



Annual Report 2021/2022

STATISTICS MAURITIUS



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PART I – OVERVIEW OF STATISTICS MAURITIUS

1. VISION AND MISSION



2. VALUES

- We are professionally independent.
- We commit to produce statistics in an objective and transparent manner.
- We commit to produce high – quality, relevant, and timely statistics.
- We guarantee the confidentiality of information collected, and comply with statistics and data protection legislations.
- We aim at reducing response burden on our data providers and ensure that other available data sources are used before surveying them.
- We aim at providing excellent service to our users.
- We value our staff and strive to provide an environment in which staff meet their full potential and flourish at work.

Our cores values are consistent with the UN Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and the African Charter on Statistics.



3. MESSAGE FROM THE AG. DIRECTOR OF STATISTICS



*The Ag. Director of Statistics
Mr Mukesh DAWOONAUTH*

The period under review namely, 01 July 2021 to 30 June 2022, has been a decisive phase for Statistics Mauritius as it was marked principally by the inception of the 19th Housing and Population Census (HPC).

The HPC is one of the most important statistical exercises undertaken by a National Statistical Office in terms of the scale of data collected, mobilisation of resources and dissemination of the results. Statistics Mauritius undertakes a national Housing and Population Census every ten years and the previous HPC was carried out in 2011. The HPC scheduled in 2021 had to be postponed to 2022 due to the prevailing Covid-19 pandemic in the country. The national Census was carried out in two phases, starting with the Housing Census in May 2022 followed by the Population Census in July 2022.

The Statistics Board welcomed its new Chair in the person of Mr Charles Cartier since November 2021 to replace Mr Gilbert Gnany. Mr Cartier is presently the Managing Director of Accenture Mauritius; he has several years of experience at General Management and Corporate Executive levels within international firms such as TNT Business Solutions and Accenture.

The National Budget for Financial year 2022/2023 was presented in June 2022. The Budget of SM has increased from Rs 314 M to Rs 477.5 M. The increase was mainly due to expenses related to the 2022 HPC and implementation of SM's E-Business Plan. It also includes the expenses of forthcoming surveys such as the Continuous Multi-Purpose Household Survey, the Household Budget Survey and the Census of Economic Activities which will be undertaken in 2023.

Statistics Mauritius received courtesy visits in June 2022 from

- His Excellency Mr Muhammad Arshad Jan, High Commissioner of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to Mauritius, accompanied by his Spouse;
- A team of the UNFPA led by Mr Koffi Kouame, UNFPA Representative in Madagascar and Country Director for Comoros, Mauritius & Seychelles.



Some 40 new Temporary Statistical Officers have been recruited at SM and in order for them to be appointed as Statistical Officer/Senior Statistical Officer they will be called upon to complete a Training in Basic Statistics which shall start soon. The training will be conducted by the University of Mauritius which signed a Memorandum of Understanding with SM in June 2022.

The Management of SM organised a get-together in May 2022 for its former Officers who retired between January 2021 and May 2022.

“Statistics Mauritius has come a long way since 1945. Over the decades, the Office has witnessed numerous transformations in terms of continuous improvement on compilation, analysis and transformation of data. Though we have embarked on the digitisation train since long, we have to now embrace modern technologies at a faster pace to remain up to date with new evolutions in the data field. At Statistics Mauritius, we are therefore prepared to welcome new challenges.”

Mr Mukesh DAWOONAUTH, Ag. Director of Statistics



4. ROLES AND FUNCTIONS OF STATISTICS MAURITIUS

Statistics Mauritius (SM) operates under the Statistics Act 2000. Statistics Mauritius therefore has the mandate of producing official statistics relating to all aspects of the country's economic, demographic and social activities except for health statistics which fall under the responsibility of the Ministry responsible for Health, and monetary and financial, banking and balance of payment statistics for which the Bank of Mauritius is responsible.



Data are collected through censuses and surveys, and from administrative sources. For more efficiency and to reduce response burden, maximum use of data collected for administrative purposes is made and data is collected only where there is a need to do so.

