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#### **PREFACE**

The Public Audit Act No. 11 of 2008, Section 28 authorizes the Controller and Auditor General to carry out Performance Audit (Value for- Money Audit) for the purposes of establishing the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of any expenditure or use of resources in the MDAs, LGAs and Public Authorities and other Bodies which involves enquiring, examining, investigating and reporting, as deemed necessary under the circumstances.

I have the honour to submit to His Excellency the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, Dr. John Pombe Magufuli and through him to the Parliament a Performance Audit Report on Preparedness for Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals in Tanzania.

The report contains conclusions and recommendations that directly concern the Ministry of Finance and Planning together with its two Agencies i.e National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) and the Planning Commission and the President's Office Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG). These institutions were given the opportunity to scrutinize the factual contents and comment on the report. I wish to acknowledge that the discussions with MoFP and PO-RALG have been very useful and constructive. My office intends to carry out a follow-up at an appropriate time regarding actions taken by the audited entities in relation to the recommendations in this report.

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#### ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

BEMIS Basic Education Management Information System

CBOs Community Based Organizations

CP 5 Fifth Corporate Plan

CSOs Civil Society Organisations

DC District Council

DFIs Development Financing Institutions
ESDP Education Sector Development Plan
FYDP II Five Years Development Plan II

ICT Information and Communication Technology
IMTC Inter- Ministerial Technical Committee

LED Local Economic Development LGAs Local Government Authorities

LGMD Local Government Management Data Base

LTPP Long Term Perspective Plan M&E Monitoring and Evaluation

MC Municipal Council

MDAs Ministries, Departments and Agencies

MDGs Millennium Development Goals

MITI Ministry of Industries, Trade and Investment MoEST Ministry of Education, Science and Technology

MoFP Ministry of Finance and Planning

MoFP-PED Ministry of Finance, Poverty Eradication Division

MTEF Medium Term Expenditure Framework

NBS National Bureau of Statistics

PO-RALG President's Office Regional Administration and Local

**Government Authorities** 

SDGs Sustainable Development Goals

SPs Strategic Plans

TDV Tanzania Development Vision
TIB Tanzania Investment Bank
TIN Taxpayer Identification Number
TRA Tanzania Revenue Authority

TZS Tanzanian Shilling

UNDG United Nation Development Group

UNDP United Nations Development Programmes

VPO Vice President's Office

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Preparedness for implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is crucial for ensuring effective and efficient implementation of set goals and targets. Adaptation of the 2030 Agenda on SDGs into national context; identification and mobilization of resources and capacities required for implementation; and establishment of mechanisms for monitoring, follow-up, review and reporting on the progress of implementation are important for the effective implementation and achievement of the 2030 Agenda set goals and targets.

The Ministry of Finance and Planning (MoFP) through the Planning Commission has been mandated to domesticate SDGs into national plans and to identify and mobilise resources for implementation of the national and global development goals and targets. Also MoFP through National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) is mandated to mainstream SDGs indicators and collect data for monitoring the implementation progress of SDGs at the national level. Further MoFP is mandated to report the progress of implementation of SDGs at the High Level Political Forum (HLPF).

The President's Office Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG) similarly, is mandated to coordinate the Regional Secretariats and Local Governments who are responsible for promoting inclusive sustainable development within their territories and linking the global goals with local communities. In addition, these two ministries in collaboration with other stakeholders are mandated to raise public awareness on SDGs at the national, sub national and local levels.

Following the assessment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) (the predecessor of SDGs) implementation in Tanzania it was noted that, inadequate implementation which resulted into unsuccessful attainment of some MDGs and targets was caused by budget constraints; limited participation and involvement of the private sector; limited capacity and limited involvement of the critical mass of implementers (key players at lower level); and failure to attain Goal 8 on developing a global partnership for development, among other factors.

Taking those challenges as a lesson learnt, and following the government's adaptation of the 2030 Agenda on SDGs, National Audit Office decided to carry out a performance audit at the Ministry of Finance and Planning and PO-RALG on the preparedness for implementation of SDGs.

The objective of the audit was to assess whether the Ministry of Finance and Planning as the leading ministry and the President's Office-Regional Administration and Local Government, as the coordinator of Local Government Authorities (LGAs) who are the key implementers of the agenda, are prepared to implement the 2030 Agenda on SDGs.

The audit focused on the adaptation of the 2030 Agenda on SDGs into national context; identification and mobilization of resources and capacities for implementation; and monitoring, follow up review and reporting on the progress of implementation of SDGs. The audit covered a period of two years from 2015/16 to 2016/17.

Two methods for data collection were used. Interviews and document reviews were done at MoFP, NBS, Vice President's Office (VPO), Planning Commission, PO-RALG, Ministry of Industries, Trade and Investment (MITI), Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST) and selected LGAs which were Bariadi, Dodoma, Singida, Songea and Kigoma/Ujiji Municipal Councils.

## Main Findings and Conclusions

# Inadequate adoptation of the 2030 Agenda on SDGs into the national context;

Although MoFP embraced nine out of 17 SDGs, 165 indicators out of 230 SDGs indicators, (which is equal to 68%) in the Second Five Years Development Plan (FYDP II) 2015/2016 to 2020/2021; it did not provide for the management of unfinished business of the embraced goals at the expiry of the plan in 2021. Further, MoFP did not provide for the management of the eight goals left out. This was because MoFP did not develop the national sustainable development implementation strategy which would guide on the implementation and attainment of the set SDGs and targets. Similarly, it was noted that, although the Guidelines for Preparation of Annual Budgets and Plans 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 requires MDAs to align their annual plans and budgets but have not provided as to which goals had to be aligned for a particular year.

Also, the audit noted that, none of the visited LGAs had reviewed their plans to integrate the FYDP II and SDGs. Those plans were reviewed because they came to an end. Further the audit noted that five out of six visited LGAs are implementing the strategic plans reviewed prior to the FYDP II and SDGs hence deviated for about two years. This is because MoFP did not state in the guidelines as to when and how the LGAs are supposed to review their strategic plans to integrate SDGs.

This poses a risk for those LGAs to partially implement the FYDP II and SDGs or not to implement completely as it is not integrated to their plans.

# Lack of institutional mechanism to integrate the 2030 Agenda into its actions;

MoFP did not set up an institutional mechanism to integrate the 2030 Agenda on SDGs into the national actions. Although the Planning Commission, MoFP-PED and NBS are carrying out activities related to SDGs, there is no cabinet directive which mandates them to that effect. Similarly, there are unclear boundaries between MoF-PED and Planning Commission as far as SDGs are concerned.

There was also unclear institutional set up for integration of SDGs into actions at the LGA level because the decentralization by devolution (D-by-D) that was intended to transfer implementation of local development and service delivery to the local governments has not been fully implemented. Some central Ministries still exercise significant authority and control on implementation of local development activities and delivery of services that should have been in the mandate of LGAs.

#### Inadequate awareness creation on SDGs

SDGs awareness creation campaigns were inadequately conducted at the national and sub-national levels. Awareness workshops were conducted once in 2016 at zonal levels, while none were conducted at community levels. In addition, no evaluation of the effectiveness of the workshops was done. Also, the audit noted inadequate involvement of multiple actors such as NGOs, CBO, CSOs and private sector in awareness creation campaigns/ workshops. The audit further noted that there are neither set plans nor allocated budgets for more SDGs awareness creation campaigns from the national level to the community level. This is because SDGs are not differentiated from the usual government and global targets. Consequently, there is a risk of the community and other stakeholders not owning the SDGs and their implementation.

# Inadequate use of Multi-stakeholder approaches for SDGs integration

During the preparation of the FYDP II which embraced SDGs, some important stakeholders such as NGOs, CBOs, local community and the indigenous people (as beneficiaries of the plan) who have a significant role to play in policy formulation, implementation and other key

decision-making process regarding the SDGs and FYDP II in particular were not involved. This was because there were no clearly set mechanisms for stakeholders' engagement. Stakeholders' mapping was not conducted to identify the key stakeholders, their roles and responsibilities as well as the point of their engagement in the whole process of implementation and attainment of the set FYDP II and SDGs goals and targets. This may affect the wider reach to the community and decrease transparency in the implementation of the plan and SDGs.

## Lack of comprehensive SDGs policy coherence

The audit noted that there are no set mechanisms for breaking down sectoral demarcations and connecting different levels of government actions for implementation of the FYDP II and SDGs. Similarly, there are no set mechanisms for a coordination and strategic partnership between the government and other stakeholders. Further, the audit noted lack of set mechanisms for the responsible stakeholders' joint actions towards the implementation and achievement of the set goals and targets of the FYDP II. This may lead institutions to strive to promote and implement plans that are in line with their mandates, without sufficient inclusion of FYDP II and related SDGs. Also, this may lead to contradictions of the sector policies thereby delaying or hindering the realization of SDGs.

# Inadequate identification and mobilization of resources for implementation of SDGs

The audit noted that, MoFP did not identify the resources and capacities required for implementation of the 2030 Agenda on SDGs. This was because MoFP did not prepare the national SDGs implementation strategy outside the framework of FYDP II, through which they could identify resources and capacities required for implementation of SDGs. However, as 68% of SDGs were mainstreamed in the FYDP II, adequate costing and financing of FYDP II interventions could contribute significantly towards achievement of SDGs.

# Inadequate use of innovative methods to secure resources and capacities

The audit noted that, the identified innovative methods for securing resources and capacities for implementation of SDGs are not exhaustive and some are not implementable. For instance, the use of Local government/Municipal bonds may not be practical due to inexistence of appropriate legal instruments and inadequate capacity of the LGAs to generate own-source revenue. The use of the climate

change fund has not been possible, as the MoFP did not set integrated climate financing mechanism for strengthening the national capacity to access these funds and align climate finance spending with the national development priorities as identified in FYDP II. This was because MoFP did not conduct analysis on the environment favouring the operation of the proposed innovative methods; as a result, MoFP will continue to depend on traditional methods which are not sufficient for raising resources and for enhancing capacity of LGAs.

