

**MINUTES OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF PROJECT BOARD ON CAPACITY BUILDING FOR SDGS AND MKUZA III COORDINATION AND REPORTING IN ZANZIBAR, HELD AT OFFICE OF THE CHIEF GOVERNMENT STATISTICIAN ON 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2019.**

**Present**

- i. Ms. Mashavu Khamis Omar, Commissioner M&E ZPC, For Co-Chair of the Project Board
- ii. Mr. Amon Manyama Program Coordinator, UNDP, Co-Chair of the Project Board
- iii. Ms. Mayasa Mwinyi, Chief Government Statistician, OCGS, Member
- iv. Mr. Hassan Khatib, Director of Communication, President's Office, Member
- v. Mr. Hassan Juma, Executive Director, ANGOZA, Member
- vi. Mr. Ahmed M. Haji, Commissioner, ZPC, Member
- vii. Ms. Rukiya Wadoud, Program and Operations Management Specialist, UNDP, Member
- viii. Mr. Ali Shamte, Statistician, OCGS
- ix. Mr. Nassor A. Rashid, Ministry of Trade and Industry
- x. Ms. Mwanajuma K. Machano, MoFP
- xi. Ms. Moza R. Omar, Statistician, OCGS
- xii. Mr. Mussa Mshirazi, ZPC
- xiii. Mr. Hamid Abdalla Haji, ZPC
- xiv. Mr. Omar M. Juma, ZPC
- xv. Ms. Jamila Abbas Seif, ZPC, Secretariat
- xvi. Ms. Fatma Mcha Khamis, ZPC, Secretariat
- xvii. Mr. Idrisa Kuwa, ZPC, Secretariat

**Absent with Apology:**

- i. Mr. Mwita Mgeni Mwita, Executive Secretary, Zanzibar Planning Commission
- ii. Ms. Shufaa Khamis, National Project Coordinator, ZPC, Secretariat
- iii. Executive Director, Zanzibar National Chamber of Commerce, Industry & Agriculture (ZNCCIA), Board Member

**1. Confirmation of the Agenda**

The proposed agenda was presented and adopted as follows

- i. Registration
- ii. Opening the meeting
- iii. Welcoming Remarks
- iv. Presentation of Quarter 1 Activities, 1st January-31st March, 2019,
- v. Challenges encountered and lesson learnt by all Implementers
- vi. Discussion
- vii. Way forward and Closing the meeting

## **2. Welcoming Remarks**

The meeting was opened by the Commissioner for Monitoring and Evaluation Ms. Mashavu Khamis Omar, who was representing the Executive Secretary of the Zanzibar Planning Commission. In her remarks she stated the main aim of the meeting is to review Project Implementation, in terms of results achieved and challenges faced during the first quarter, 2019, i.e 1<sup>st</sup> January-31<sup>st</sup> March 2019. It also entailed discussing plans for the next quarter as well as addressing any emerging issues.

## **3. Overview of Project Implementation**

Noted that project implementation was on track, as most of the planned activities were implemented and targets achieved.

- **Achievements:**

During the first quarter, i.e. January-March 2019, the project contributed to the production of the 2019 Zanzibar Voluntary National Review (VNR) report; enhancing capacities of 233 enumerators, facilitators and other relevant officials on HBS data collection process; creating awareness on SDGs and MKUZA III of local leaders, community and religious leaders and CSOs in 2 districts in Unguja and Pemba; as well as creating awareness and enhancing capacity of 2 local media houses, on SDGs and MKUZA III.

