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Djibouti: National Strategy for Development of Statistics (NSDS) and Strengthening of National Account Production (P163609)

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BASIC INFORMATION

A. Basic Project Data

Project ID	Parent Project ID (if any)	Environmental Assessment Category	Project Name
P163609		C - Not Required	Djibouti: National Strategy for Development of Statistics (NSDS) and Strengthening of National Account Production (P163609)
Region	Country	Date PID Prepared	Estimated Date of Approval
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA	Djibouti	22-Mar-2017	20-Mar-2017
Lending Instrument	Borrower(s)	Implementing Agency	Initiation Note Review Decision
Investment Project Financing	Ministry of Finance in charge of statistics	DISED	The review did authorize the preparation to continue

PROJECT FINANCING DATA

FINANCING

FINANCING SOURCES

Select all that apply

Counterpart Funding Trust Funds Parallel Financing

SUMMARY (USD)

Total Project cost	468,533
Total Financing	468,533
Counterpart Funding	48,023
Trust Funds	420,510
Financing Gap	0

DETAILS



Counterpart Funding

Source	Currency	Amount	USD Equivalent
Local Govts. (Prov., District, City) of Borrowing Country(LOCA)	USD-US Dollars	48,023	48,023

Trust Funds

Source	Currency	Amount	USD Equivalent
Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity Building(TSCB)	USD-US Dollars	420,510	420,510

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B. Introduction and Context

Country Context

The lack of reliable statistics for monitoring and evaluation remains one of the major handicap in Djibouti. Djibouti has long relied on the IMF estimations through its article 4 consultations for national account numbers including GDP figures. The country had never had a national strategy for the development of statistics (NSDS) until 2011, when the first NSDS (NSDS_ 2011-2015) was prepared. Djibouti has apparently experienced strong growth averaging 6 percent over the past 3 years. However, the growth, mainly fueled by capital intensive activities in port development and rail way construction (to link Djibouti to Ethiopia), has failed to make a significant dent on poverty and unemployment in the country. Donors continue to support development activities in Djibouti and the government has developed a national development program (vision 2035) to tackle the social issues related to poverty and shared prosperity. But, the lack of adequate national strategy for statistics development and reliable national accounts continue to preclude monitoring and evaluation and necessary macroeconomic analysis to assess the magnitude of the growth and fiscal impacts of the country’s various programs and investments projects. The objective of this project is to help establish a realistic and well-grounded national strategy for the statistical development and strengthen the national account system, and a sustainable data production in Djibouti. - For the NSDS, the development objective is to prepare a new national strategy document for statistics development that will be feasible and realistic. This will entails sectorial analyses to identify the main constraints to the statistical system development in Djibouti and organization of workshops to discuss and disseminate the strategies among stakeholders and donors. - The main objective of national account aspect of the project is to build a strong foundation for a reliable and sustainable national accounts system in Djibouti.

Sectoral and Institutional Context

1. Sectoral and Institutional Context of the NSDS

The new NSDS should be built, for its success, on an effective road map, which entails activities that will help identify



the main constraints to statistics development and define a feasible a grounded strategy for a strong and sustainable statistical system in Djibouti. This will require performing sectorial diagnoses of the National Statistical System (NSS); providing expertise to identify strategic areas to formulate the action plans; and defining a mechanism for monitoring and evaluation at the sectorial and institutional levels. An effective preparation of the new NSDS grounded in the country's reality through a strong road map would help revitalize and develop national statistical tools to address the challenges of how to sustainably produce statistical data and enable the monitoring and evaluation of policies, development programs and projects, and fight against poverty. It will allow integrating innovative approaches and bring the national statistical system closer to international best practice standards.

2. Sectorial and Institutional Context of strengthening the national accounts production

As part of the implementation of the 2011-2015 NSDS, a service delivery agreement was signed between the Department of Statistics and Demographic Studies of Djibouti (DISED) and AFRISTAT under the PASED Project, funded by the African Development Bank (ADB). In the framework of this agreement, AFRISTAT provided support for statistical capacity building in Djibouti (at the DISED) to implement the 2008 National Accounts (SNA 2008), with the use of ERETES module from September, 2015 to March, 2016. The United Nation Development Program (UNDP) financed the continuation of the training of the DISED staffs on national accounts production for additional three months up to June, 2016. A number of activities were piloted by the AFRISTAT expert to renovate the national accounts. These key activities included: the diagnosis of national accounts, the definition of a statistical base year accounts, the implementation of new classifications of activities and products, the theoretical and practical training of DISED staff on the 2008 SNA using ERETES, the identification, collection and processing of data sources, and the preliminary preparation of national accounts. These activities yield in some key outputs including the production of the Table of Supply Use (TSU) and the Table of Integrated Economic Accounts (TCEI) for the base year of 2013. Works of national accounts for 2014 (collects of data sources for 2014, processing of data).

Relationship to CPF

The elaboration of a new strategy for national statistics development in Djibouti is aligned with the country partnership strategy (CPS) of FY2014-2017, which builds on the government of Djibouti's development strategy- Vision 2035. A well designed NSDS and its implementation would facilitate not only monitoring and evaluation of existing development programs, but also that of the government's new programs for development and operational action plans as defined in its vision 2035.

The strengthening of national accounts production in Djibouti is aligned with the country partnership strategy (CPS) of FY2014-2017, which builds on the government of Djibouti's development strategy- Vision 2035. The quality of the national accounts in Djibouti will help in monitoring and evaluation of development perspective. Indeed, adequate national accounts, including GDP figures would facilitate necessary macroeconomic analysis to assess the magnitude of the growth and fiscal impacts of the country's various programs and investments projects and take adequate measures against its growing unemployment and poverty.