#### Ineffective tax collection system

The audit noted that, the system for tax collection is ineffective in the sense that the tax base is still narrow, leaving out most of the informal sector operations. Similarly, the audit noted that, MoFP through TRA has not established the database for all the Tax payers especially those in informal sector. Also, the audit noted lack of a well-established mechanism for tracking the tax payers especially those with no Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN). This may lead to loss of revenues hence inadequate funding for the implementation of the FYDP II and SDGs.

# Inadequate identification and mobilization of capacities (human capital and ICT skills)

The audit noted that, MoFP did not identify capacities required for implementation of FYDP II and SDGs. The audit further noted uneven distribution of capacities which is contrary to the staff allocation list (*Ikama*). This was caused by lack of SDGs capacity needs assessment in various sectors responsible for the implementation of SDG. Inadequate identification of capacities required for the implementation of various sectoral activities might lead to non-achievement the 2030 Agenda.

# Inadequate identification of risks and mitigating strategies in securing resources and capacities

The audit noted that, MoFP inadequately identified the risks and mitigating strategies in securing resources and capacities. The identified risks associated with securing financial resources while leaving out risks associated with securing and mobilization of capacities for implementation of SDGs. This was because MoFP did not identify the required capacities. This may lead the Ministry to be unable to establish mitigation strategies for securing capacities for implementation.

### Monitoring, Review and Reporting of the implementation progress

 Inadequate identification of performance indicators and baselines to monitor and report on the implementation progress.

The audit noted that, MoFP inadequately developed the performance indicators and baselines to monitor and report on the implementation progress. For instance only 41% percent of all FYDP II indicators had metadata while 59 percent required extra effort and resources (human and financial) for development.

## • Inadequate data collection capacity

The audit noted that, National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) as the coordinator for production of official statistics within the National Statistical System (NSS) lacks capacity in terms of finance, human resources and facilities for data collection and dissemination. For instance, for 282 indicators in the FYDP II, NBS can produce 39% percent of data and the remaining 61% percent are produced by MDAs and other data producers in National Statistical System (NSS). This indicated the potential data available at MDAs to monitor SDGs. However, there is no clear coordination of data produced by MDAs and those produced by NBS. Also, the available data produced by NBS does not fully respond to SDGs with regards to timeliness, frequency and data disaggregation.

#### Insufficient and inadequate data quality and availability

The audit noted insufficient and inadequate data quality and availability. This was because detailed information on specific areas was only available to those entities such as the Statistical Working Group at PO-RALG that collect data on a specific area or subject, particularly education sector in line with the interests of the PO-RALG and MoEST. The audit further noted that there was lack of a harmonised data collection system to be used by the Ministries and LGAs. This affects the timely availability and quality of data hence may impair the whole process of monitoring the progress of implementation of the FYDP II and SDGs.

# • Inadequate system to coordinate, monitor, review and report progress of the 2030 Agenda

The audit noted lack of a comprehensive and integrated framework and whole-of-government M&E system to provide overall guidance on the development and application of M&E across sectors. It was further

noted that, the M&E departments of the Ministries and LGAs are inadequately capacitated in terms of budget. This may obstruct the measuring of actual impacts of development initiatives and their intended results on sustainable development, thereby creating difficulties to flag areas of risk or failure to identify critical issues that need deeper analysis and policy responses.

#### **General Conclusion**

Despite the effort done by the government for preparation and implementation of SGDs, both MoFP and PO-RALG have not adequately prepared for implementation of SDGs. These key ministries are still facing several challenges to fully integrate the SDG into the national content. Also, the government have not done a thorough identification of required resources and capacities to implement SDGs. In addition, the established mechanisms for monitoring and reporting will not be effective in supporting the implementation of SDGs. These deficiencies, may lead to failure to implement and attain the set SDGs and targets for growth and human development.

#### **Audit recommendations**

#### MoFP should:

- 1. Develop national implementation strategy which will guide the implementation and achievement of the 2030 Agenda at the national level in line with FYDP II and its successor plans.
- 2. Analyse the content of the agenda and integrate the SDGs with consideration of timeframe, feasibility, and sustainability of the implementation of the integrated goals.
- 3. Involve multi stakeholders including local communities and citizens in awareness creation campaigns so as to enable the wide reach in order to enhance ownership of the process of implementation and tracking the progress of SDGs.
- 4. Conduct assessment of priority interventions with high impact to attain SDGs and determine the sequence of their implementation in order to have a guidance to build the implementation capacities.
- 5. Establish a responsive and inclusive mechanism of coordinating, monitoring and reporting the progress of implementation of SDGs in FYDP II.

- 6. Conduct stakeholders mapping to identify the potential stakeholders to be involved and their prospective roles and responsibilities for implementation of the SDGs in FYDP II, without losing sight of the importance of community level.
- 7. Translate the set targets into guidelines and ensure all sector ministries and LGAs review their strategic plans to integrate SDGs targets in line with national priorities and the resource envelop.
- 8. Assess the effectiveness of resource mobilization efforts currently in place, and identify innovative methods with the view of widening the tax base for mobilizing resources needed for implementation of SDGs and other national priorities.
- 9. Conduct needs assessment for the capacity needed for implementation of SDGs in FYDP II.
- 10. Ensure harmonization of data collection system and tools for quality, timely and adequately disaggregated statistical data.
- 11. Establish a mechanism for coordination, monitoring, and reporting on the progress of the 2030 Agenda as an integrated part of the FYDP II and also with specific attention on global benchmarking.
- 12. NBS should use statisticians from MDAs and LGAs to fasten mainstreaming of the remaining SDGs indicators in FYDP II.

#### PO-RALG should:

- Establish a responsive and inclusive mechanism of coordinating, monitoring and reporting the progress of implementation of SDGs in FYDP II.
- 2. Conduct stakeholders mapping to identify the potential stakeholders to be involved and their prospective roles and responsibilities for implementation of SDGs and realize the importance of community level.
- 3. Conduct capacity need assessment for implementation of sustainable development goals.
- 4. Establish a consolidated system to capture all sectoral data from LGAs to be used for monitoring the progress of implementation of development projects

#### **CHAPTER ONE**

#### INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Background Information

On 25<sup>th</sup> September 2015, 193 Member States of the United Nations adopted the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)<sup>1</sup>, a set of 17 aspirational objectives with 169 targets expected to guide actions of governments, international agencies, civil societies and other institutions over the next 15 years (2016- 2030). Succeeding the MDGs, the 2030 Agenda is a global vision for people, for the planet and for long-term prosperity. It charts a plan for the future, shifting the world onto a sustainable and resilient course and leading to transformation in standards of living and to a transition to more inclusive, dynamic and sustainable pathways to development.

The 17 SDGs aim to end poverty in all its form; Good health and wellbeing; Quality education; Gender equality; Clean water and sanitation; affordable and clean energy; Decent work and economic growth; Industry innovation and infrastructure; Reduced inequalities; Sustainable cities and communities; Responsible consumption and production; Climate action; Life below water; Life on land; Peace justice and strong institutions; and Partnerships for the goals while restoring and sustainably managing natural resources. They integrate the three dimensions of sustainable development i.e. economic, social and environmental with closely interwoven targets. The SDGs are indivisible in the sense that no one goal is separate from the others, and all call for comprehensive and participatory approaches.

Tanzania being the signatory to the 2030 Agenda on SDGs has taken initiatives to integrate the agenda into national context. During the conclusion of the 2030 Agenda, Tanzania was preparing its Second Five Years Development Plan (FYDP II), and part of SDGs was reflected in the plan. Further, through Tanzania Development Vision (TDV) 2025, Tanzania embodies its aspirations with respect to development, which inter alia sets the target of economic growth rate of at least eight percent per annum. Such growth rates are considered necessary for reducing poverty and propelling Tanzania from a least developed country to a middle income country with a high level of human development. TDV 2025 envisioned an economy which is transformed from a predominantly low productivity agricultural economy to high

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> UN Resolution 70/1

productivity agriculture as aspiring board for a diversified and semi industrialized economy.

To achieve the aspirations of the 2025 vision, Tanzania developed the Long-Term Perspective Plan (LTPP) 2011/12-2025/26 with emphasis on transformation of the Tanzanian economy, envisaging a drastic change in the growth path with the contribution of the industrial sector to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) rising to 31percent by 2025. Implementation of LTPP is sequenced in three five-year development plans (FYDPs). Each of the three Plans has a specific theme to underline its thrust and priority interventions. The theme of the First Five Year Development Plan (FYDP I), 2011/12 - 2015/16 was "Unleashing Tanzania's Latent Growth Potentials" and focused on debottlenecking binding constraints to growth. The designated themes for FYDP II (2016/17-2020/21) and FYDP III (2021/22 - 2025/26) are respectively "Nurturing an Industrial Economy" and "Realizing Competitiveness-led Export Growth".

The current FYDP II (2016/17-2020/21) with the theme "Nurturing Industrialization for Economic Transformation and Human Development" is intended to deepen industrialisation as the key pillar of socio-economic and political development (Intensified industrial development and promotion for structural change: Light manufacturing and resource based strategic industries).

The FYDP II aspires to improve quality of life and human wellbeing; Foster and strengthen implementation effectiveness, including prioritization, sequencing, integration and alignment of interventions; Intensify and strengthen the role of local actors in planning an implementation; and ensure global and regional agreements (e.g. Africa Agenda 2063 and SDGs) are adequately mainstreamed into national development planning and implementation frameworks for the benefit of the country.

#### 1.2 Justification of the Audit

Assessment of MDGs (the predecessor of SDGs) implementation in Tanzania<sup>2</sup> clearly shows that the government was successful in attaining some of the MDGs<sup>3</sup>, but was also unsuccessful for some goals<sup>4</sup>. However, a number of challenges faced Tanzania during MDGs implementation which hindered the country to attain some of

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>URT (2010) and (2014b) Country Report on MDGs

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Goal 2,3,4,6 and 7

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Goal 1,5 and 5

the MDGs targets. Those challenges include limited effectiveness in the functioning of LGAs due to lack of capacity; limited participation and involvement of the private sector; limited capacity and limited involvement of the critical mass of implementers (key players at lower level); and failure to attain Goal 8 on developing a global partnership for development<sup>5</sup>.

