



Data to Unlock the Relevance and Accuracy of Voluntary National Reviews

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Introduction

Uganda is Among the 44 selected countries, Uganda will feature in the ministerial segment of the forum and present her 3rd Voluntary National Review Report at the HLPF in July 2024

Uganda's Voluntary National Reviews have played a pivotal role in facilitating the exchange of experiences, including successes, challenges, and lessons learned, to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

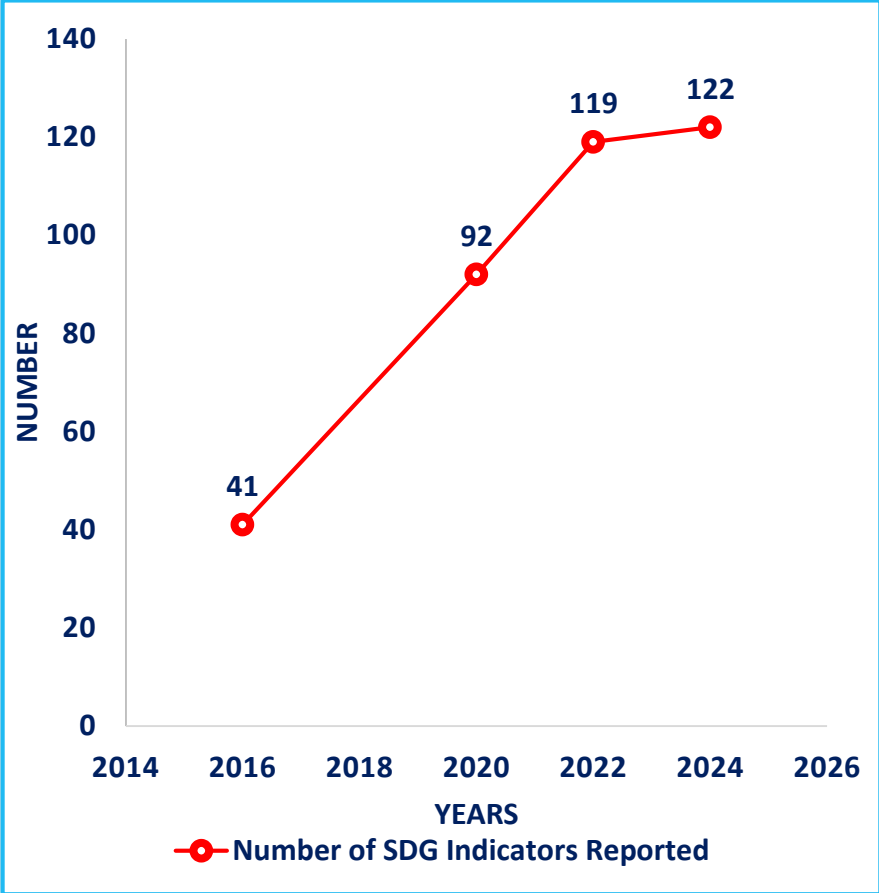
These reviews aim to strengthen government policies and institutions while mobilizing multi-stakeholder support and partnerships for SDG implementation.

Data & Statistics on VNR: Uganda's case

Uganda has made significant progress in creating an enabling environment to improve the statistical system and increase data production, management, accessibility, and use.

The National Statistics Office (**Uganda Bureau of Statistics**), through SDG co-ordination framework, Chairs the Data Technical Working group in charge of Data and Statistics.

UBOS in the implementation of the Plan for National Statistical Development has increased number of SDG indicators with data available, and will report on 122 indicators in 2024 VNR.