Our statistics are compiled according to the latest international standards. We make use of international classifications to enable comparability at the international level. By virtue of the Statistics Act, SM is mandated to co-ordinate statistical activities of all producers of official statistics including public sector agencies to ensure standards and to minimize overlap and duplication in production of official statistics in the country. It collaborates with Ministries and Departments of Government in the collection, compilation, analysis, publication and dissemination of statistical information. As working arrangement, staff of the statistical cadre are posted in line ministries, while several Memoranda of Understanding have been signed with some data producing agencies to set out the framework for cooperation, with a view to facilitating data sharing and coordination.

We conduct regular consultations with main data users to assess their needs in order to produce statistics of relevance and provide Government with statistics relevant for policy formulation and development planning.

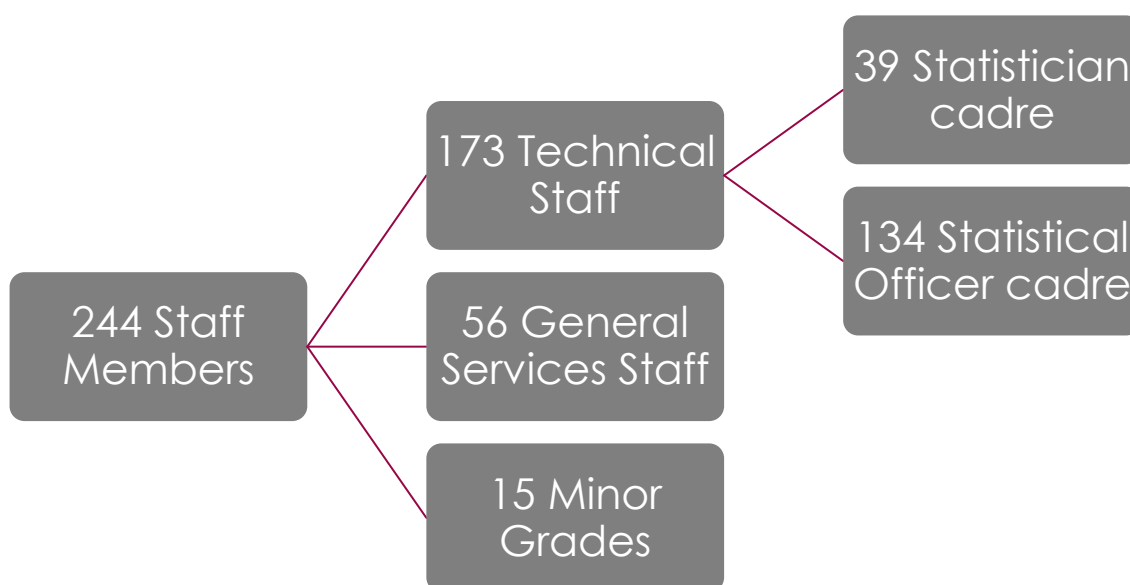
5. OUR PEOPLE

Staffing

The office is headed by the Ag. Director of Statistics cum Chief Executive Officer, assisted by three Deputy Directors, each in charge of a division, namely:

- Social and Labour Statistics Division;
- National Accounts and Prices Division; and
- Statistical Support, Informatics and Dissemination Division.

As at 30 June 2022, we were around 244 staff members as follows:





During the Financial Year 2021/2022 ending at 30 June 2022, promotion and recruitment have been made against funded vacancies as follows:

- 1 Senior Statistician promoted as Principal Statistician;
- 1 Senior Statistical Officer promoted as Principal Statistical Officer; and
- 35 Temporary Statistical Officers have been recruited.