As in the earlier experience during 15 years of implementation of MDGs, there is no doubt that successful implementation of the first 16 SDGs hinges on the 17<sup>th</sup> Goal on 'means of implementation'. For this reason, considerations on this last goal have attracted significant interest of examining the preparedness of the country in implementing the SDGs. Taking those challenges as a lesson learnt, the Controller and Auditor General found it necessary to carry out a performance audit on preparedness for the implementation of the SDGs.

## 1.3 Audit design

#### 1.3.1 Objective of the Audit

The overall objective of the audit was to assess whether MoFP as the leading ministry and the PO-RALG, as the coordinator of LGAs as key implementers are prepared to implement SDGs. Specifically, the Audit aimed to assess whether:

- MoFP and PO-RALG adopted SDGs into the national context;
- MoFP has identified and secured resources and capacities (means of implementation) needed to implement SDGs; and
- MoFP and PO-RALG has established mechanism to monitor, follow up, review and report on the progress towards the implementation of SDGs.

#### 1.3.2 Scope of the Audit

The main audited entities were MoFP as the leading Ministry on implementation of SDGs in the country and PO-RALG as the coordinator of LGAs who are the main implementers of SDGs. All sector ministries and central ministries are responsible for implementation of SDGs, but due to resource constraints (staff, time and financial); the team sampled three ministries, each ministry representing one of the sustainability pillars i.e. social, economic and environmental. The

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>URT 2013, 2014a, 2014b

selected ministries are Ministry of Industry Trade and Investments (MITI), Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST) and Vice President's Office (VPO)-Environment, as the sector ministries responsible for coordinating the implementation of SDGs. In addition, five regions were covered and one LGA for each region was visited. The regions covered are: Dodoma, Kigoma, Singida, Simiyu and Ruvuma. Meanwhile LGA covered were: Dodoma MC, Singida MC, Bariadi MC,Ujii MC and Songea MC.

The audit assessed the actions put in place by the government since July 2015 to 2016/17 regarding the preparedness for implementation of SDGs at national level<sup>6</sup>, sub-national level<sup>7</sup> and municipalities<sup>8</sup>. Specifically, the following three issues were the focus of this audit:

- Adaptation of SDGs to national context;
- Identification and mobilization of resources for implementation of SDGs; and
- Monitoring, review, follow-up and reporting on the progress of implementation of SDGs.

The selection of the three mentioned areas was based on their importance in assessing the country's preparedness for implementation of SDGs.

#### 1.3.3 Audit questions

In order to address the set audit objectives, the audit work was designed using three audit questions that were mainly focusing on adaptation of SDGs into national context, identification and mobilisation of resources for implementation of SDGs (means of implementation) and monitoring, review, follow-up and reporting the progress of implementation of SDGs. More specific audit questions and sub questions are provided in *Appendix 1*.

#### 1.3.4 Assessment Criteria

Assessment criteria were extracted from the United Nations (UN) Resolution 70/1, URT (2015) Five Years Development Plan (FYDP II)

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Ministry of Finance and Planning

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Sector Ministries

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> LGAs

2016/2017-2020/2021, African Union (2015) 2063 Agenda, United Nations Development Group (UNDG) (2015) Reference Guide on Mainstreaming the 2030 Agenda, URT (2016) Guideline for the Preparation of Annual Plans and Budgets 2016/2017, UN (2015) Addis Ababa Action Agenda, URT (2015) Guideline for the Preparation of Annual Plans and Budgets 2015/2016. The criteria used to assess the preparedness are provided in *Appendix 1*.

#### 1.4 Methods for Data Collection

To ensure that data collected give comprehensive picture of the situation on the preparedness for implementation of SDGs, data were collected from MoFP together with its agencies i.e. National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) and the Planning Commission; and PO-RALG (as the main auditees), MITI, MoEST, VPO-Environment (as selected sector ministries) and five regions with one LGA each. Two main methods were used for data collection. The used methods were interviews and documents review.

The audit team conducted interviews to collect primary data and to clarify or confirm information from the documents reviewed and allow officers to provide explanations on how things are done regarding preparedness for implementation of SDGs. Several interviews with a purpose of gathering information on government preparedness for implementation of SDGs were conducted with officials from MoFP, PO-RALG, MoEST, VPO, MITI and one selected LGA from each of the five regions.

In addition to interviews the audit, reviewed various documents including policies, strategic plans, annual plans, annual budgets and annual budget implementation reports of the MoFP, PO-RALG, NBS, Planning Commission, MoEST, MITI and VPO-Environment to assess the preparedness for implementation of SDGs.

The collected data were both qualitative and quantitative. Qualitative data were summarised and coded to compare different responses. Quantitative data were analysed by using statistical tools such as MS excel.

#### 1.5 Limitations of Data Collections

In some instances, the audit team could not get readily available data from documents. In such cases the team relied on verbal information. To check the validity of collected data and information, the team subjected the draft report to experts and the audited entities as explained in section 1.7 of this report.

#### 1.6 Standards Used for the Audit

The audit was done in accordance with the International Standards for Supreme Audit Institutions issued by the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI). These standards require that the audit is planned and performed to obtain sufficient and appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for the findings, conclusions and recommendations based on the audit objectives.

## 1.7 Data Validation Process

MoFP and its two agencies, i.e. NBS and The Planning Commission together with PO-RALG who are directly concerned with this audit, were given the opportunity to go through the draft report and comment on the figures and information presented. They confirmed on the accuracy of the figures used and information presented in the audit report. Furthermore, the information was crosschecked and discussed with experts on preparedness for implementation of SDGs.

#### 1.8 Structure of the Audit Report

The remaining part of the report covers the following:

- Chapter two describes the system and process for adoption and implementation for SDGs;
- Chapter three provides audit findings on adoption of SDGs;
- Chapter four provides audit findings on resources identification and mobilisation for implementing SDGs
- Chapter five provides findings on monitoring, follow-up, review and reporting the progress towards implementation of SDGs;
- Chapter six provides conclusions for the audit; and
- Chapter seven outlines recommendations to improve the current situation.

# CHAPTER TWO SYSTEM OF PREPARATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

#### 2.1 Introduction

This chapter describes systems and processes involved in the preparedness for implementation of SDGs; Policies and legislations which provide the policy and legal framework for governing SDGs in the country; and the roles and responsibilities of key actors and stakeholders in the implementation of SDGs.

## 2.2 Governing Policies, Laws and Regulations

Generally, implementation of the SDGs in Tanzania is governed by various sector policies and legislations. There is neither comprehensive legislation nor policy to guide the implementation and coordination of the implementation of SDGs. The implementation is done through their pre-existed sector policies and regulation.

#### 2.3 Adoption of SDGs

Adoption of SDGs into the national context is vital to ensure ownership of the SDGs. SDGs are global targets that should be adopted through national processes in line with the national circumstances and by defining national targets based on national priorities. The process for mainstreaming SDGs at the country level is presented in the subsequent sections:

#### Raising public awareness

The 2030 Agenda for SDGs requires public awareness on SDGs at the country level to be raised at the context of the existing and forthcoming national development vision and plan. The rationale is to ensure that implementation of SDGs is the nationally owned process. Awareness raising process is supposed to consider the sub-national and community levels and involve the multiple actors such as private sector and civil society. Also, the results of the advocacy and awareness-raising campaigns should be evaluated to ascertain its effectiveness.

In Tanzania public awareness raising on SDGs is the responsibility of the MoFP, PO-RALG, sector ministries and LGAs in collaboration with the non-state stakeholders, such as private sector, NGOs, CBOs and CSOs.

#### Applying multi-stakeholder approaches

Multi-stakeholder approach represents a logical starting point for raising public awareness and creating a broader media or social marketing campaign. The 2030 Agenda for SDGs highlights the importance of bringing different actors together in implementing the new approach to sustainable development. Like in other countries, the success of SDGs in Tanzania will largely depend on stakeholders' involvement and commitments.

Stakeholders in SDGs implementation range from donors to the CSOs, private sector, academic and research think tanks, NGOs, CBOs, FBOs, the government (MDAs) and village communities.

## Tailoring SDGs to national, sub-national and local contexts

MoFP is required to set its own national targets building on the global frameworks, but considering its own realities and national circumstances. The main steps for tailoring the SDGs into the national context includes incorporating the SDGs into national development plans, strategies and budgets; reviewing existing strategies and plans; making recommendations; setting national targets and formulating SDGs to align development plans.

Steps involved are:

- Tailoring global targets to national context,
- Setting intermediate targets,
- Translating target to policy,
- Cost interventions and aligning budget.

# Creating policy coherence

Implementation of SDGs requires an integrated approach to promote all dimensions of sustainable development in a balanced manner, breaking down sectoral silos and connecting different levels of governmental action.

Policy coherence is critical to capitalize on synergies among SDGs and targets, between different sectoral policies, and between diverse actions at the local, regional, national and international levels. It is

also vital to consider the effects of policies on the sustainable development and well-being of people living in other countries, and of future generations. There are two forms of policy coherence which are:

Horizontal policy coherence and integration; refers to policy-making processes that consider the interdependences between dimensions of sustainable development and sectors covered by different goal areas.

Vertical policy coherence and integration; refers to the process of setting strategic linkages and coordinating government action and capacity on sustainable development across as much as possible of the governance process - from policy debate and agenda setting to the formulation of policies and budgets, as well as to their implementation and monitoring throughout different agencies and levels of government.

Strong vertical coherence and integration helps to ensure alignment among all levels of government to reinforce and support achieving the SDGs across different regions and facilitate implementation.

