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# The Annual Agricultural Sample Survey in Tanzania – achievements and perspectives

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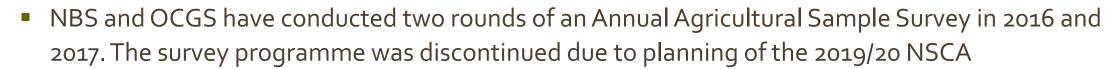
#### INTRODUCTION



- The 50x2030 Initiative: To Close the Agricultural Data Gap has the main objective of bridging the agricultural data gap by transforming country data systems across 50 countries in Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Latin America by 2030.
- Tanzania is one of the 27 African countries that are receiving technical assistance from the Initiative.
- Providing technical assistance to the Annual Agricultural Sample Survey (AASS), the Initiative helps the Tanzania National Statistical System (NSS) to fulfill the Tanzania Statistical Master Plan II (TSMP-II)

#### WHY A NEW SYSTEM?

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- Through the IDA project Eastern Africa Regional Statistics Program for Results, the Government of Tanzania decided to invest on generating statistics for the agricultural sector. The current plan is to conduct four rounds of a sample agricultural survey on annual basis (2023-2027). Features of the new AASS are:
  - The adoption of a list frame, which is can be updated and maintained more easily than an area frame;
  - Better integration with the agricultural sector information needs
  - Rotation of topics; and
  - Government funded survey



## MODULE ROTATION IN TANZANIA (I)



_	YEARS				
	2023	2024	2025	2026	
CORE - Core Agriculture Module	CORE	CORE	CORE	CORE	
Non-Standard Units Survey					
ILP - Income, Labor and Productivity					
WEN - Women Empowerment and Nutrition					
MEA - Machinery, Equipment and Assets					
PME - Production Methods and Environment					

### MODULE ROTATION IN TANZANIA (II)



- Between 2023 and 2026, the Tanzania AASS will collect core data on crop and livestock production on annual basis. In addition,
- The AASS 2023 is collecting data on inputs (and their cost), revenues and the overall farm economy. This will inform several indicators for the national agricultural sector as well as the SDG 2.3.1 (land and labour productivity for small-holders) and SDG 2.3.2 (income of small-holders). Further, a special survey on non-standard units has been implemented to enhance the quality of production data through the survey program.
- The AASS 2024 will collect data on farm machinery and equipment and on women's empowerment and nutrition
- The AASS 2025 will collect data on production methods and environment
- The AASS 2026 will focus again on the farm economy



#### SAMPLE DESIGN

- The FAO and NBS sampling experts worked very closely on the AASS sample design.
- After several iterations, the final sample for the household sector is composed of 1,352 EAs (16,224 ag households). In addition, enterprises will be interviewed on full enumeration (around 1,300 enterprises).
- Survey results will be representative at regional level. Further, applying Small Area
  Estimation techniques, the AASS will generate indirect estimates at the council level
  to better support the country planning and monitoring

Overall	Number of EAs	Number of Agricultural HHs		
Tanzania	1,352	16,224		
Mainland Tanzania	1,234	14,808		
Zanzibar	118	1,416		

### IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS (I)



- In Tanzania, the agricultural year goes from October to September and most of the country has two seasons (Vuli and Masika).
- To ensure high-quality data, the initial plan for the AASS 2023 was to conduct two visits, one focusing on the Vuli season and one focusing on Masika season, plus livestock and fish farming. Further, we wanted to include crop cutting for maize and rice.
- Due to funding access delays, we are ultimately conducting one visit. We aim to conduct to two visits in the future survey rounds.

### IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS (II)



■ The Non-Standard Unit Survey has been carried out in October 2023. With the FAO assistance, we will generate conversions which will help transforming crop and livestock production quantities from local to standard quantities (Kg).

The AASS 2023 data collection is ongoing. It was launched in November 2023 and will end in Jan 2024. It collects data on crops, livestock and aquaculture for the entire 2022/23 agricultural year, which started on 1st October 2022 and ended on 30th September 2023.



#### SUMMARIZED TIMELINE

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ACTIVITY							
	18-23 Sept 2023	9 -21 Oct 2023	25 Oct - 7 Nov 2023	8 Nov 2023- 8 Jan 2024	January – March 2024	April-June	Jul 2024
Pretest	X						
Training of Trainers (TOT)		X					
Training of Enumerators (TOE)			X				
Data Collection				X			
Data Processing and Analysis					X		
Report Writing						X	
Dissemination							X

- To ensure that statistics are used for planning and programme purposes, it is crucial that findings are released in a timely manner.
- For this reason, NBS and OCGS aim to release the survey reports and estimates within 7 months from the end of data collection.



#### **CHALLENGES**





- Data collection during the rain period is a challenge for enumerators who shall move from one place to another. This might prolong the time required for field work.
- Accessing funds on time is essential, especially in view of a two-visit approach.
- Further work will be required to improve the PHC 2022 frame, especially on demarcating properly some large EAs



- While implementing the survey programme, coordination of all key actors within NSS is fundamental
- Development of Dashboard to monitor the progress of Data collection at EA level, helps to estimated duration of the exercise and improve the speed
- Data quality is one of the key issues, therefore all levels of data quality control should be in place while planning for the survey.

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