C. Project Development Objective(s)

Proposed Development Objective(s)

The proposed project with two fundamental pillars will, if implemented, help establish a realistic and well-grounded national strategy for the statistical development and strengthen the national account system, and a sustainable data production in Djibouti

1. The development objective of the NSDS pillar of the proposed project is to prepare a new national strategy document for statistics development that will be feasible and realistic. This will entails sectorial analyses to identify the main constraints to the statistical system development in Djibouti and organization of workshops to discuss and disseminate the strategies among stakeholders and donors.

2. The development objective of the National account pillar of the project:

The achievements with the supports from the ADB and UNDP remain partial and preliminary. Meanwhile, the capacity of the technical staff of the DISED remains weak with the short live of the previous training period. Securing the current achievements and further strengthening the statistical capacity in Djibouti requires some short and medium term efforts. Mainly:

- (i) the continuation of the technical team’s capacity building to engage resolutely in sustained production of national accounts indicators;
- (ii) Putting in place important devices allowing the provision of relevant inputs to the compilation of national accounts at constant prices to measure the actual performance of the economy. These include among others: enterprise statistics from the establishment of a business directory and associated indicators; indicators of economic activity: price indexes and volume of industrial activities, index of turnover, foreign trade indices, etc; the development of the accounts for 2015 and 2016 (final accounts 2015 and provisional 2016 to the year 2017); retropolation of old series (2008-2012) using the new system of accounts; and publication and training in the use of classifications of activities and products.

Key Results

- 1. prepared and available national strategy for the development of statistics
- 2. Sustainable production and publishing of national accounts

D. Preliminary Description

Activities/Components

Activities of the NSDS: Pillar 1 of the Project



Activity 1: Diagnostic of the NSS

- Preparation of sectorial diagnostics by the consultants (international expert and National consultants) and the examination of the report "Diagnostic SSN" by the sectoral Committees
- Presentation and validation of the report on the "sectorial diagnosis" by the Steering Committee
- Presentation of diagnosis report to the PTF
- Submission of the diagnosis report for adoption at the Inter-ministerial Council

Activity 2: Vision and Strategies

- Review of the vision and strategies by the Sector Committees
- Presentation and validation of the vision and strategy by the Steering Committee
- Submission of the vision and strategies of the Inter-ministerial Council

Activity 3: Development of action plans

- Review of the action plans by the sectoral Committees
- Presentation and validation of the action plans by the sectoral Committees
- Presentation of the action plan to the PTF
- Submission of the action plan to the Inter-ministerial Council

Activity 4: Completion of the NSDS Document

- Drafting of the NSDS summary document by the Technical Secretariat and the International Consultant
- Examination of the SNDS summary document by the Sectorial Committees
- Presentation and validation of the action plans by the sectoral Committees
- Presentation of the action plans to the PTF
- Submission of the action plan to the Inter-ministerial Council

Activity 5: Implementation of the NSDS

- Presentation of the NSDS 2016-2020 to all stakeholders of the SSN through a workshop
- Preparing an advocacy document for the financing of the NSDS and NSDS document printing
- Mobilization of resources for the implementation of the NSDS 2016-2020



Pillar 2: National Accounts production

Base Year 2013

- Finalization of the Supply Use Table (SUT), Table of integrated economic accounts (TIEA), and analysis and publication

Current Year 2014

- Treatment of 2014 data sources
- Development of accounts with the ERETES (**Mission of the expert on NA**)

Current Year 2015

- Data collection for 2015
- Treatment of 2015 data sources (**Mission of the expert on NA**)
- Development of accounts with the ERETES (**Mission of the expert on NA**)
- Development of accounts with the ERETES (**Mission of the expert on NA**)

Current Year 2016

- Construction of the provisional accounts for 2016 (methodology, data collection)
- Provisional accounts work for 2016 (Mission of the expert on NA)
- Provisional accounts for 2016 (Mission of the expert on NA)

Development of external trade indices

- Methodology, Data Preparation and Implementation of the model (**Mission on enterprise statistics -ES**)
- Work on index Development
- Elaboration of indices (**Mission on ES**)
- Analysis and publication

Set up of the business register



- Directory development work
- Directory development work (**Mission on ES**)

Development of short-term/cyclical indices of activity (IPPI, ICA, etc.)

- Data collection
- Work on indexes Development (**Mission on ES**)

Retropolation of old series of national accounts

- Preparatory work (methodology, collecting additional data)
- Retropolation Works (**Mission of the expert on NA**)

Classifications of activities and products (NAD and NOPROD)

- Finalization of document of the classifications
- Validation, Publication and dissemination

Training of partners of the DISED in the use and implementation of new nomenclatures

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SAFEGUARDS

E. Safeguard Policies that Might Apply

Safeguard Policies Triggered by the Project	Yes	No	TBD
Environmental Assessment OP/BP 4.01		X	
Natural Habitats OP/BP 4.04		X	
Forests OP/BP 4.36		X	
Pest Management OP 4.09		X	
Physical Cultural Resources OP/BP 4.11		X	
Indigenous Peoples OP/BP 4.10		X	
Involuntary Resettlement OP/BP 4.12		X	



Safety of Dams OP/BP 4.37		X	
Projects on International Waterways OP/BP 7.50		X	
Projects in Disputed Areas OP/BP 7.60		X	

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