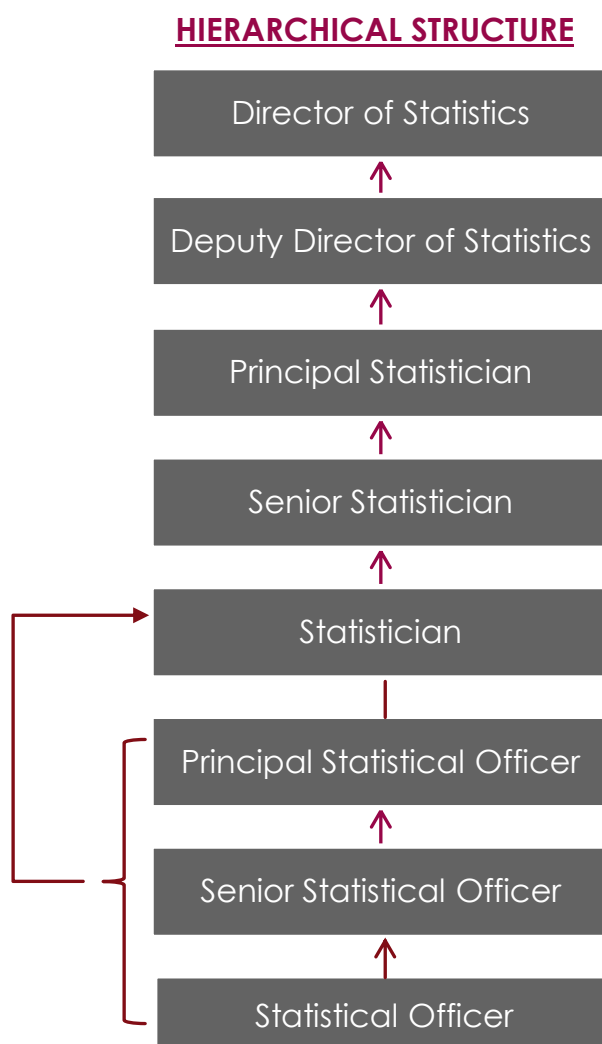
Funded Vacancies in the grades of General Services, Human Resource and Financial Operations cadres have also been filled.

SM staff comprises more women than men:

	Male 	Female 	Total
Number of staff	68	176	244
Of whom senior management	4	1	5

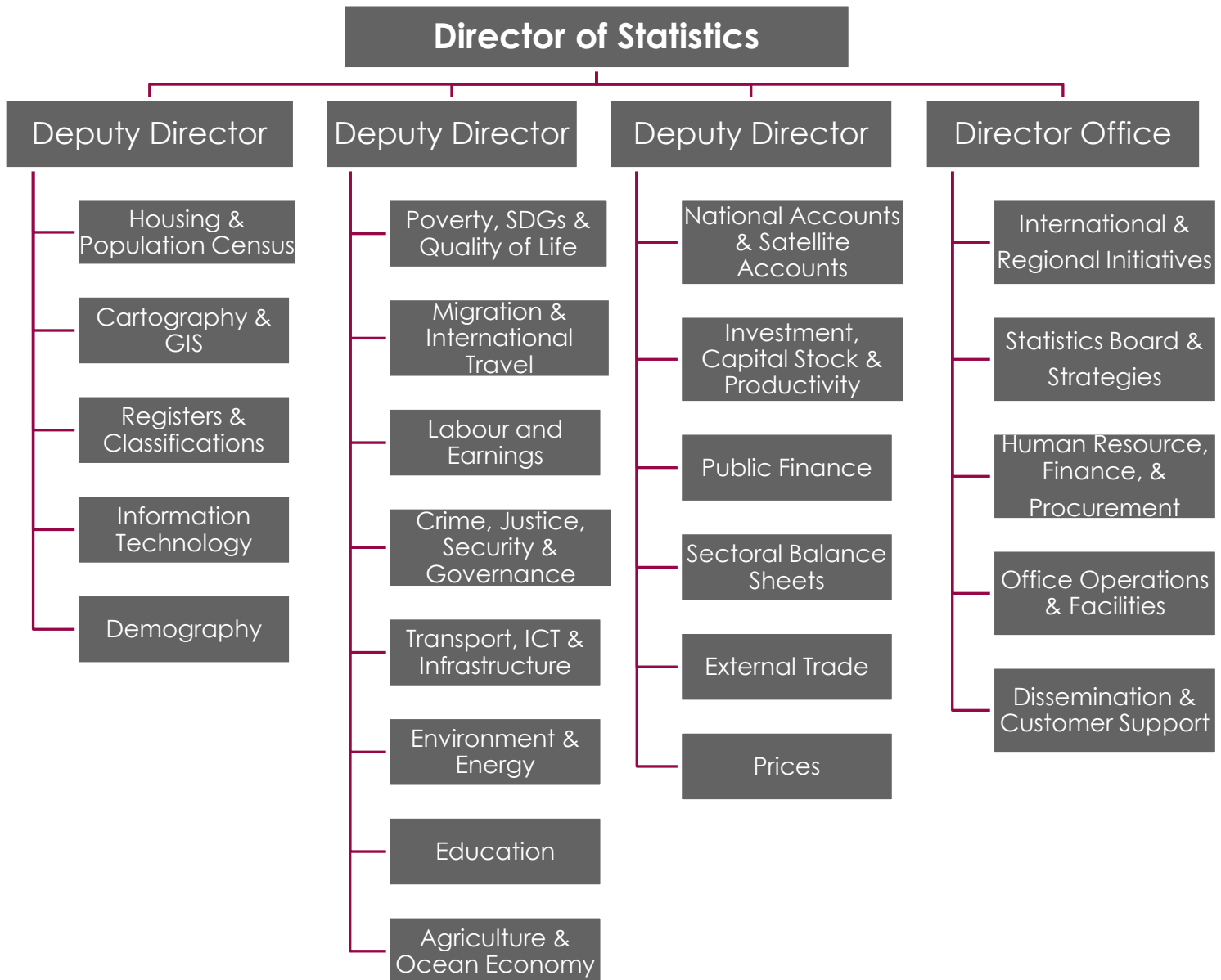
ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The hierarchical structure of the technical grades and the organisation chart are below.



