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## GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA

**ACT**

No. 13 of 2018

Date of Assent: 23rd December, 2018

**An Act to establish an integrated National Statistical System; provide for mechanisms for coordination, collection, management and dissemination of statistics; promote the use of statistical data and information at individual, institutional, national and international levels; re-constitute the Central Statistical Office as the Zambia Statistics Agency and define its functions; establish the Board of the Zambia Statistics Agency and define its functions; provide for the production and compilation of official statistics in a transparent and impartial manner; ensure the protection of personal data collected for statistical compilation purposes; build sustainable capacity for the production and use of statistical data and information for planning purposes; ensure coordination among statistical agencies; give effect to the United Nations Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and Principles of the African Charter on Statistics; repeal the Census and Statistics Act 1955 and the Agricultural Statistics Act 1964; and to provide for matters connected with, or incidental to, the foregoing.**

[26th December, 2018]

ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia.

Enactment

## PART I

## PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

1. This Act may be cited as the Statistics Act, 2018 and shall come into operation on the date appointed by the Minister by statutory instrument.
2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

Short title  
and  
commencement

Interpretation

“ Agency ” means the Zambia Statistics Agency established under section 5;

“ authorised officer ” means any person—

(a) who is an officer of the Agency and designated as an authorised officer by the Statistician-General; or

(b) appointed by the Statistician-General to perform work on behalf of the National Statistical System;

“ Board ” means the Board of the Agency constituted under section 8;

“ business ” has the meaning assigned to the word in the Registration of Business Names Act, 2011;

“ census ” means the collection, compilation, evaluation and dissemination of basic data pertaining to the demographic, economic, financial, social, agricultural, industrial and environmental sectors and other sectors through a complete enumeration of units in a well-defined territory at a specified time;

“ Chairperson ” means the person appointed as Chairperson of the Board under section 8;

“ committee ” means a committee of the Board;

“ data ” means collection of facts such as values or measurements, which can be numbers, words, observations or description of a thing;

“ dissemination ” means the direct or indirect publication, sale or provision of official or other statistics, spatial data or related documentation in any form;

“ document ” includes a device by means of which information is recorded or stored;

“ domain ” means a sub-group of the population for which a separate estimate is calculated or an analysis is performed;

“ Fund ” means the National Statistics Development Fund established in accordance with Part II of the First Schedule;

“higher education institution” has the meaning assigned to the words in the Higher Education Act, 2013;

Act No. 4 of  
2013

“household” means a person or group of persons who may or may not be related by blood but normally live together, make common provisions for living and only have one person whom they all regard as head of the household;

“member” means a member of the Board;

“metadata” means the range of information, generally textual, that fosters understanding of the context in which statistical data has been collected, processed and analysed with the objective of creating statistical information;

“micro data” means data on the characteristics of units of a population, such as individuals, households or establishments collected by a census, survey or experiment and includes a single business entity;

“National Statistical System” means the National Statistical System established under section 14;

“official statistics” means statistics describing, on a representative basis, the economic, demographic, social or environmental phenomena of the Republic in the statistical work programmes of statistical agencies;

“organisation” means any non-governmental or non-profit organisation, voluntary association or other organisation, other than a business, household or State organ;

“private body” means an organisation, company, partnership, political party, proprietorship, or other institution which is not a public body and includes research institution, higher education institution, development partners or any other user;

“public body” has the meaning assigned to the words in the Public Finance Management Act, 2018;

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2018

“respondent” means an individual, household State organ, business or organisation, in respect of whose activities, affairs or any information is sought or provided for the purposes of this Act;