Advanced Data Planning Tool (ADAPT)

Purpose

Developed by the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21), the Advanced Data Planning Tool (ADAPT) is a free, cloud-based, multilingual and consultative data planning tool for national statistical offices and other data producers to adapt their data production to the priority data needs from policy-makers. ADAPT is being used by over 20 countries for different purposes.

ADAPT supports monitoring of data plans, which could be either strategic such as National Strategies for the Development of Statistics (NSDS) or operational such as statistical ‘programmes of work’ of governmental organisations supporting the implementation of a sectoral policy. ADAPT also allows for detailed costing and budgeting of data planning activities.

ADAPT produces a wide range of key reports in the form of tables and attractive charts to visualise what data demanded is not produced, what is the disaggregation required but currently missing, etc. ADAPT looks at policy and data at the systemic-level, hence it can easily be used in a cross-cutting manner, or applied in the context of a specific policy, sector, administrative unit, etc.

What aspect of the National Statistical System is strengthened by this tool?

(a) Committing to integrate statistics development with national development policies and plans by setting targets for improvements to the national statistical system and statistical activities to ensure reliable evidence for policymaking and evaluation, recognizing a country’s specific local circumstances;

(b) Committing to strengthen and develop, where appropriate, a national monitoring framework, including an indicator set to produce robust evidence for policy development and monitoring and to integrate the framework into planning and budgeting processes;

What part of the regional Collective Vision and Framework for Action does this tool support?

(a) Engaging users and investing in statistics

(b) Assuring quality and instilling trust in statistics

Experiences to date

Following the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Ministry of Finance and Planning for both Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar embarked on efforts to mainstream the
Sustainable Development Goals into the National Development Frameworks; the Five Year Development Plan II for Tanzania Mainland, and the Zanzibar Strategy for Growth and Reduction of Poverty III. ADAPT in Tanzania has been used to show how existing data could be better used in policy, outline SDG data gaps, and co-ordinate work between the NSO, line ministries and the Planning Commission. The NSO is using ADAPT to identify overlapping data needs across development plans and data supply to inform the design of its next NSDS, and its data collection and production priorities.

Where can I find more information?

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