In line with the recommendations of the PRB Report 2021 for the merging of the grades of Statistician and Senior Statistician, Statistical Officer and Senior Statistical Officer, the necessary amendments are being made in the respective schemes of service.

ORGANISATIONAL CHART



STAFF IN POST AS AT 30 JUNE 2022

SN	GRADE	IN POST
1.	Director of Statistics	0 (1 Principal Statistician as Acting Director of Statistics)
2.	Deputy Director of Statistics	0 (3 Principal Statisticians as Acting Deputy Directors of Statistics)
3.	Principal Statistician	5
4.	Senior Statistician	1
5.	Statistician	33
6.	Principal Statistical Officer	2
7.	Senior Statistical Officer	42
8.	Statistical Officer	90
9.	Assistant Manager, Financial Operations	1
10.	Financial Operations Officer / Senior Financial Operations Officer	1
11.	Assistant Financial Operations Officer	1
12.	Procurement and Supply Officer / Senior Procurement and Supply Officer	1
13.	Assistant Procurement and Supply Officer	0
14.	Assistant, Manager Human Resource	1
15.	Human Resource Executive	1
16.	Office Management Executive	1
17.	Office Management Assistant	1
18.	Office Supervisor	1
19.	Management Support Officer	16 + 25 for Housing and Population Census 2022 = 41
20.	Confidential Secretary	2
21.	Word Processing Operator	1
22.	Receptionist/Telephone Operator	2
23.	Head Office Auxiliary	1
24.	Office Auxiliary/Senior Office Auxiliary	10
25.	Driver	2
26.	Intern under Service to Mauritius (STM) Programme	1
27.	Intern under Youth Employment Programme (YEP)	2
Total Number of Officers in Post		244

LIST OF RETIRED SM STAFF (JULY 2021 TO JUNE 2022)

SN	NAME OF SM STAFF	DESIGNATION	DATE OF RETIREMENT
1.	SHUM YING NIN Marie Scarlette (Mrs)	Office Supervisor	01-Jul-21
2.	RAMNATH Chitranjan	Deputy Director of Statistics	02-Jul-21
3.	CHEUNG KAI SUET Li Fa (Ms)	Director of Statistics	01-Sept-21
4.	PENTIAH Adiraj	Statistical Officer	08-Sept-21
5.	APPADU Gangamah (Mrs)	Principal Statistician	21-Sept-21
6.	CAUNHYE Nushreen (Mrs)	Statistical Officer	01-Nov-21
7.	IYAVOO Pramela Devi (Mrs)	Senior Statistical Officer	22-Jan-22
8.	MUNGUR SUNIL	Senior Statistical Officer	14-Feb-22
9.	CHEUNG TUNG SHING Set Fong (Mrs)	Principal Statistician	07-Mar-22
10.	QUIRIN Marie Noelle Josephe Liseby (Mrs)	Office Supervisor	01-Apr-22
11.	BOODHUN Rajcoomaree (Mrs)	Statistical Officer	09-May-22
12.	SEERUTTUN Rajendrsing	Driver	19-Jun-22