## Mobilizing resources and capacities

The financing needs for the implementation of SDGs are enormous. Unlike MDGs the implementation of SDGs focused on country-led approaches and country-driven issues. For financing and other means of implementation of SDGs the UN adopted the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (AAAA) in July 2015 at the Third International Conference on Financing for Development. The AAAA on financing for development as well as SDG 17 outline an array of financing mechanisms which include: Domestic public resources, Domestic and international private business and finance, International Development Cooperation, International Trade, Debt and Debt sustainability.

The 2030 Agenda reaffirms a strong commitment to its full implementation, which requires effective mobilization of financial resources and partnerships. The agenda emphasizes on the cohesive nationally owned sustainable development strategies, supported by integrated national financing frameworks which will be at the heart of sustainable development efforts.

MoFP through the FYDP II commits to finance the implementation of the mainstreamed SDGs by domestic revenue, support from development partners and Innovative sources. The government's resource envelope composes of five major components, namely domestic revenue (tax revenue, non-tax revenue), external grants, domestic borrowing and external loans.

#### Monitoring, reporting and accountability

Monitoring will be used as a continuous feedback system involving the overseeing of periodic review of each activity at every level of implementation of SDGs. Monitoring system for implementation of SDGs will focus on meeting the information needs for reporting at the national, regional and global level. The system is required to ensure that there are performance indicators and targets to indicate the progress of implementation of SDGs. Nevertheless, the system will indicate the framework that ensures timely collection, analysis and sharing of implementation information.

The 2030 Agenda for SDGs outlines a follow-up and review framework at national, regional and global levels to promote accountability, support international cooperation and foster mutual learning and sharing of good practices.

In the first years, the review processes are expected to focus on the progress made in the integration of the SDGs into national development plans, strategies and policies, tailoring them to national circumstances, and adjusting or setting relevant institutional arrangements. Afterwards, the review will focus on the actual achievement of the SDGs, monitoring progress against targets and indicators, evaluating policies and programs and reporting on progress.

#### The review framework

The review processes will start at the national level and feed into regional and global levels. The global level involves several different components. National, regional and global reviews of SDG implementation as well as the inputs of organisations and other actors outside the UN system are complementary.

MoFP will be conducting regular and inclusive reviews of progress at the national and sub-national levels which are country-led and country-driven. Such reviews should draw on contributions from indigenous people, civil society, the private sector and other stakeholders, in line with national circumstances, policies and priorities. The parliament as well as other institutions can also support these processes.

Review mechanisms and processes at the national level will include internal review, external review, peer review, inputs and information from audit and oversight agencies, and evaluations of systems, policies and programs. **Figure 1** below presents the summary of stages for adoption of SDGs into national context.



Figure 1: Stages for adoption of SDGs into national context

# 2.4 Government efforts to integrate SDGs into the national context

MoFP and the Planning Commission have taken various initiatives that ensure the SDGs are integrated into the national context and well implemented. The following are the initiatives taken by the government:

#### 2.4.1 Strategies and Plans

MoFP through the Planning Commission in collaboration with other stakeholders developed national development plans. The following are the developed plans:

#### a) Tanzania Development Vision 2025

The TDV 2025 was formulated in the year 1995. The three principal objectives of the Vision 2025 - are; achieving quality and good life for all; good governance and the rule of law; and building a strong and

resilient economy. These objectives deal with economic issues, social issues such as education, health, environment and increasing involvement of the people in working for their own development. The thrust of these objectives is to attain a sustainable development of the people.

## b) Long Term Perspective Plan (LTPP) 2011/2012-2025/2026

The LTPP 2011/2012-2025/2026 was developed and adopted to anchor the reorganization and steer Tanzania's efforts towards achieving aspirations of the 2025 Vision.

Implementation of LTPP is sequenced in three five-year development plans (FYDPs). Each of the three Plans has a specific theme to underline its thrust and priority interventions. The theme of the First Five Year Development Plan (FYDP I), 2011/12 - 2015/16 was "Unleashing Tanzania's Latent Growth Potentials" and focused on debottlenecking binding constraints to growth. The designated themes for FYDP II (2016/17-2020/21) and FYDP III (2021/22 - 2025/26) are "Nurturing an Industrial Economy" and "Realizing Competitiveness-led Export Growth" respectively.

# c) Second Five - Year Development Plan (FYDP II) 2016/2017 to 2020/2021

FYDP II with the theme "Nurturing Industrialization for Economic Transformation and Human Development" integrated frameworks of the FYDP I (2011/2012-2015/2016) and the National Strategy for Growth and Reduction of Poverty (NSGRP/MKUKUTA) 2011/2012-2014/2015 which was further extended to 2015/2016. The objectives for integrating the two frameworks were, to improve efficiency and effectiveness in implementation through organising and rationalising national resources under one framework by addressing critical challenges which beset implementation of the parallel frameworks.

The FYDP II was developed in 2015 when the 2030 Agenda for SDGs was adopted hence some of the SDGs targets and indicators were integrated to the plan. A total of nine out of 17goals of the 2030 Agenda were integrated into the FYDP II. The embedded goals are infrastructure and industrialization (goal 9); end poverty (goal 1); agriculture and food security (goal 2); education (goal 4); Health (goal 3); gender equity (goal 5); water and sanitation (goal 6); energy supplies (goal 7) and partnership for the goals (goal 17).

FYDP II is built on three pillars of transformation namely industrialization, human development and implementation effectiveness.

FYDP II also implements aspects of TDV 2025 which aspires to transform Tanzania to a middle income and semi industrialized nation by 2025. The TDV 2025 aims for the nation by the year 2025 to have: High quality and sustainable livelihoods; Peace, stability and unity; Good governance and the rule of law; an educated and learning society; and a strong and competitive economy.

## 2.4.2 Programs and projects for implementation of SDGs in FYDP II

To achieve the FYDP II and SDGs set targets, the government has established several programs and projects. The established projects include: Agriculture Sector Development Programme (ASDP II); Primary Education Development Programme (PEDP II); Secondary Education Development Programme (SEDP II); Urban Local Government Strengthening Programme( ULGSP); Healthy Sector Basket Fund (HSBF); Free Primary and Secondary Education; Dar es Salaam Rapid Transit (DART); Health Sector Programme Support (HSPS); Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Programme; Tanzania Strategic Cities Programme; Prevention of Transmission of HIV; and Decentralizing Climate Financing.

## 2.5 Means of implementation

The scale and ambition of the 2030 Agenda for SDGs requires the inclusion of new partners and all stakeholders in a revitalized global partnership that brings together Governments, civil society, the private sector, the UN system, and other actors such as national parliaments, regional and local authorities, academia and volunteer groups, among others.

The SDGs means of implementation relate to "domestic public resources, domestic and international private business and finance, international development cooperation, international trade as an engine for development, debt and debt sustainability, addressing systemic issues and science, technology, innovation and capacity-building, and data, monitoring and follow-up".

#### 2.6 Coordination, Monitoring and Reporting

Implementation of SDGs requires coordination among governmental Ministries, Agencies and Departments at the national level. According to UN Resolution 70/1 during implementing SDGs, it is crucial for the government to be able to coordinate, monitor and evaluate the implementation of its work plans and programs. Following-up and evaluating the progress of implementation of SDGs aimed at reviewing what went wrong but more importantly what went right and use those information for further improvements or sharing the gained knowledge and successes made.

According to the FYDP II coordination and monitoring of the implementation is the responsibility of the special committee constituted by the Inter-Ministerial Technical Meeting of Permanent Secretaries backstopped technically by the MoFP. The committee is required to report to the Inter-Ministerial Technical Committee (IMTC) on monthly basis and to the cabinet on quarterly basis.

Further, there is a special monitoring and evaluation framework for national strategic projects. This is to be undertaken in two stages, namely: the operational stage; where the MoFP will have a coordination role with the view to iron-out operational constraints, gathering all stakeholders to discuss and deliberate on the way forward; and a decision-making stage, where the MoFP will have to report to the Economic Committee of the Cabinet, on a quarterly basis, on the status of national strategic projects to inform them and receive directives.

## 2.7 Key Actors and their responsibilities

The key players in the preparedness for implementation of Sustainable Development Goals are the MoFP and its agencies, PO\_RALG, all the sector ministries, LGAs, private sector and civil societies. However, there are various actors who are directly/ indirectly involved in preparedness for implementation of SDGs as explained hereunder:

# Ministry of Finance and Planning (MoFP)

MoFP is responsible for managing the overall revenue, expenditure and financing of the government; advice the government on broad financial and economic affairs; and oversees budget preparations and execution.

The Ministry is also responsible for coordinating the inter-governmental and international financial and fiscal relations; establishing a joint committee to ensure that the annual plans resonate well with the budget frame; jointly issue the plan and budget guidelines to be observed by all MDAs and LGAs; and identifying alternative sources of financing development plans.

According to FYDP II, MoFP is a critical player along the SDGs institutional framework, particularly in relation to planning and SDGs financing. Also, it takes a leading role in the coordination, monitoring and evaluation at national level, specifically for strategic national investment programmes and projects as far as implementation of SDGs is concerned. Specifically, as far as FYDP II is concerned, MoFP is responsible for;

- i) Coordinating the implementation of the M&E framework including Monitoring and Evaluation activities undertaken by various actors:
- Mobilizing financial resources for implementation of programmes and projects, for tracking expenditures for financial accountability
- iii) Preparation and production of FYDP Ш annual implementation/Progress report (APR); **Economic** Transformation Report (ETR), Produced after every two years; Poverty - Environment Report (P-E) based on LED approach pilot and scale up programs; Engagement Report on dialogues held on policy and the implementation of the various interventions; Budget monitoring and evaluation reports, for tracking expenditure and financial accountability; Mission reports for project inspection missions and SDGs Performance **Reports**

#### Planning Commission

The Planning Commission was established as an agency for strategic thinking on the national economy; to provide advice to the government on medium and long-term strategies for socio-economic development focussing on the big picture.

The commission is responsible for monitoring and analysing development trends and providing advice on macro and sectoral policies as well as on socio-economic aspects of development. Also, the commission is currently an overall coordinator of the mainstreaming SDGs into the national context.