Innovative Approaches

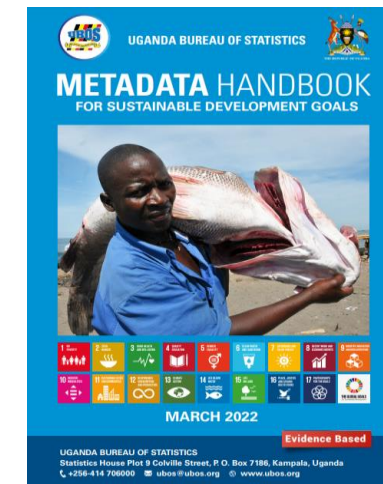
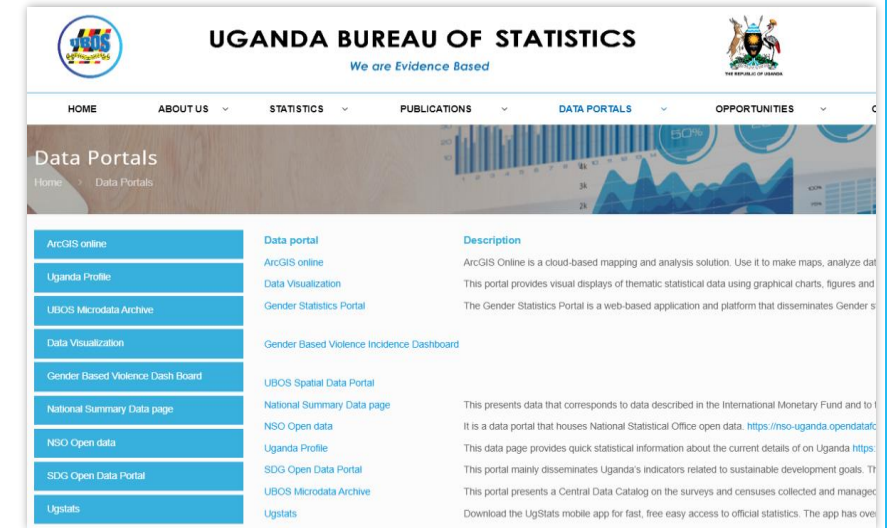
- ❑ Conducting of The National SDG Conferences with a slot on Data and Statistics. This has increased the Understanding and appreciation of SDGs and Society Issues.
- ❑ These SDG Conference have yield a number of outcomes and one of them was Uganda's Commitment to accelerate Efforts to harness the full potential of data to improve the lives of all Ugandans



At the Second Annual SDG Conference 2023 at Serena Hotel, Kampala Uganda. Discussing Data and Statistics in the middle. Chief Statistician among the panellist

Innovative Approaches

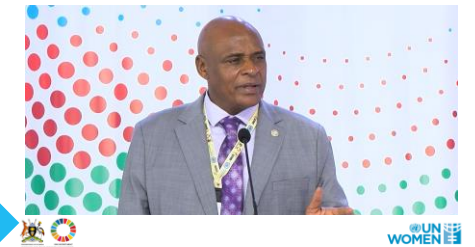
- Use of the Open data Portal which provides data on SDGs and accessed on National Statistical office (UBOS-website.)
- Quality assessment and certification of data producing agency by the National Statistical Office on SDG indicators before the data is incorporated in the VNR report.
- Use of the Metadata Handbook for Sustainable Development Goals 2022: which provides definition, method of computation and concepts on key selected SDG indicators