CAPACITY BUILDING

SM Staff attended several webinars and face-to-face training as follows:

- (i) SADC Agriculture Information Management System (AIMS) Technical Committee [Online], 29 – 30 March 2022
- (ii) Virtual course on Inclusive Growth, Africa Training Institute, 28 March – 08 April 2022
- (iii) System of Environmental Economic Accounting – Ecosystem Accounting (e-Learning course), 11 April – 10 June 2022
- (iv) Macroeconomics of Climate Change, Africa Training Institute & IMF's Fiscal Affairs Division (FAD), 18 – 21 April 2022
- (v) Virtual Consultation on The African Development Bank Group Proposed Public Finance Management Academy for Africa (PFMA) And Public Service Delivery Index for Africa (PSDI), 16 May 2022
- (vi) First (Virtual) Meeting of the Measurement of Inflation of Owner-Occupied Housing Sprint of the United Nations Network of Economic Statisticians, United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), 22 June 2022
- (vii) Workshop on Vulnerability Assessment and Analysis in Agricultural Sector, Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute (FAREI) – 30 June 2022
- (viii) Training on International Classification Standards and Guidelines on Trafficking in Persons Administrative Data, African Union Commission – June 2022



ROTATION POLICY

The aim of the staff rotation policy is to provide all with opportunities to work in different topical areas so as to expand their work knowledge and skills as well as to broaden their understanding of the organization. The policy also works towards overcoming potential job boredom, and creates back-up for long leaves and retirements.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Our Occupational Health and Safety Committee comprises of representatives from concerned Units of Statistics Mauritius, the Health and Safety Officer and one representative from the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC). The Committee meets whenever needed, or else every two months in accordance with the regulations in force, to resolve issues related to health and safety of our officers. The Committee was particularly active with the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, advising on sanitary measures to be taken and ensuring that all guidelines are followed.

PART II – ACHIEVEMENTS & CHALLENGES

6. MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

The main achievements are given below:

100% of Social and Economic monthly data planned for the year published;

Construction of the Supply and Use Table (SUT) and Input Output Table (IOT) based on Census of Economic Activities 2018 results;

Rebasing of all indices on benchmark year 2018 and published in May and June 2022;

Rebasing of National Accounts estimates on SUT 2018 and rebased annual and quarterly data released in June 2022;

Computer Assisted Telephone Interview (CATI) introduced in May 2020 with the help of the World Bank maintained for the 2021 round of the Continuous Multi-Purpose Household Survey;

Completion of the E-Business Plan, 2021–2024;

Co-operation between SM and the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics, the UNECA and the UNFPA for the conduct of the 2022 Housing and Population Census;

Partnership with Business Mauritius, in collaboration with UNDP and the Government of Japan in the conduct of the Pulse Survey to assess the short-term and long-term impact of the COVID-19 on businesses;

Increased collaboration with different Ministries through participation, amongst others, in:

- Steering Committee and subcommittees of the UN Covid-19 Socio economic Recovery Plan (SERP);
- Technical Working Group 4 on the Elimination of Gender Based Violence and collaboration with Mauritius Research and Innovation Council (MRIC) in the setting up of a Gender Based Violence Observatory;
- Working Committee on Metadata on health statistics in the context of the Health Sector Strategic Plan;
- Agenda 2063 Special Project for the development of the Second Ten Year Implementation Plan (2024 – 2033);
- Establishment of a Statistics Unit at the Disaster Risk Reduction Management Centre (NDRRMC) to harmonise the collection, processing and validation of disaster related statistics to meet the requirements of the Sendai Reporting Framework.