#### National Bureau of Statistics (NBS)

NBS is an executive agency under the MoFP, is responsible for activities related to official statistics in the country including planning and implementing periodic censuses and surveys; designing and updating sampling frames and statistical registers; setting standards; keeping compendia of concepts and definitions up-to-date; and developing and maintaining compilation frameworks such as the Tanzania System of National Accounts. It is also responsible for developing national indicators with the participation of other stakeholders; Identification of national indicators linked to the SDGs (customization); Ensuring disaggregated data to monitor and measure progress; Reporting on the Global Framework of Indicators; and Compilation and publication of periodic progress reports on SDG indicators.

As far as the FYDP II is concerned, the role of NBS will be to provide core statistics and data that are critical for the monitoring and evaluation of FYDP II goals and strategic interventions. It will entail scaling up and deepening of the implementation of the existing Statistical Master Plan whose objective is to strengthen the national statistical system to facilitate the production of quality statistics for decision makers in an objective, timely and cost-effective manner.

#### MDAs, Regional Secretariats and Local Government Authorities

These are responsible for implementation of FYDP II and SDGs programs and projects hence they have a role to initiate specific projects and programs aimed at reaching the stipulated FYDP II and SDGs results. Therefore, MDAs, Regional Secretariats and LGAs are required to select programs and projects in accordance to FYDP II and SDGs priorities. They are also central for reporting day to day and timeline implementation performance and progress against planned milestones.

MDAs, Regional Secretariats and LGAs are responsible for providing information on the implementation plan to facilitate monitoring and evaluation (M&E) of SDGs. LGAs, are responsible for promoting inclusive sustainable development within their territories; and linking the global goals with local communities. Further, it is the responsibility of local governments and sector ministries to ensure that the priorities identified by communities and sectors are in line with national priorities. As per FYDP II, LGAs are responsible for reporting on implementation progress and achievements of planned outputs at local levels.

LGAs are also responsible for collecting and processing data from primary providers such as villages, wards, health facilities, agricultural extension officers or schools.

#### Parliament

Parliament is responsible for approving and reviewing the national development plans to advance SDGs implementation in the country; approve budget allocations for SDGs implementation nationwide. Since SDGs are mainstreamed in the national plans, the Parliament will be the highest body to oversee SDGs implementation in the country. Parliament also plays an oversight role to the government by ensuring accountability for its administration.

#### Cabinet and Cabinet Secretariat

The cabinet is the principal organ for advising the President on all matters regarding the exercise of his presidential powers in accordance with the provisions of the constitution of the United Republic of Tanzania. It is further mandated to assist and advise the President over any matter before being submitted for further action. Some areas or matters the cabinet have been advising the President include plans and administration, including proposal for expenditure which has significant implication on SDGs financing; and overall implementation. Therefore, all policies to support SDGs implementation are scrutinised and approved by the cabinet.

#### • Inter-Ministerial Technical Committee (IMTC)

The IMTC comprises of all Permanent Secretaries chaired by the Chief Secretary. It has a role of scrutinizing budget proposals before they are finally approved by the cabinet and examine proposals submitted by government institutions for government consideration. It is an advisory body and therefore provides technical advice on all policy papers submitted to the cabinet for approval. The IMTC is an important forum in the institutional framework for policy process.

With regard to FYDP II, the IMTC is responsible for constituting a special committee that will oversee implementation of the Plan. The special committee will be required to report to the IMTC on a monthly basis and to the Cabinet on a quarterly basis.

#### Private sector

Private Sector is among important stakeholders in implementing FYDP II and SDGs. According to the Public-Private Partnership Act (2010), role of the private sector is inter alia to: Carry out feasibility studies; Mobilise resources (for purposes of risk sharing, and for M&E); Provide technical expertise and managerial skills; Provide private investments to create jobs and to promote inclusive and sustainable industrial development; Resources consumption efficiency; and protecting biodiversity. Due to their important role, participation of the private sector is fundamental in the implementation of FYDP II and SDGs. This is in recognition of the attributes of the private sector as the true engine of growth and the facilitative role of the public sector.

# Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)

Responsibilities of the CSOs include; raising public awareness on SDGs; Providing advocacy and knowledge to integrate SDGs into national frameworks and to implement it. They also contribute to reviewing and monitoring progress on SDGs and holding governments accountable.

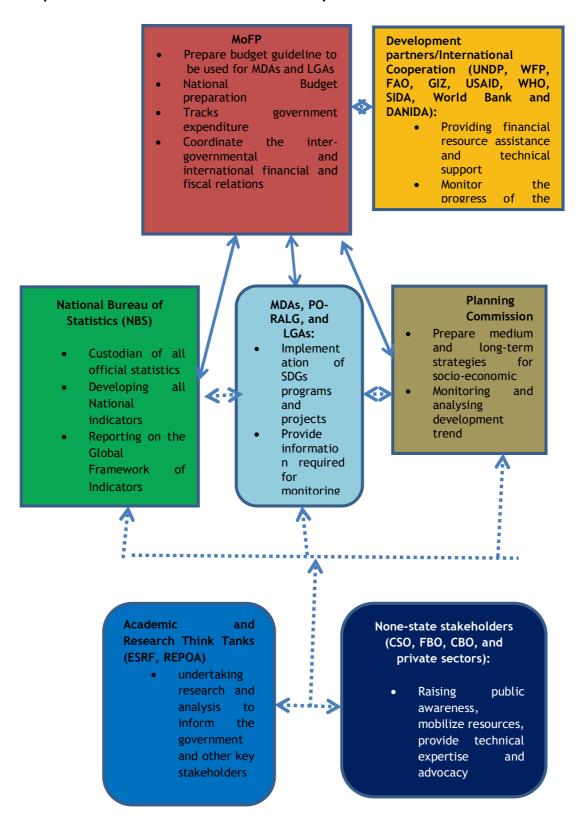
#### Academic and Research Think Tanks

Academics and research think tanks are involved in undertaking research and analysis to inform the government and other key stakeholders on the feasibility of attaining SDGs, monitoring progress against targets, and proposing additional interventions and policy reviews to accelerate progress in areas where countries lag or are likely to lag behind.

# Development partners/ International Cooperation Agencies

The key role of development partners and international cooperation agencies is providing financial resources and delivering international cooperation targets to support the implementation of the SDGs in recipient countries. Also, they monitor progress of the government in implementing the SDGs. **Figure 2**: gives a summary of key actors and their responsibilities.

Figure 1: Key Actors and Their Responsibilities in Preparation for Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals



#### **CHAPTER THREE**

# ADOPTION OF 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

#### 3.1 Introduction

This chapter presents findings obtained during the audit. Specifically, it focuses on the extent to which MoFP and PO-RALG adopted the SDGs into national context. Findings of the audit in this chapter are categorized in five areas as follows: Plans, strategies and policies in place to accommodate SDGs requirement; Institutional mechanism to integrate SDGs into its actions; Approaches used for SDGs integration; Tailoring of SDGs to country context; and Awareness creation on SDGs.

# 3.2 Inadequate Adaptation of the 2030 Agenda on SDGs into national context

The UN Resolution 70/1 requires MoFP and PO-RALG to adopt SDGs by reviewing the existing strategies, policies and plans; identify areas for change, and to align budget and national planning cycles to SDGs. Also, the FYDP II requires MoFP to ensure that global and regional agreements (e.g. Africa Agenda 2063 and SDGs) are adequately mainstreamed into national development planning and implementation.

According to the interview with MoFP -PED and Planning Commission officials the audit noted that, when the UN 2030 Agenda for SDGs was adopted, MoFP was preparing the FYDP II, 2015/16-2020/202 thereby embedded a total of nine SDGs into the plan. The embraced SDGs include goals one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, nine and seventeen.

However, the audit noted the following shortcomings in the adaptation of the SDGs into national context:

# 3.2.1 Not all existing plans, strategies and policies were reviewed to accommodate SDGs requirement

#### National level (MoFP)

According to review of the FYDP II and interview with NBS officials, MoFP embedded a total of nine SDGs and reflected 165 indicators out of 230 of SDGs indicators, which is equal to 68 percent. The review of the FYDP II also revealed that, none of the SDGs are fully mapped with the FYDP II. The review of the FYDP II further pointed out that, although MoFP did not specify as to when the remaining goals would be mainstreamed into the national plans. The eight goals were left out of the FYDP II because MoFP did not develop the national SDGs implementation strategy outside the FYDP II framework that would guide the domestication, implementation and achievement of the SDGs. In addition, the audit noted that FYDP II was silent on the management of the selected nine goals after its closure in 2021, which is nine years before SDGs are concluded.

According to the review of the FYDP II the audit further noted that, MoFP did not prioritize what was intended to be achieved at the end of the plan period given the availability of resources. For instance, the plan identified a total of five flagship projects as a path to influence and catalyse the envisaged transition towards Tanzania's industrialization and social economic transformation. The audit also noted that the identified flagship projects are huge and demand resources (both fiscal and non-fiscal) thereby posing the risk of being unaccomplished at the end of the plan. **Table 1** presents identified flagship projects in the FYDP II.