- **Challenges include:**

- Limited awareness of SDGs within the communities and community radios;
- Lack of close cooperation between community radios and Local Government Authorities;
- The Local Government Authorities communication strategy does not cover community media;
- Limited technical and management capacities within the community radios;
- Lack of established structures for managing the local media houses;
- Resource constraints which hinder community media houses undertake their advocacy role on development programs to the local communities;
- Limited awareness and understanding of SDGs and their respective indicators in all levels of the government;
- HBS tools are inadequate to capture relevant SDGs indicators;
- National Strategy for Development of Statistics (NSDS) core team lacks experience and exposure on NSDS and its formulation process;
- Inadequate IEC material for advocacy of SDGs and MKUZA III;
- Low quality of Zanzibar related videos and pictures production for VNR documentary;
- Inadequate data related to Sustainable Development Goal;

### **Recommended measures to address the challenges:**

- Continuous capacity building and awareness programs on SDGs and MKUZA III for Government officials, the local media, community leadership and CSOs;
- Organize knowledge sharing opportunities for exposure of the NSDS core team on NSDS best practices;
- Production of popular versions of SDGs and MKUZA III IEC material by POCR for use by ANGOZA and other partners. Collaboration and synergies amongst all partners is encouraged.
- Investment in high quality documentary is underscored.
- Formulation of platform/forum for private sectors on SDGs
- Promote Private Sector's Corporate Social Responsibility

### **4. Ongoing Initiatives implemented during the second quarter:**

- Preparations for 4 ZPC senior officers to attend High Level Political Forum 2019 on SDGs in July.
- Procurement of tablets and other statistical equipment for OCGS and Statistical Units in MDAs, finalized. Awaiting AG's approval.
- Recruitment of SDG Coordination Specialist is in progress. The UNDP specialist, who will be based at the ZPC, will be responsible for supporting the ZPC, to facilitate and fast track the coordination and implementation of SDGs and MKUZA III. His/her functions will include: project oversight; policy advice on SDGs; capacity development and knowledge management on SDGs and MKUZA III.
- Three (3) OCGS officials attended 'the 5th International Conference on Big Data' in Kigali, Rwanda from 29th April to 3rd May 2019.

### **5. Emerging Issues**

- Exploring opportunities for partnership with the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data (GPSDD). It supports countries to better harness data to achieve the SDGs; to assemble a set of resources, inclusive of best practices, guidelines, and tools, that address data gaps and challenges; as well as engages government in data roadmap processes.
- Noted the limited involvement of the Private Sector in SDGs implementation and reporting. Hence underscored the need for establishing private sector SDG platform as well as leveraging private sector's resources and the use of technology in implementation of SDGs.
- It was further reported that the Ministry of Trade and Industry supported by Trade Mark East Africa (TMEA) has undertaken an assessment of the Private Sector in Zanzibar. The study observed weaknesses of the private sector, hence recommended either strengthening of the Chamber of Commerce (ZNCCIA) or establishment of a Private Sector Foundation (as an umbrella body of the private sector in Zanzibar).

**6. Recommended the following areas for further implementation and potential partnership:**

- Strengthening capacities of national statistics system;
- Strengthening/ establishing CSO SDGs platforms;
- Strengthening partnerships through south-south knowledge sharing networks and exposure to best practices on SDGs;
- Link with (GPSDD)'s resource persons/partners
- Application of pictorial images and data visualization technology in representing status of SDGs and other development issues, in particular at grass root levels

**7. Proposed changes of the 2019 AWP**

Approved the proposed amendment of the 2019 AWP and reallocation of the budget to include support for data collection for HBS estimated at US \$ 48,000.

**8. Way forward**

- The Zanzibar Voluntary National Report 2019, to form a baseline report for continuous update of SDGs' implementation
- Capacity Building for M&E at MDAs
- Promote involvement and enhance capacity of the private sector in the implementation of MKUZA III/SDGs.
- Need for clear theme of the country's development vision, reflecting SDGs and other national priorities.
- Identify opportunities for financing SDGs.
- Enhance capacity and awareness of SDGs at grass root level
- Underscored the importance of documenting project results and use of pictorial presentations/ video clips in representing any qualitative changes obtained. The use of media, including social media as well as institutional websites was encouraged.

**9. Any Other Business**

The meeting was closed at 11.30

**Approved by:**

Ms. Mashavu Khamis Omar

For Executive Secretary,  
Zanzibar Planning Commission

Mr. Amon Manyama

for Resident Representative,  
UNDP

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