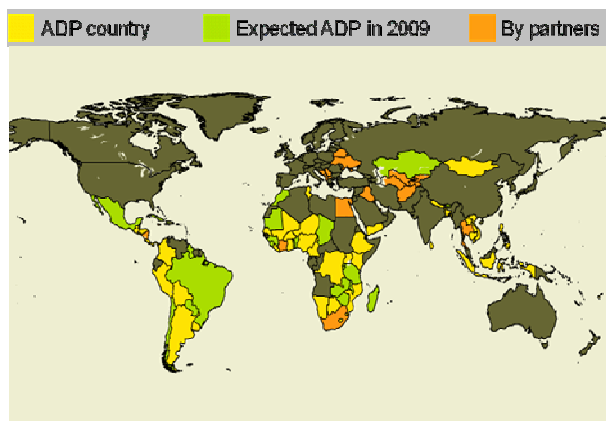
### Major Results

- Data and metadata from 25 surveys were documented in compliance with international standards and best practices and available to secondary users for further analytic and research work;
- A detailed inventory of surveys with metadata is now



available online (through the IHSN website as well as the National Data Archive)

- Increased capacity for the management and dissemination of micro data, by creating a web-based National Data Archive ([www.zamstats.gov.zm/nada/?page=catalog](http://www.zamstats.gov.zm/nada/?page=catalog))



ADP in the world

## Main activities and results

### 1. Individual training

CSO staff members are being continuously trained in the use of the Micro Data Management Toolkit. With six surveys to be documented (data and metadata), each participant has received an evaluation report and attendance certificate. Courses have also been done to assess and review documentation work done by CSO, a review workshop will take place in Lusaka. The workshop is designed to evaluate both the quality of published survey data (according to international standards), as well as consistency and completeness of metadata.

### 2. Enable information sharing in the region

The initiative has supported staff of the CSO to participate as resource persons at a workshop in Malawi (7-16 September 2009) to support efforts to disseminate information and exchange of experiences within the Africa region. It will also support the participation of CSO staff at various international forums such as the Paris 21 event in Seoul in 2010 on the **Management of Statistical Information's Systems**.

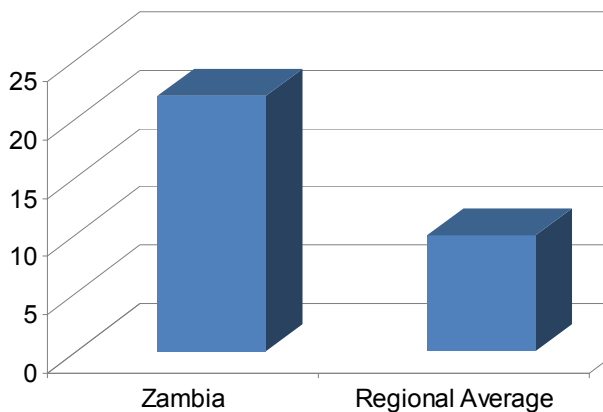
### 3. Support setup of National Data Archive (NADA)

In September 2009, ADP representatives and technical experts from University of Cape Town coordinated with the GTZ advisor to assist CSO in installing the National Data Archive on the CSO's web server. Also, GTZ and PARIS21 assisted the CSO ADO team in their efforts to

produce brochures and dissemination materials to promote the ADP and NADA. (Launch on Africa Statistics Day, 18 November 2009).

## 4. Development of a Data Dissemination Policy

Together with Paris 21, the GTZ Macro Project has supported CSO in the development of a Data Dissemination Policy, culminating in a workshop in Lusaka to share international experiences in the area.



ADP in Southern Africa, surveys accessible on NADA

## The way forward

The ultimate goal of the ADP project (and its major challenge) is sustainability. This means that documentation of surveys using the toolkit MUST become part of the normal routine of CSO, once new surveys are produced. To this end, future initiatives might include:

- Training initiatives targeting larger number of CSO officers in the use of the toolkit, making sure MMT becomes the 'common language' across CSO units so that everybody takes full advantage of the NADA resources.
- Extend data documentation best practices into the NSS: the tools provided by the IHSN are a good way to insert common standards to exchange information within the NSS.
- Assist CSO in designing a proper dissemination policy that will govern the dissemination of metadata and micro-data over electronic media. (GTZ in coordination with Paris21/OECD)
- Assist CSO in developing data anonymization tools, to ensure preserving respondent confidentiality when developing public use data files for dissemination and delivery to data users (GTZ in coordination with Paris21/OECD), respecting the legal restrictions as provided by the Zambia law.

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