



# LAUNCH OF THE ZIMSTAT STATISTICS REVISION POLICY

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## INTRODUCTION

- Revision of released statistics is an essential and inevitable practice in the compilation of statistics.
- Revisions will be done on data compiled and released by ZIMSTAT from time to time.
- To meet user needs, ZIMSTAT compiles timely preliminary statistics which can later be revised once new and more data becomes available.



## THE REVISION POLICY

- There always exist a trade off between timeliness and comprehensiveness of published data.
- Preliminary statistics are compiled to meet timeliness and are later revised when more comprehensive and better source data become available
- This Policy outlines the general principles for revising statistics published by ZIMSTAT. It forms the basis for the development of specific data revision guidelines. The policy is applicable to *all statistics* produced by ZIMSTAT.



# NATURE OF REVISIONS

## **Regular/ Systematic**

- Regular revisions are those that are always expected hence will be scheduled with a revision calendar in place

## **Adhoc Revisions**

- Adhoc revisions are unscheduled revisions which will be implemented with a prior notification of users and other stakeholders

# OBJECTIVES OF REVISION POLICY



**The objectives of the Policy are to:**

- Guide the process of revising statistics in a transparent way.
- Ensure that data revisions in ZIMSTAT adhere to international best practice.
- Ensure that users are well informed to appropriately use statistics produced by ZIMSTAT
- To create public expectations on future revisions of published statistics
- To ensure that new compilation methodologies are embraced



## CAUSES OF REVISIONS

- Availability of an updated data source
- New data sources
- Improved compilation methods
- Revised international guidelines
- Periodic benchmark data series

# STATISTICS TO BE REVISED



## MACROECONOMIC STATISTICS

- Quarterly estimates of GDP
- Annual estimates of GDP
- Agriculture statistics
- Industry statistics
- Services statistics

## SOCIAL STATISTICS

- Crime Statistics
- Prison Statistics
- Health Statistics
- Vital Statistics
- Education Statistics
- Migration Statistics

# COMMUNICATION OF REVISIONS



- All revisions will be communicated through the Public Relations Department in consultation with the Director General.
- Revised statistics will be accompanied by metadata to inform users on changes made to previously released data.



# COMMUNICATION OF REVISIONS



The Public Relations Department shall be responsible for:

- Communicating revisions and making them accessible to users.
- Consolidating the revision calendar of scheduled revisions available to users.
- Developing protocol for communicating non-scheduled revisions.
- Monitoring adherence to this policy

# AVAILABILITY



- The Revision Policy is available at the ZIMSTAT website
- [www.zimstat.co.zw](http://www.zimstat.co.zw)
- For enquiries contact: [pr@zimstat.co.zw](mailto:pr@zimstat.co.zw)



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