Table 1: Costing of the FYDP II flagship projects

Project category	Name of the project	Estimated cost(TZS Trillion)	in
Central development corridor	Construction of a new Central Railway Line to Standard Gauge  Development of the proposed new		
Corridor	Bagamoyo Port; Expansion and modernisation of the Dar es	30	
	Salaam, Mwanza and Kigoma Ports; Establishment of Special Economic Zones in		
	Bagomoyo, Kigoma Ruvuma and Mtwara; Kurasini Trade and Logistics Centre		

North-West Corridor of Tanga	Dodoma Trade and Logistics Centre  Agricultural City of Mkulazi  Development of Machinery and Automotive Assembly Industries  Expansion and modernization of Tanga Port  Development of Tanga Special Economic Zone  Rehabilitation andrevitalization ofoperations in the Ruvu-Tanga - Moshi spur of the Central Railway Line;	40
	Construction of the LakeAlbert (Uganda) - Tanga oil-pipeline; and  Soda Ash Refinery anddevelopment of associated chemical and glass sheet industries.	
Mtwara Development Corridor	Coal and Iron Ore Mining and Iron and Steel Complex Plant (Mchuchuma and Liganga); Preparatory works for the construction of Liquefied Natural Gas Plant Expansion and modernization of Mtwara Port; Mtwara Petrochemical Special Economic Zone Preparatory works for establishment of the gas-based Fertilizers Plant SAGCOT Preparatory works for construction of Mtwara - Liganga - Mchuchuma Railway Line to standard gauge.	11
Improving availa	ability and reliability of electrical power	9
Stand-alone flagship projects	Mass training for development of rare and specialized skills for industrialization	3
TOTAL		93

Source: MoFP (2015) FYDP II

From **Table 1**, the audit noted that the cost of the FYDP II identified flagship projects was 93 Trillion which is equal to 87percent of the FYDP II estimated cost of 107 trillion. This poses a risk of less attention to be paid to other aspects of SDGs as social and environment. In addition, there is a risk of some of the identified projects not be completed after the five years of the FYDP II. This indicated that, there was lack of proper assessment of priority interventions with high

impact to attain SDGs and sequence of their implementation given the plan time frame and availability of resources.

According to review of the FYDP II the audit further noted that, the MoFP had inadequately prioritised on the unfinished MDGs business as the main objective of SDGs. Some of the unfinished MDGs businesses include eradication of poverty and hunger, improved maternal health, and part of environmental sustainability. This may lead the country to fail to achieve the intended SDGs outcome and impacts.

The audit further noted that, although MoFP embedded 68% of SDGs in the FYDP II and developed the SDGs Baseline Report, there are no strategic plans in place for periodic review to see if other SDGs targets and indicators are responding to current interventions and if not, progressively include them in the respective sector strategic plans.

Inadequate integration of SDGs targets into national development plans and strategies may lead the government not to attain the set goals and targets at the end of the agenda and leaving some goals and targets unattended completely.

## • Sub-national (sector ministries and Local level (LGAs)

Ministries, Regional Secretariats and LGAs are required to align their annual plans and budgets to the FYDP II, Ruling Party Manifesto of 2015and SDGs<sup>9</sup>. However, according to interview with officials from PO-RALG the audit noted that sector Ministries and LGAsdid not adequately align their plans and targets to SDGs. According to the interview with planning officers and review of strategic plans of visited LGAs, the audit noted that, out of five visited LGAs four did not review their Strategic Plans (SPs) to integrate FYDP II and SDGs. For instance, interviews with the planning officers of Kigoma/Ujiji Municipal Council and the review of their strategic plan revealed that the municipal council was still using the 2013-2018 SP.

Similarly, according to review of the visited LGAs' SPs the audit noted that, the LGAs were using the SPs which define the FYDP I, MDGs and the ruling party manifesto of 2010. This is a deviation of about two years hence posing the risk of inability to implement a substantial part of the FYDP II, SDGs and the 2015 ruling party manifesto to their fullest.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Guidelines for Preparation of Annual Plans and Budgets of 2016/2017 and 2017/2018

Regarding the LGAs who reviewed their SPs such as Bariadi Municipal Council (MC), the audit noted that, the review was conducted upon the expiry of the previous SPs and not meant to embrace the SDGs. This was exhibited by the fact that, the set targets of the Bariadi MC strategic plan of 2016/2017 to 2020/2021 were not aligned to SDGs goals and targets. The review further revealed that, although the plan reflected some SDGs areas such as education; and access to clean, safe and affordable water, the plan did not set the SDGs targets to be achieved. The audit also noted that, although some LGAs took initiatives to review their SPs there was delay in approval. Those LGAs are Dodoma MC and Singida MC. This led to delay in implementing the current national set plan and targets.

Delay of SPs approval was also the case with the visited ministries. For instance, MoEST reviewed its SP i.e. Education Sector Development Plan (ESDP) 2016/17-2020/2021 to reflect the FYDP II but at the time of this audit the plan was not approved although the ministry was using it. Also, upon review of the ESDP the audit noted that, the plan did not set the targets relevant to SDGs to be attained at the end of the plan which is nine years before the 2030 Agenda for SDGs is concluded. Similarly, although VPO reviewed its strategic plan 2015/2016-2020/2021 following the expiry of the previous plan, but the SDGs set goals and targets were not clearly reflected.

Nevertheless, interview with officials from MITI revealed that the ministry had earlier reviewed its SP to align to the FYDP II but due to the structural change of the ministry, at the time of this audit they were in the process of reviewing it to reflect the new structure. This may lead to delay of implementation of the FYDP II which may result into failure to achieve the set goals and targets. **Table 2** below shows the status of the selected Ministries' and LGAs strategic plans.

Table 2: Status of the Strategic plans of the Ministries and LGAs as of 2017/18

LGAs and MDAs	Year of review	Status of Strategic Plan	Remarks
MoEST	2016/17 - 2020/21	Draft	Waiting for approval
MITI		Under review	
PO-RALG	2016/17 - 2020/21	Reviewed	Did not reflect the set SDGs and targets
VPO- Environment	2016/17 - 2020/21	Reviewed	Did not reflect the set SDGs and targets
Dodoma MC	2016/17 - 2020/21	Draft	Not approved
Singida MC	2016/17 - 2020/21	Draft	Not approved
Ujiji MC	2013-2018	Not reviewed	
Songea MC	2016/17 - 2020/21	Reviewed	Did not reflect the set SDGs and targets
Bariadi DC	2016/17- 2020/21	Reviewed	Did not reflect the set SDGs and targets

**Source**; Auditors analysis

In addition, interview with the officials from the PO-RALG revealed that, non-review of the SPs to align SDGs was because the guidelines for the preparation of annual plans and budget did not state as to when the LGAs are supposed to review their SPs to accommodate SDGs. Also, the guidelines did not show how to localize the SDGs. The review of the Tanzania SDGs Baseline Report, 2017 pointed out that non-review of the SPs is also caused by delay of issuance of the guidelines for preparations of annual plans and budgets to the LGAs.

The review of the guidelines for the preparation of plans and budgets 2016/17 and 2017/2018 further revealed that that, although the guidelines required the MDAs, RSs and LGAs to align their budgets and plans with the FYDP II and SDGs, the guidelines did not clearly provide which SDGs were to be aligned for the plan period. This was because MoFP did not translate the goals and targets into those guidelines for them to be directly integrated in the strategic and annual development plans. Also, the guidelines did not provide for the SDGs targets to be considered in the budget and plans in a particular year. Because of unclear directive from MoFP to LGAs and Ministries, there is a risk that SDGs will be superficially implemented by LGAs as well as Ministries.

## 2.2.2 Lack of institutional mechanism to integrate SDGs into national actions

MoFP is required to establish an institutional mechanism<sup>10</sup> to integrate SDGs into the national actions<sup>11</sup>.

However, according to the review of the FYDP II the audit noted that, MoFP did not set an institutional mechanism to integrate SDGs into the national actions. The audit further noted that, although the Planning Commission, MoFP-PED and NBS are carrying out activities related to SDGs, there is no cabinet directive which mandates them to that effect. Interview with MoFP-PED officials and the SDGs desk officer from the Planning Commission revealed that, although PED undertook the activities related to SDGs particularly public awareness creation on SDGs, they are only responsible with goals related to poverty eradication. This is because there is no policy directive showing which institution is solely responsible for dealing with SDGs integration in general. This may cause other SDGs not to effectively be integrated to national actions thereby inadequate implementation which may not achieve the set goals and targets.

The audit also noted that, although FYDP II mandated MoFP to the overall coordination of implementation of FYDP II, the plan did not clearly state as to whether MoFP is also responsible for promoting coordination and integration of SDGs. The audit further noted unclear boundaries between MoFP-PED, NBS and Planning Commission about tracking and reporting on the progress of SDGs.

Regarding institutional set up for integration of SDGs at the local government level, the audit noted unclear institutional set up for integration of SDGs into actions. It was noted that the decentralization by devolution (D-by-D) intended for transferring implementation of national development and service delivery to the local governments had not been effectively implemented. Some central Ministries still exercise significant authority and control on implementation of local development activities contrary to the spirit of devolution and discretionary powers of LGAs. Interview with PO-RALG officials revealed that, most of sector ministries which have not fully delegated their function to LGAs tend to withhold the financing aspect for the central government projects done by LGAs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup>Section B4 of the Guide suggests an "inter-agency coordinating body", which may include delegation of this role to an existing agency such as the Planning commission or constituting an inter-institutional steering committee.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> UNDG (2015) Reference Guide on mainstreaming the 2030 Agenda section B4

For example, the audit noted several water projects were being coordinated at central level. This affects the quality and effectiveness of operation of the projects, because their management is done through the top-down approach. This also contributed to LGAs and Lower Level Governments (LLGs) not to fully assimilate the SDGs in a typical local context (Local Economic Development - (LED) - approaches).

For instance, in Bariadi MC, despite of the presence of the D-by-D policy, LGA lacked a full mandate to mobilise resources, allocate and implement development projects such as large water projects and the Program-For Results (P4R). This was because some of its mandate was withheld by the sector ministries. This makes them to depend for resources (both financial and expertise) on the central government which often leads to delayed release of funds or sometimes not release at all.

Non adherence to D-by-D by sector ministries and lack of appropriate coordination among the sub sectors may lead to partial or non-integration of the agenda thereby non achievement of the set goals and targets.

# 3.2.3 Inadequate use of Multi-stakeholder approaches for SDGs integration

MoFP and PO-RALG are required to engage a variety of non- state stakeholders in different ways and at different stages of implementation process from preparedness and awareness rising until monitoring and review<sup>12</sup>.

