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Dear Mr. Shimuafeni,

RE: Request for Technical Assistance for Sampling Frame Analysis

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 16 September 2025 requesting the support of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the National Sampling Frame developed from the 2023 Population and Housing Census, in view of the ongoing Namibia Household Income and Expenditure Survey (NHIES) 2025/26 and forthcoming statistical operations.

ECA welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with the Namibia Statistics Agency (NSA) in strengthening the methodological soundness and operational readiness of Namibia's sampling frame. The request is well aligned with ECA's mandate to support Member States in enhancing statistical capacity, data quality, and adherence to international standards.

I am pleased to confirm that ECA, through the African Centre for Statistics (ACS) can extend technical assistance in the following areas requested by NSA:

- a) Review and quality assessment of the sampling frame to appraise coverage, completeness, and consistency against census outputs and auxiliary sources (e.g., dwelling listings, geo-spatial layers, and administrative registers).
- b) Methodological recommendations to ensure adequate representation of target populations and domains, including treatment of new growth areas, special populations, and non-private dwellings, as applicable.
- c) Technical guidance and hands-on training for NSA staff on frame maintenance and version control, segmenting and stratification strategies, sample allocation and rotation options, and documentation to support transparency and replication.

To initiate the collaboration efficiently, we propose the following immediate steps:

1. An inception meeting to confirm objectives, expected deliverables, roles and responsibilities, and an indicative workplan.
2. A data and documentation package from NSA, including: frame construction methodology and metadata; census enumeration area (EA) lists with geocodes; coverage evaluation findings; urban/rural and domain definitions; any post-census updates; and planned survey designs (NHIES, NFIS, NDHS, etc.).



3. Agreement on data protection and confidentiality arrangements for any micro- or geo-referenced materials shared, consistent with NSA policies and UN data protection principles.
4. Nomination of focal points: one technical and one managerial from NSA; Mr. Issoufou Seidou Sanda, Officer-in-Charge of the Economic, Infrastructure and Agriculture Statistics Section at ACS is the focal person from the ECA side.

Based on the inception discussion and materials received, ACS will prepare a short technical note outlining the assessment framework, methods to be applied (including coverage diagnostics, duplication and geospatial coherence checks, frame under/over-coverage indicators, and options for update routines), capacity-building activities, and a results-reporting format suitable for informing survey operations and policy use.

ECA remains committed to supporting NSA to ensure that the sampling frame is accurate, up-to-date, and fully fit-for-purpose for NHIES 2025/26 and other priority surveys. We look forward to a productive collaboration that strengthens evidence-based policymaking in Namibia.

Please, accept, Statistician General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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