Innovative Approaches

□ Use of innovative methods in Data collection, analysis and Reporting

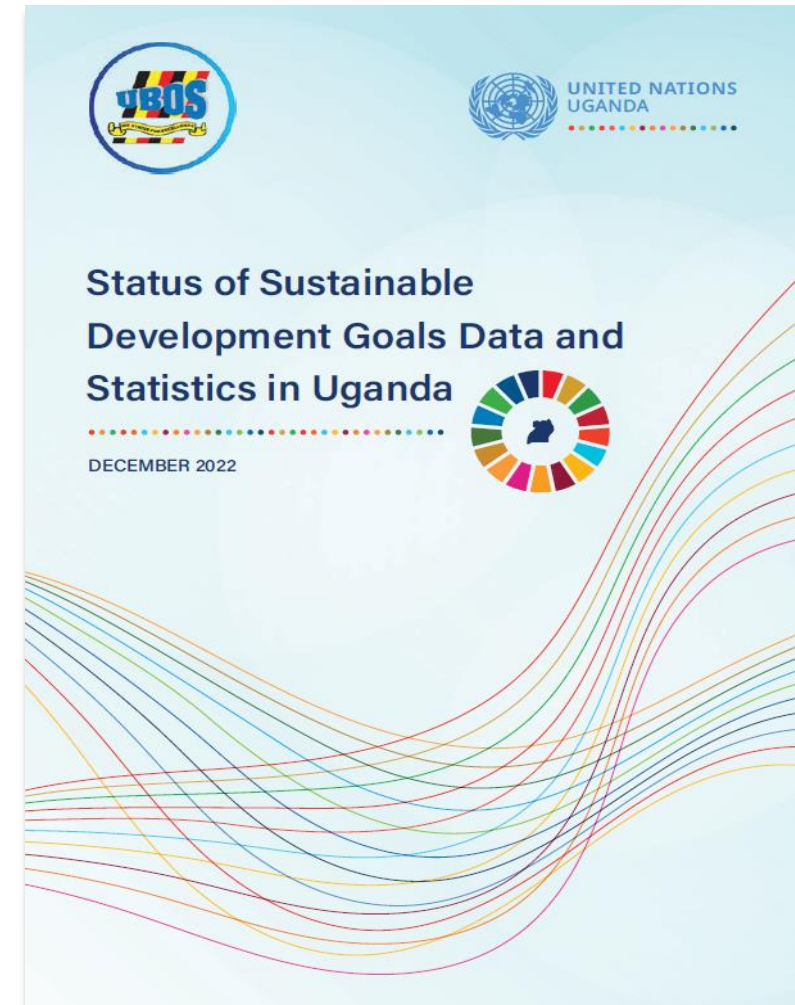
- The adoption of the Compute Aided Personal Interviews (CAPI) has widened the sample size and also data accuracy, and transparency in VNR reporting.
- Use of the VNR E-platform (www.ugandavn.com) to obtain qualitative data on VNR
- Identification of the groups Left Behind to formulate policies, through the Leave No One Behind Study that was commissioned by the government of Uganda to gaining a deeper understanding of who is “left behind” in development and humanitarian contexts with specific reference to the SDGs. To guide policy formulation
- Launch of the Joint Government of Uganda and UN Programme on Data and Statistics in Uganda



Innovative Approaches

- ❑ Tools for administrative data of Key Ministries, Departments and Agencies are being reviewed to cater for SDG reporting and improve accuracy.

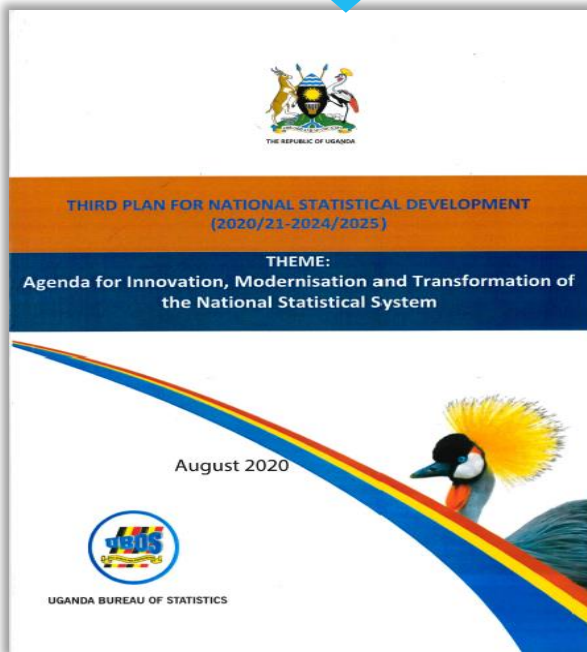
This follows one of the recommendations from the “ Status of Sustainable Development Goals Data and Statistics in Uganda which was conducted in Dec 2022.