According to interviews with officials from MoFP-PED, MoFP involved stakeholders during the preparation of FYDP II in three phases: First phase sought opinions and inputs from targeted stakeholders (e.g. industrial and business owners and practitioners, high level decision makers in government and politicians; as well as, representatives from the academia, research institutions and the civil society); Second phase targeted solicitation of consensus on the priority areas and interventions and validate presentation and contents of the Plan; and Third phase was approval process of the Government and Parliament to ensure rationale, relevance and pragmatism of the proposed interventions for FYDP II. The interviews further revealed that MoFP intended to consult different stakeholders including non-state actors

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 $<sup>^{12}</sup>$  UNDG (2015) Reference Guide on Mainstreaming the 2030 Agenda section B2, and URT (2015) FYDP II Para 7.4.1

during the review and reporting on the progress of implementation of SDGs.

However, review of the FYDP II revealed that, MoFP's involvement of stakeholders in these review meetings was inadequate. For example, the ministry did not involve the NGO, CBOs, local community and the indigenous people (as beneficiaries of the plan) who have a significant role to play in policy formulation, implementation and other key decision-making processes as far as the FYDP II and SDGs are concerned.

Likewise, review of the FYDP II and its Implementation Strategy, revealed that, the strategy had identified stakeholders to be involved in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the progress of implementation of the FYDP II. Nevertheless, MoFP did not set clear mechanisms for multi-stakeholder's engagement. This is because MoFP inadequately conducted the stakeholders mapping to identify the stakeholder's roles and responsibilities together with the point of their engagement in the whole process of attaining the set goals and targets.

Inadequate multi-stakeholder engagement in the integration of SDGs may affect the process of reaching the wider community and decrease the aspect of transparency to the implementation of the FYDP II and SDGs.

### 3.2.4 Inadequate tailoring of SDGs to country context

MoFP and PO-RALG are required to set their own targets building on the global frameworks, while considering its own realities and national circumstances. It should also identify targets which are relevant to sustainable development aspirations; set intermediate targets and translate the targets into policies; identify the costs of operationalizing SDG policy<sup>13</sup> setting and align it with the national budget<sup>14</sup>. The following are the weakness noted:

## Inadequate comparison of the national goals and targets to global SDGs and targets

According to the review of the FYDP II the audit noted that, MoFP inadequately compared the existing national goals and targets to the

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 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 13}$  SDG policy refers to the strategy for implementing the 2030 Agenda at the national context

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> UNDG (2015) Section B2 and FYDP II Para 7.4.1

global SDGs and targets to set national relevant targets. For instance, the set targets in the FYDP are to be attained by the year 2020/2021 and there are no targets for the 2030. For example, the global SDG target on health is to reduce the children under 5yrs mortality to lower than 25 per 1,000 live births by 2030 while the national target under the FYDP II is 15 per 1,000 births by 2020. The plan shows that, MoFP did not consider the sustainability of the actions under the plan. This was because MoFP did not set a national sustainable development plan in which the global targets could be set on the best interest of sustainability.

Inadequate comparison of the national goals and targets with the global goals and targets may result into failure to attain the global set SDGs and targets in the prescribed time frame and some global SDGs targets may not be attained as planned.

# Non-Alignment of the costs of operationalising SDGs Policy settings

According to the review of national annual budget 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 together with the budget speech of the Minister of Finance and Planning, the audit noted that MoFP did not align the costs of operationalizing SDGs policy settings with the national budget. Officials from MoFP- Budget Department confirmed that neither MoFP nor PO-RALG submitted budget proposal for SDG policy<sup>15</sup> setting. Because of this the ministries had not secured funding for operationalising of the SDGs policy.

This poses a risk for the sector ministries who may not evaluate their policies/strategic plans to suit SDGs which may lead to weak implementation and attainment of SDGs targets by the year 2030.

## Lack of policy coherence to guide the implementation of SDGs

The implementation of SDGs requires an integrated approach to promote all dimensions of sustainable development in a balanced manner, breaking down sectoral silos and connecting different levels of government action. Policy coherence is critical to capitalize on synergies among SDGs and targets, between different sectoral policies, and between diverse actions at the local, regional, national and international levels.<sup>16</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Op. Cit

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> UN Res. 70/1

According to interview with officials from the Planning Commission, MoFP had developed the FYDP II Action plan as a tool for guiding the implementation of the FYDP II. The main objective of the action plan was to foster implementation of the Plan by evoking institutional synergies through coordinated sequence of actions and consensus amongst the stakeholders. According to the review of the FYDP II Action Plan Volume 1 most of interventions in the Implementation Strategy demanded a well-coordinated and strategic partnership between the Government on the one hand and the private sector, development partners, the civil society and other non-state actors. This entails the action plan to create shared responsibilities to all stakeholders.

However, upon review of the FYDP II action plan the audit noted lack of mechanisms for breaking down sectoral demarcations connecting different levels of government actions for implementation of the FYDP II and SDGs. In addition, in the action plan MoFP did not set mechanisms for a coordination and strategic partnership between the government and other stakeholders.

The audit further noted that, in the FYDP II action plan MoFP did not set out mechanisms for the other responsible stakeholders to join their actions towards the implementation and achievement of the set goals and targets of the FYDP II.

The audit noted that lack of comprehensive policy coherence guiding the implementation of the SDGs in FYDP II pose the risks of institutions to strive to promote their own strategic plans that do not necessarily reflect on SDGs. This may also pose the risk of having one policy contradicting the other thereby delaying or hindering the execution and realizing targets of the SDGs

## 3.2.5 Inadequate awareness creation on SDGs

MoFP and PO-RALG are required to involve multiple actors such as the private sector in awareness raising efforts and ensure public awareness of the SDGs at the country level is raised in the context of the existing or forthcoming national development vision and plan to ensure that SDGs is a nationally-owned process and should evaluate the results of advocacy and awareness-raising campaigns to determine its effectiveness<sup>17</sup>.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup>UNDG (2015) Reference guide on Mainstreaming the 2030 Agenda section B1

Based on interview with MoFP-PED, one national wide training workshop on SDG was conducted in year 2016. Participants were Planning Officers and Community Development Officers from the LGAs and Planning Office and the Local Government Officer from the RSs. The training covered four zones with all 26 regions in Tanzania mainland and 185 district councils. The objective was to capacitate the LGAs to localize the SDGs in their plans, programs, projects, and to effectively monitor and report.

However, according to review of the SDG Zonal Workshop Reports, the audit noted that the awareness creation workshops did not involve multiple actors such as private actors, local community leaders and the civil societies. For instance, the organisers of the workshops were MoFP in collaboration with PO-RALG, technical support was from the University of Dar es Salaam (Department of Economics) and the attendees were the Planning Officers and the Community development officers from the LGAs. In addition, due to the significant importance of the SDGs topic, some of non-state stakeholders such as the Policy Forum are carrying out SDGs awareness campaigns at the community level by translating the agenda into Swahili language and printing booklets but their efforts are not backed up nor coordinated with the efforts done by MoFP.

Non-involvement of multiple actors was caused by lack of stakeholder's analysis which would indicate the role of each stakeholder from the government level to the grassroots in the implementation of SDGs. Inadequate awareness creation may lead the non-state stakeholders as well as the community to miss the link that would have enabled them to align national development plans and policies and, ensuring a participatory decision-making and implementation of the Agenda.

Similarly, according to the review of the national annual development plans and budgets for years 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 respectively, the audit noted that MoFP and PO-RALG did not prepare a plan to expand SDGs awareness creation to the community at large in future.

Nevertheless, the Officials from MoFP-PED revealed that, the post-workshop evaluation was not done. As a result, the MoFP and PO-RALG did not get feedback from the participants on the areas that need improvement for the future and, the effectiveness of the awareness program itself.

Furthermore, according to interview with Officials from PO-RALG the audit noted that, inadequate awareness creation was due to not differentiating SDGs from other national and global targets undertaken by the government where special attention was given to awareness creation. These may impede the SDG implementation process as key stakeholders may not own the process in their local contexts.

### CHAPTER FOUR

# RESOURCE MOBILISATION FOR IMPLEMENTING THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SDGs

### 4.1 Introduction

This chapter presents findings on the identification and mobilisation of resources and capacities required for implementation of SDGs. Specifically, it focuses on the extent to which MoFP has identified and secured resources and capacities for implementation of SDGs. Findings of the audit are categorized in three areas which are: identification of resources for achieving the national SDGs targets; identification and use of innovative methods to secure resources and capacities; effectiveness of tax collection system; Identification and mobilization of capacities (human capital and ICT skills); and risks and mitigating strategies in securing resources and capacities.

# 4.2 Inadequate identification and mobilization of resources and capacities (Human capital and ICT skills

MoFP is required to identify and mobilise resources (means of implementation) to achieve the national SDG targets<sup>18</sup>.

According to the review of the FYDP II, MoFP has identified the financial resources for implementation of the FYDP II, which is estimated to cost a total of TZS 107 trillion. Also, the audit noted that, MoFP identified both domestic and external innovative sources in order to complement the amount to be realised through the traditional sources. The review of the FYDP II and the Financing Strategy revealed that, MoFP mentioned use of innovative methods to mobilize resources for implementation of the plan.

Among the proposed innovative methods were the use of Development Financing Institutions (DFIs) through Tanzania Investment (TIB) and Tanzania Agriculture Development Bank (TADB) to raise syndicated loans to finance development projects; the use of foreign market bonds; local government/ municipal bonds; climate change financing; Public Private Partnership and Foreign Direct Investment. Also, MoFP planned to effectively collect domestic tax and widen the tax base.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> UN (2015) Addis Ababa Action Agenda Para 22

However, the audit noted the following shortcomings in identification and mobilization of resources and capacities for implementation of SDGs:

# 4.2.1 Inadequate identification of resources for achieving the national SDGs targets

According to the review of the FYDP II the audit noted that, MoFP did not identify the resources required for implementation of SDGs. The estimated amount of TZS107 Trillion was for implementation of the FYDP II which embraced only part of SDGs and covers a period of five years. There is a difference of about nine years to the attainment of the 2030 Agenda. This implies that, the identified amount allocated for the FYDP II will affect only small part of SDGs and the amount to be allocated for the remaining eight goals is uncertain. Again, non-identification of resources for implementation of SDGs was caused by lack of the national SDGs implementation strategy.

