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0. Prerequisites

0.1 Legal environment

0.1.1 Responsibility for collecting, processing, and disseminating statistics

[Laws and administrative arrangements specifying the responsibility for collecting, processing, and disseminating statistics]

The DCS produces and disseminates data under the Statistical Ordinance and Census Ordinance, which gives it the authority to conduct censuses of population, housing, agriculture, livestock, trade, labour, industry, or commerce or other such matters as it deems necessary for ascertaining the demographic, social, or economic conditions of the inhabitants of Sri Lanka.

0.1.2 Data sharing and coordination among data producing agencies

[Data sharing and coordination among data producing agencies are adequate.]

The DCS has formed a National Data Committee (NDC) under the capacity building project of the government of Sri Lanka jointly funded by the World bank and the Government. The NDC has created a more productive statistical system to fulfill data needs of users within an acceptable timeframe. The NDC is chaired by Deputy Secretary to the Treasury and the core Members of the Committee are the Management level officers of the Department of the Census and Statistics, National Planning and the representative from the presidential secretariat, Central Bank of Sri Lanka, Demographic Department of the University of Colombo, Institute of policy, Representatives of the Ministries, public and private sector institutions also invited to the committee as and when necessary.

The committee identifies the national statistical priorities and provide necessary guidance to the Department of Census & Statistics and other relevant institutions thereby contributing towards strengthening the National Statistical system of the country.

All statistics compiled by DCS are disseminated by official web site as well as printed reports. And also press releases, press briefings, articles are used and micro data is released according to the dissemination policy.

The DCS releases selected statistical information including certain census & survey reports on pre announced dates in the Advanced Data Released calendar (ADRC) published in the department website. Any revisions to these dates will be informed to the users by publishing revised dates in the ADRC at least two weeks before the scheduled dates given in the calendar. The objective of the ADRC is to let data uses know when the data will be released by the DCS and to make all data accessible to all parties at the same time. DCS mainly disseminate data either by publishing in the department's website or printed reports. Dates for these two data dissemination channels are given in thus calendar. Dates are decided for one year at a time.

0.1.3 Confidentiality of individual reporters' data
[Measures ensuring individual reporters' data are kept confidential and used for statistical purposes only.]

Confidentiality of individuals is guaranteed under the Ordinance which states "...no publication ... shall disclose or facilitate the identification of any particulars as being particulars relating to any individual person" and "Every person engaged in the collection and preparation of statistics under this Ordinance shall make a declaration in the prescribed form that he will not disclose or make use of any information supplied under this Ordinance."

0.1.4 Ensuring statistical reporting
[Legal mandates and/or measures to require or encourage statistical reporting.]

Confidentiality of data reported to the DCS is guaranteed under the Census Ordinance and Statistical Ordinance.

0.2 Resources
0.2.1 Staff, facilities, computing resources, and financing
[Staff, facilities, computing resources, and financing for statistical programs currently available as well as what would be required for programmed statistical outputs.]

The strength of the staff of DCS is 1312. Existing number of computing resources are adequate to perform the required tasks. Generally all statistical program funded by the government.

0.2.2 Ensuring efficient use of resources
[Measures implemented to ensure efficient use of resources.]

Duties will be assigned to staff of the DCS on availability of work. Continuous monitoring will be done until end of the activity.

0.3 Relevance
0.3.1 Monitoring user requirements
[How the relevance and practical utility of existing statistics in meeting users' needs are monitored.]

The DCS conducts the user producer meetings   when conduct all most all censuses and surveys and other statistical programs.

0.4 Quality management
0.4.1 Quality policy
[Processes in place to focus on quality.]

All statistics activities are examine according to set of guide line and time line. And also DCS conducts continuous training programmes to the staff.

0.4.2 Quality monitoring
[Processes in place to monitor the quality of the statistical program.

Quality monitoring of statistical activities are carried out each stage of activities –
1. Frequent supervision
2. Validation and verification test for data entry.
3.Computer based edit programs to correct range, consistency and structural edits

0.4.3 Quality planning
[Processes in place to deal with quality considerations in planning the statistical program.]

Officers are trained for Quality checks on the particular activities according to the guide lines of the Statistical program.

1. Integrity

1.1 Professionalism
1.1.1 Impartiality of statistics
[Measures to promote impartiality in production of statistics.]

The Production of statistic is governed by the statistics ordinance, and the census ordinance. They provide a legal frame work, which appropriate responsibility and corresponding penalties that support the integrity of the statistical system. And also guarantees the professional independence of the statistical activities of the DCS.

1.1.2 Selection of sources, methodology, and modes of dissemination
[Selection of sources, methodology, and modes of dissemination.]

The DCS also has the independence in determining release of data and methodology.

1.1.3 Commenting on erroneous interpretation and misuse of statistics

[Entitlement to, opportunity for, and historical frequency of, comment on erroneous interpretation and misuse of statistics by the appropriate statistical entity.]

The DCS comment on erroneous interpretation and misuse of the statistics whenever necessary.

1.2 Transparency

1.2.1 Disclosure of terms and conditions for statistical collection, processing, and dissemination

[Disclosure of terms and conditions for statistical collection, processing, and dissemination.]

The terms and conditions under which statistics are collected, processed and disseminated are available to the public. All the survey report published including survey methodology, sampling errors, response rate, concepts and definitions, limitations etc.

1.2.2 Internal governmental access to statistics prior to release

[Disclosure of Internal governmental access to statistics prior to their release.]

There is no access to data before they are released to the public. However, If there is an urgent need from the Government, limited information will be released with the approval of the Finance Ministry.

1.2.3 Attribution of statistical products

[Identification of statistical agencies/units producing disseminated statistics.]

There is no commentary by senior government officials on the release of any data by the DCS. In many cases, the data release contains a detailed technical commentary.

1.2.4 Advance notice of major changes in methodology, source data, and statistical techniques.

[Advance notice of major changes in methodology, source data, and statistical techniques.]

Data are indicated as provisional or revised in all DCS publications. There is normally no advance notice of major changes in methodology, but technical descriptions of changes accompany release of data in DCS publications.

1.3 Ethical standards

1.3.1 Guidelines for staff behavior
[Measures implementing and enforcing guidelines for staff behavior.]

The DCS training program for   staff covers the required ethical standards**.**

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Data Produced and Disseminated

Data Categories:

The agency is responsible for production and dissemination of the following data categories (check boxes as appropriate):

Real sector
- ☒ National accounts
- ☐ Production index
- ☐ Forward-looking indicators
- ☒ Labor market: Employment
- ☒ Labor market: Unemployment
- ☐ Labor market: Wages/Earnings
- ☒ Price index: Consumer prices
- ☒ Price index: Producer prices

Fiscal sector
- ☐ General government or public sector operations
- ☐ Central government operations
- ☐ Central government debt

Financial sector
- ☐ Analytical accounts of the banking sector
- ☐ Analytical accounts of the central bank
- ☐ Interest rates
- ☐ Stock market

External sector
- ☐ Balance of payments
- ☐ International reserves and foreign currency liquidity
- ☐ Merchandise trade
- ☐ International investment position
- ☐ External Debt
- ☐ Exchange rates

Socio-Demographic Data
- ☒ Population

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