7. STATUS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF KEY ACTIONS

The status of implementation of key actions is given in the table below:

Key Action	Key Performance Indicator	Target	Achievement 2021/22
Social and economic data are available to support policy decision making	% of Social and Economic data and monthly are published as per release calendar	100%	100% released.
Conduct Census of Economic Activities - 2018 Phase 2-Large establishments	2018 CEA-Large: Conducted and analysed	(i) Report published in August 2021 (ii) Supply and Use Table based on CEA 2018 published in September 2021 (iii) Rebased National Accounts published in December 2021	(i) Report 2018 CEA (Large) published in May 2022. (ii) Supply and Use Table based on CEA 2018 published in February 2022; Input Output Table based on CEA2018 published in March 2022. (iii) Rebased National Accounts to be published in June 2022.
Conduct of Housing and Population Census in 2022	Housing and Population Census completed	(i) Conduct of Housing Census in May 2022 (ii) Conduct of Population Census in July 2022	(i) Housing Census was conducted in May 2022 after completion of field staff training in April 2022. (ii) Population Census was conducted in July 2022 after completion of field staff training in June 2022.
SM E Business Plan	Implementation of E Business Plan	Wave I of the E Business Plan implemented by June 2022	Wave I of the E Business Plan implemented by June 2023.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT, CITIZEN ORIENTED INITIATIVES & GOOD GOVERNANCE

We continually work towards improving the quality of our statistics to better satisfy users' needs. Some of the main actions include:



Interaction with our main stakeholders to gather their views so as to produce statistics that are relevant.



Posting of an Advance Release Calendar on our website and release of our statistics accordingly on our website so that all users have free access simultaneously. We send email alerts to our main stakeholders whenever there is a new release.



To ensure transparency, our methodologies are published together with the statistical releases. Advance notice is given to our users whenever there are major changes in methodology, including data sources and statistical techniques.



Production of our statistics according to professional standards and publish them in ways which explain and inform without advocating a particular position.



We have an agreement with respondents; they are encouraged to provide accurate information while we ensure that the data provided are strictly protected. Our staff is required by law to give an undertaking of secrecy while we make sure that in publishing the statistics, identifiable information is not released. We also take necessary measures to ensure the security of the statistical information collected.



To improve accountability, we regularly receive the visits of the Internal Control Unit of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development as well as the National Audit Office. Remedial actions are promptly taken whenever shortcomings are brought to the attention of management.

PART III – FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

9. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

STATEMENT OF REVENUE

Revenue (Rs million)	Rs		
	2020-2021 Actual	2021-2022 Estimates	2021-2022 Actual
Property Income			
Sales of Goods and Services	686,690		130,745
Fines, Penalties and Forfeits			
Miscellaneous Revenues	28,271		8,254
Total Revenue from Property Income, User Fees and other Sources	714,961		138,999

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE

Head/Sub-Head of Expenditure (Rs million)	Rs 000		
	2020-2021 Actual	2021-2022 Estimates	2021-2022 Actual
Compensation of Employees	96,771	113,500	111,678
Goods and Services	30,200	142,460	111,790
Subsidies	-	-	-
Grants	35	40	35
Social Benefits	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	-	-
Acquisition of Non-Financial Assets	111	58,000	21,200
Acquisition of Financial Assets	-	-	-
Total	127,117	314,000	244,703



MAJOR CHANGES FROM 2020 - 2021 TO 2021 - 2022

The actual budget shifted from 127 M in 2020-21 to 244 M in 2021-22 as a result of filling of vacancies and payments related to the Housing and Population Census (HPC) 2022.

MAJOR VARIANCES FROM BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2021-22

The variance for 'Compensation of Employees' is mostly due to some vacancies that remained unfilled at the close of the financial year.

The variance for 'Goods and Services' and 'Acquisition of Non-Financial Assets' is mainly explained by the postponement of the HPC 2022, which was initially scheduled to begin in January 2022. However, it began in May 2022, due to which payments had to be deferred.

PART IV – STRATEGIC DIRECTION



Implement the new National Strategy for Official Statistics



Implement the E-business Plan to modernize our operations, and ensure business continuity during crisis, disaster and pandemic situations



Conduct the decennial Housing and Population Census using CAPI technologies in 2022 and disseminate preliminary results before the end of the year.



Conduct the Household Budget Survey (HBS 2023) from January to December 2023



Conduct the Census of Economic Activities (CEA 2023) from January 2023 to December 2024



Exploit new data sources, in particular, investigate the possibilities of using of scanner data in the compilation of Consumer Price Indices



Work towards meeting the requirements of the highest tier of the IMF data dissemination initiative capacity (Special Data Dissemination Standard – SDDS - Plus)



Develop appropriate tools and methodologies to assess the quality of official statistics.

