



REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN

NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS

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Subject: Request for NSDS II Support

Dear Oliver,

Thank you immensely for approving our request to assess our institutional needs. The National Bureau of Statistics is pleased to let you know that the Scoping Mission was a success, enabling us to share with UNECA team our dream to transform South Sudan's National Statistical System.

As UNECA Scoping Mission underscored, this transformation demands the Bureau strengthen the nation's statistical system. In this respect, developing the second National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS II) is in order. This comprehensive statistical strategy brings all Government MDAs together to consolidate efforts at statistically informing national development plans, and subsequently addressing regional and global obligations. Adopted globally, the NSDS is the best statistical tool for effective and efficient development of the national statistical system (NSS). It is also a policy tool for mainstreaming statistics into national development processes that support planning, decision-making, and evidence-based policy formulation.

The planned activities under NSDSII include, among others, workshops, consultative meetings, design training, study tours/field missions, advocacy and sensitization, and assessment of current state of statistics at both national and subnational levels. These activities demand significant resources. The Bureau estimates that the NSDSII's activities would cost **US\$ 251,560**.

Drawing from the above, this submission seeks UNECA's financing to ensure a successful establishment of the NSDSII. I am grateful for UNECA's sustained cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely yours,

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