

## **4. Vision, Mission, Core Values and Goals for Developing the NSS**

### **4.1 Vision**

The vision of the NSS can be specified as:

“Efficiently coordinated system delivering quality statistical products and services”

### **4.2 Mission**

The mission of the NSS is “To produce good quality, reliable and timely statistics and indicators to meet the needs of both local and international users”

### **4.3 Core-Values**

The core-values and guiding principles which will drive the NSS to achieve the desired output of statistics and indicators are:

1. *Confidentiality*: The NSS will guarantee the protection of the private life and business secrets of data suppliers;
2. *Integrity*: The NSS will ensure that statistical activities of statistics producers are based on adherence to the principle of objectivity and independence in the collection, compilation, and dissemination of statistics. This would encompass institutional arrangements that ensure professionalism in statistical policies and practices, transparency, and ethical standards.
3. *Reliability*: The NSS will ensure that source data and statistical techniques are sound and statistical outputs sufficiently portray reality;
4. *Relevance*: The NSS will work to ensure that statistics produced meet information needs of users with respect to content coverage and timeliness.

### **4.4 Goals**

The goals are what the NSS sets itself to achieve under the five-year Strategic Plan for the statistics. Four strategic goals are identified and covered in the GSDP document. These are:

1. Improving policy, regulatory and institutional framework
2. Expanding statistical infrastructure
3. Revamping data development and management
4. Investing in physical infrastructure and equipment

#### **4.4.1 Main goal**

The main goal of the Strategic Plan is to strengthen the national Statistical System to enable it perform its functions efficiently and effectively.

#### **4.4.2 Specific goals**

The specific goals of the Strategic Plan are the following:

- i. Ensure production of quality statistical data that meet user requirements, satisfaction and also international standards;
- ii. Ensure that the statistics produced are demand-driven, and pro-active, targeting requirements for new and on-going programmes and projects such as the GPRS, MDGs, etc.;
- iii. Ensure effective and timely dissemination of statistics to enhance their usefulness;
- iv. Create awareness for the importance of using statistics for evidence-based policy formulation, decision-making and effective planning for national development. The awareness will hopefully result in adequate resource inflow to the MDAs for statistical work;
- v. Establish and strengthen Statistical Units in all the MDAs to promote effective and efficient statistical activities;
- vi. Promote the employment of qualified and adequate numbers of statisticians within the MDA statistical units and GSS;
- vii. Upgrade regularly the knowledge, skills and competence of statisticians to keep abreast with developments in statistics production;
- viii. Ensure effective coordination, collaboration, networking of databanks and information sharing among the stakeholders;
- ix. Sensitise non-institutional data suppliers about the importance of their role in producing quality statistics; and
- x. Upgrade statistical literacy of the general public to widen the net of statistics users.