VANUATU NSDS: SWOT ANALYSIS 2013

Economic Sector Task Force

Module 1: Data collected

Strengths	Opportunities
• Legal mandate to collect data • Surveys electronic • Training of staff in data collection • Regular and designated budget for some agencies (eg RBV) • International standards, manuals	• Enforcement and compliance • Amend, review legislation • Improve timeliness of data collection • Improve coordination of data collection • Expand internal training • Facilitate international comparison
Weaknesses	**Threats**
• International standard might not be applicable to Vanuatu (eg lack of definition of e-commerce) • Non-coverage of informal sector and unregistered financial institutions • Most agencies don't have regular/calendar for data collection • Duplication of data collection (eg business survey) • Budget constraint for some institutions (eg VNSO) • Staff turnover	• Delay of publications • Unapproved budget • No cooperation amongst stakeholders

Module 2: Data needs

Strengths	Opportunities
• Aware of unmet data needs/weaknesses • Available technology – ICT services • Availability of estimation model	• Strengthen relationship with respondents • Improve or expand existing survey and administrative forms • Improve transfer of knowledge
Weaknesses	**Threats**
• Staff constraints (eg VNSO) • Non-cooperation among agencies • Databases designed by external TA and cannot use fully • Staff turnover	• Ignorance of unmet data needs • Report inaccurate data

Module 3: Data availability and data access

Strengths	Opportunities
• Regular publication (online/hard copy) • ICT Access • Commitment to international orgs (eg IMF) • Existing MoUs, conventions, agreements in place – relevant institutions are required to submit	• Strengthen relationships through negotiations with relevant institutions • Strengthen training, funding, technical assistance • Strengthen awareness among data providers
Weaknesses	**Threats**
• Varying interpretation of data confidentiality • Varying and complex protocols in place with stakeholders • Un-updated estimates • Staff and budget constraints • Lack of data management tools • Unsupported formats • Staff turnover	• Delay in publications • Delay in data collection

Module 4: Data analysis and dissemination

Strengths	Opportunities
• Staff capacity • Access to ICT • Budget access • Access to technical assistance • Timely and quality data dissemination • Existing GDDS	• Capacity building (training, TA) • Improve data quality and timeliness • Improve backup system for data security • Improve media relations
Weaknesses	**Threats**
• Late dissemination of data and information • Disruption of ICT services • Staff constraints • Internal protocol procedures cause delays • Staff turnover	• Lack of confidence in data quality • Censorship • Disruption in data systems due to natural disasters, unexpected circumstances etc • Incompatible computer systems of agencies

Primary Sector Task Force

Module 1: Data collected

Strengths	Opportunities
• Data collection systems in place, some data available with some departments • Some departments collect data every day; some collect depending on need • Collaboration with NGOs and private organisations on data collection	• Develop data collection systems using standard templates • Develop data analysis skills • E-government network • Create / utilise provincial network for information sharing (will strengthen coordination) • Training on data collection
Weaknesses	**Threats**
• Lack of a quality checking system • Lack of data storage and recovery (see also	• (ALL ISSUES RAISED AS WEAKNESS ARE A THREAT)

Module 3)
- Lack of budget for data collection
- Limited human resources for data collection, data analysis and database development
- Lack of appropriate technology (hardware and software)
- Difficulty in accessing data from other sectors
- Lack of coordination on data collection among sectors
- No format or template for data collection

- Government restructuring
- Policy change
- Database crash
- Donor funding change (eg VANRIS ☹)
- Limited budget for provincial officers

Module 2: Data needs

Strengths	Opportunities
- Policies in place - Existing reporting requirements in place - Existing statistical offices in provinces	- Strengthen legislation (to mandate depts. To collect or provide data) - Improve advocacy to politicians - Regular reporting on data - Establish a statistics council
Weaknesses	**Threats**
- Lack of coordination and discussion among agencies (lack of regular meetings) - Lack of resources at national (human, finance, skills) - Provincial stats office lack resources	- Government restructuring - Policy changed – limited budget - Donor funding changes

Module 3: Data availability and data access

Strengths	Opportunities
- Some / a lot of data are available in database / electronic (eg Excel, Access) - E-gov system established for information sharing	- Lack of harmonised database system - Engage with data users - Develop mechanism for data collection for departments with no data - Strengthen and standardised data processing tools - Develop MoU between line ministries and depts.
Weaknesses	**Threats**
- Lack of accessibility of data - Lack of back-up/recovery system (soft copy) - Financial sustainability of project, database system (locally owned system, licensed, user friendly) - Different data systems - Outdated software	- Policy changed - Limited budget - Withdrawal of donor support affects sustainability of database systems (eg finance and software) - Natural disasters

Module 4: Data analysis and dissemination

Strengths	Opportunities
- Data analysis is done by few depts. - Existing network for data sharing (eg e-gov, annual requests) - Use of existing software by some depts.	- Training for data producers and users - Identify target groups for information production and dissemination - Engage with media, NGOs, communities,

• Support of regional organisations (eg SPC, SOPAC)	parliamentarians • Educate managers • Create information sharing network
Weaknesses • Limited capacity / training in data analysis • Lack of trained data analysis officer in some depts. • Outdated software	**Threats** • Limited budget • Limited human resource (esp in data analysis) • Lack of data "is a disaster" (Module 3)

Social Sector Task Force

Module 1: Data collected

Strengths	Opportunities
• We all have data / systems in place • We have designated staff to do the data collection • Policy guidance for data collection • Long history of regular collection (eg Census)	• Sharing resources between government agencies • Communication with donors, clients, stakeholders • Better communication about the data – value added, comparison • Create demand • Review MoUs, legislation • Creativity • Highlight benefits – marketing • Coordination, integration • Improve value of collection • Following regional guidelines • Improve e-gov network
Weaknesses • Staff shortages (numbers not enough, train staff) • Budget • Outdated legislation • Insufficient consultation with stakeholders	**Threats** • Collection not run locally – depend on external assistance • No clear guidelines for govt agencies data collection • Lack of communication between decision makers and implementers • Lack of a "plan B" • Lack of maintaining data quality • Natural and man-made disasters • Stakeholders and client management • Staff turnover • Respondent burden

Module 2: Data needs

Strengths	Opportunities
• Link data collection with policy framework (national, regional, international)	• Regular review of client needs, framework, in consultation with SAC • Regular client consultations
Weaknesses • Weak client relationship/consultation • Attitudes ("nogat time")	**Threats** • Change of government • Change in policy framework

	• Newly emerging data needs

Module 3: Data availability and data access

Strengths	Opportunities
• Improve data access through electronic means • Improve data storage • Long history of data collection • Data quality has improved	• Improve access to user friendly and relevant data • Data anonymisation • E-gov • Improve communication strategies about new statistical releases
Weaknesses	**Threats**
• Lack of data sharing policies • Attitudes ("nogat time")	• Limited access to data server • Lack of data quality checks • Lack of timely release

Module 4: Data analysis and dissemination

Strengths	Opportunities
• Timely dissemination • Regular dissemination • Different methods of dissemination for different stakeholders	• Different methods of dissemination • Strengthen analytical and reporting writing capacity/communication skills • Help improve statistical literacy • Expand releases where use all types of media (newspaper, radio, TV, big screen etc) • Budget
Weaknesses	**Threats**
• Lack of user relevant • Lack of users needs • Lack of training • Lack of human resource capacity	• Lack of timely dissemination • Inconsistencies in released data • Lack of clarity leads to misinterpretation • Language – mistranslation • Budget