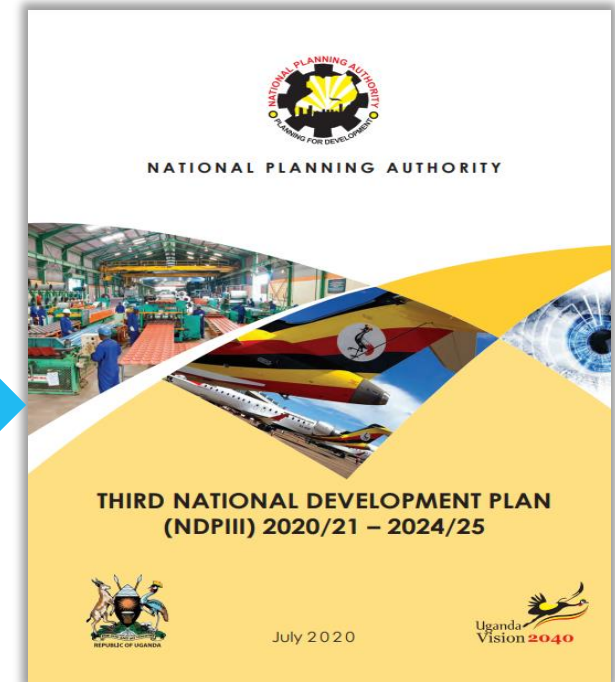
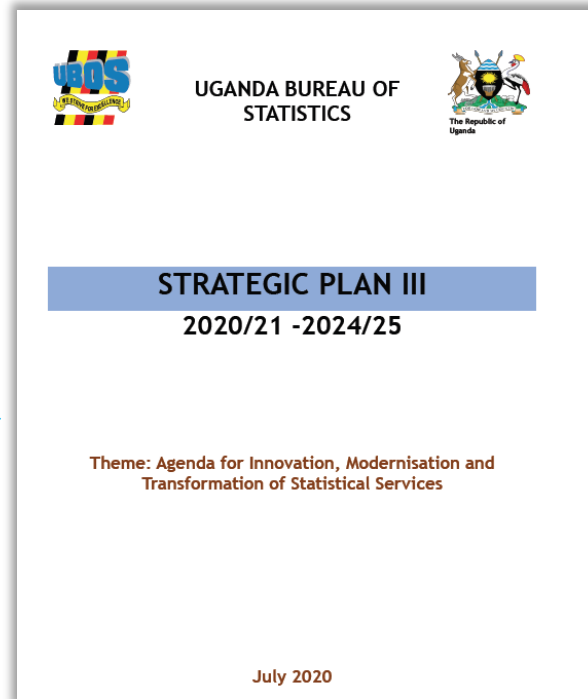
Best Practices

Alignment of;
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
90% ALIGNED



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Best Practices

❑ The utilization of the SDG Technical Working Groups committee for the guidance and quality assurance of the VNR report. These committee convenes monthly and comprises members from five Technical Working Groups on SDGs, encompassing Planning, Data, Finance, Communication, and Coordination and Monitoring.



Lessons Learned

- Utilizing up-to-date data points is crucial for assessing progress toward achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as it enables a comprehensive understanding of current trends.
- Invest more in administrative data to complete survey data
- The use of data in policy formulation is hindered by inadequate statistical literacy, mainly by politicians.
- Enhancing cooperation and coordination in production of data and statistics.
(The Launch of the Joint Government of Uganda and UN Programme on Data and Statistics in Uganda)

Challenges

- The data that is being used mainly is sourced from surveys and census which are periodic yet the data is reported on annual basis.
- The available data mainly is not up to small area disaggregation.
- The statistical literacy in Uganda still low and majority of policy makers (politicians) do not appreciate some of the indicators.
- The adoption and utilization of the E-dissemination platform by the general public has been slow.
- The data from administrative sources still has issues on completeness, and few variables. The collection process in some cases is manual and this delays its availability.
- Delays on availability of SDG Indicators computed globally
- Use of Indicators outside the SDG global matrix for global comparison on performance of countries on SDGs.

Conclusion

- ❑ Uganda underscores its dedication to sharing experiences, successes, and challenges, thereby accelerating SDG implementation and Improving VNR reporting.
- ❑ The adoption of innovative methods such as Compute Aided Personal Interviews (CAPI) has not only widened the sample size but also improved data accuracy and transparency in reporting.
- ❑ Furthermore, the alignment of the National Statistical Office's performance with the number of SDGs reported on reflects a strategic approach to enhancing data relevance and reliability. In addition continued efforts to review tools for administrative data and improve accuracy will further unlock data relevancy and accuracy for Voluntary National Reviews