The PNGSDS will strengthen and drive the NSS and support PNG’s development agendas through evidence-based planning and governance.

The SCU will facilitate the establishment of a National Data Collection Center fulfilling Alotau Accord II, Priority No. 30 and 31.

The PNGSDS will be launched for implementation by the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister, Peter O’Neill in 2018.

What is the ultimate goal of the PNGSDS?

1. Strengthen the statistical capacity across the entire NSS.
2. Provide a comprehensive and unified framework for continual assessment of evolving user needs & priorities.
3. Build statistics in a more coordinated, synergistic and efficient manner.
4. Become the basis for effective and result-oriented strategic management of the NSS.
5. Provide core socio-economic statistics and indicators on a regular and timely basis.
6. Leverage funding for enhancing statistical operations.

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The rationale for the PNGSDS

1. Statistics in our National Statistical System (NSS) is currently disintegrated, uncoordinated and poorly managed.

2. The data producer and user agencies in our NSS face a lot of data gap challenges that need to be addressed.

3. There is need for effective resource allocation, program targeting and evidence-based decision making.

4. There is greater need than ever for timely and reliable statistics/indicators to analyze and track the development progress of our country.

Who will own and implement the PNGSDS?

1. Government statistical agencies that provide statistical data (data producers). These data constitute the official statistics of PNG including those produced by the National Statistical Office.

2. Institutions that use data (data users).

3. Entities that provide statistical data, including public and private institutions, non-governmental organizations, households and individuals (respondents/data providers).

4. Research and training institutions including higher learning institutions (those that provide education/training on statistics).


These elements make up the National Statistical System (NSS) of Papua New Guinea.

How will the NSS be coordinated to implement the PNGSDS?

The NSS will be coordinated by a Statistical Coordination Unit (SCU) established within the Department of National Planning & Monitoring through a four statistics sector thematic working group as illustrated in the Chart below.

The coordination will assist maintain constant dialogue and communication with key data producers/users to:

- Identify data gap challenges and issues;
- Establish capacity needs, both capital (financial) and human resources needs;
- Adopt proper data production quality, dissemination, access and use standards and methods;
- Make appropriate institutional/legislative arrangements to strengthen the statistical production; and
- Leverage fund sources to fund...