## 4.2.2 Inadequate identification and use of innovative methods to secure resources and capacities

According to the review of the FYDP II and its Financing strategy the audit noted that the identified innovative methods for securing resources and capacities were inadequate and difficult to apply. This was explained as follows:

With regard to development financing institutions (TIB Development Bank in particular), the audit noted that the bank is inadequately capitalised and it was dependent on the government to increase its capital. For instance, in the 2016/2017 National Development Plan the government committed to increase the TIB capital by TZS 100 billion to help implementing development projects which estimated to cost a total of TZS 107 Trillion.

According to review of the TIB Development Bank Annual report of 2016 the audit noted that, the TIB was not performing well thereby posing a risk of not being able to finance the implementation of the development projects. For instance, for the year 2016 the bank recorded loss before tax of TZS. 33,588 million in 2016 compared to the previous 2015 profit of TZS 9,236 Million. This trend implies that TIB is at risk of facing bankruptcy, and cannot adequately fund the implementation of FYDP II and hence may affect realization of SDGs targets.

Regarding the Foreign market bonds and Local government/ municipal bonds, the review of the FYDP II Financing Strategy revealed that, although these are the potential products which can be used to finance the Plan, MoFP did not set mechanisms to regulate the market for bonds in the country. The strategy also revealed that the local government/municipal bonds did not exist due to inadequate capacity of the LGAs to generate revenues from their own sources.

Regarding the use of Climate Change Financing, interview with officials from VPO-Environment revealed that, MoFP had not set integrated climate financing mechanism for strengthening the national capacity to access these funds and align climate finance spending with the national development priorities as identified in FYDP II. This led MoFP to be unable to access those funds from both domestic and international sources. **Table 3** shows the flow of climate change financing for the financial year 2017/18 as of December 2017.

Table 3: Climate Change financing 2017/2018(TZS in million)

S/N	Project	Appro	ved Fund	Relea	sed Fund
	oject	Domestic	International	Domestic	International
1.	Climate Change Adaptation Programme	1850	1,400	0	0
2.	Support Sustainable Land Management of Lake Nyasa Catchment	54	1,826	0	1,061
3.	Ozone Depleting Substances Project	90	228	0	0
4.	Stockholm Convention Implementation Project	64	335	0	0
5.	Lake Tanganyika Environmental Management Programme	532	0	0	0
6.	EMA Implementation Support	76	0	0	0

S/N	Project	Approved Fund		Relea	sed Fund
	Programme				
	TOTAL	2,666	3,788	0	1,061

Source: VPO Project Implementation Report of 31st December, 2017

From **Table 3** out of TZS 2,666 million of the domestic approved funds, no amount was released at the time of the audit while out of TZS 3,788 million of the approved international funds only TZS 1,061million was released which is equal to 28 percent of the approved fund from international source.

Further, the review of the FYDP II, national annual development plans and annual budgets 2016/17 and 2017/18 respectively revealed that tax revenue has been and is still the most relied source of revenue. **Table 4** below is the summary of sources of financing FYDP II (2016/17-2020/21).

Table 4: Sources of Financing FYDP II

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No	Source	Source of Finance	Expected amount (TZS in billion)		
1.	Traditional	Tax revenue	42		
	Domestic	Non Tax revenue	8		
	Sources	Domestic borrowing	16		
		Total	66		
2.	Traditional	Grants	5		
	External	Concessional	6		
	Sources	Non concessional	6		
		Total	17		
3.	FDI	FDI	30		
		Total	30		
4.	Innovative	Local Government	0.4		
	sources of				
	Financing	Sovereign Market Bond	3		
		Climate Change Financing	0.7		
		PPP	4		
		Development Financial	15		
		Institutions (TIB)			
		Pension Equity Fund	0.3		
		Total	23.4		
		TOTAL	136.4		

Source: FYDP Financing Strategy Vol. 2

From **table 4** traditional sources account for 61 percent of the total revenue in which tax revenue constitutes 51 per cent of domestic revenues. Also the table shows that non-tax revenue contributes 6 per

cent and innovative sources are estimated to account for 17.2percent of the total revenue. This implies that, the identified innovative methods for securing resources are inadequate and ineffective hence rendering the government to continue using the traditional methods for securing and mobilizing resources. This might affect the achievement of the plan and SDGs in general due to inadequate financing.

According to the review of 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 national annual budgets respectively, the audit noted that, proposed innovative methods of securing resources for implementation of FYDP II in particular did not fully support the government to fund its activities. As a result, most of the development projects were funded from Government fund which was inadequately released. For instance, according to the review of the Minister of Finance Budget Speech 2017/2018 the audit noted that for the year 2016/2017 only TZS 4.6 trillion out of TZS 12 trillion which is equal to 39 percent of the approved development budget was released. This affected and will continue to affect effective implementation of the SDGs in FYDP II.

According to the review of the FYDP II Financing Strategy, inadequate identification of the innovative methods for securing resources was because MoFP did not conduct analysis on the environment favouring the operation of the proposed innovative methods. For instance MoFP identified the municipal bonds as an innovative source without considering the capacity of LGAs in generating resources through own-sources, and also considering that management of municipal bonds is a relatively underdeveloped bond market.

### 4.2.3 Ineffective tax collection system

MoFP is required to improve the effectiveness of the tax system in order to increase the government revenue<sup>19</sup>.

Interview with the officials from MoFP-PED revealed that, Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) developed a Fifth Corporate Plan -CP5 (2017/2018-2021/22) as an instrument for operationalization of internal resource mobilization efforts. The vision of the instrument is to increase domestic revenue through enhancement of voluntary tax compliance. CP5 has put much emphasis on enhancing domestic revenue collection and was designed to consider changes by incorporating FYDP II and SDGs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> UNDG: Mainstreaming the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2015)

However, review of the FYDP II Financing Strategy revealed that the tax base is not fully explored as most of the informal sector was not brought into the taxing system. This leads to loss of tax revenue. Also the audit noted that, MoFP through TRA did not establish the database for all the tax payers especially those in informal sector and there was no -established mechanism to track the tax payers especially those without Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN). This is evidenced by the current TIN verification activity by TRA.

In review of the national annual development plans and annual budgets 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 the audit noted that, MoFP had put emphasis on collecting tax mainly from PAYE and companies producing cement, beer, cigarette and soft drinks. As production growth varies with demand growth, those supply and demand fluctuations might impact on the revenue collection. For instance, the review of the budget implementation report 2016/17 revealed that, for the year 2016/17 significant shortfall was recorded in corporate tax at 89.8% of the target. The report further revealed that was caused by decline in the sale of goods for local markets faced by companies producing cement, beer, soft drinks and others due to financial market liquidity squeeze which in turn reduced profitability of some of the financial institutions.

With regard to Pay as You Earn (PAYE) the report revealed that, PAYE performance was at 90.5% because of retrenchment of workers in some companies caused by the slowdown of business activities as well as removal of fictitious civil servants. Performance of domestic Value Added Tax (VAT) and excise duty was also below the target due to decline in consumption of some manufactured goods such as cigarettes, beer, soft drinks and hard drinks which have affected the taxable base.

Further, the audit noted that, MoFP through TRA emphasized on the use of EFDs for revenue collection. However, the emphasis was largely made on the collection of the taxable revenue while little emphasis is made on the collection of non-taxable revenue. Also awareness on the use of EFDs is made mostly in big cities and towns while the rural areas where LGAs collect most of their revenue, are left out, thereby posing the risk of loss of revenue.

Nevertheless, upon review of the CP-5 the audit noted that, the system for projecting revenue collection does not consider the reality of the growth of the particular sector. For instance TRA projected to collect revenue from different economic activities as shown in **Figure 2** 

below. Despite the fact that 75% of the population depend on agricultural sector, within five years TRA projected agriculture sector to yield less revenue compared to other sectors like industries and service sectors which engage a small proportion of the population.

Projected Tax Revenue as Represented by Economic Activities 2017/18 - 2021/22 14000 Tax Revenue by economic activitie 12000 10000 8000 • Agriculture 6000 Industry and 4000 Construction 2000 Services 0 2021/22 2019/20 2020122 **Financial Years** 

Figure 2: Projected Tax Revenue as Represented by Economic Activities 2017/18 - 2021/22

Source: Extracted TRA CP-5

Further, TRA CP-5 pointed out that, tax system was not effective because of several internal weaknesses that include: lack of a robust integrated domestic tax system; low reliability of the taxpayer registration database; inadequate ICT security; frequent system downtime; and inadequate synergies between departments, skills gaps to administer specialized sectors. These weaknesses might impair mobilisation of resources for implementation of SDGs.

# 4.2.4 Inadequate identification and mobilization of capacities (human capital and ICT skills)

Interview with officials from MoFP-PED and review of the FYDP II revealed that, MoFP planned to develop human capital and ICT skills through training at different levels within and outside the country. Also the FYDP II pointed out that, MoFP would work in cooperation with the

private sector, development partners and other non-state stakeholders to mobilise and secure capacities for implementation of the FYDP II and SDGs. According to the review of the FYDP II and the National Annual Development Plans 2015/16 and 2016/17, MoFP planned for training of rare and specialized skills for industrialization and human development.

However, according to the review of the FYDP II audit noted that, MoFP did not identify rare and specialised skills and the extent required for implementation of the SDGs in the plan. This was because MoFP did not estimate the required capacity (in terms of skills) for implementation of the FYDP II which embedded the SDGs. This may result into training of wrong or unneeded skills which may lead to inadequate skilled personnel required for implementation of SDGs.

The audit further noted uneven distribution of capacities contrary to the staff allocation list which requires each LGA to have two statisticians. It was for example noted that Dodoma MC had four statisticians while Kigoma had none. The problem of inadequate capacities was noted in other sectors such as health sector in Songea whereby out of 588 required health workers, only 242wereavailable, reflecting a deficit of 346 staff.

This was caused by lack of capacity needs assessment in various sectors responsible for the implementation of sustainable development goals. The acute deficit in capacities required for the implementation of various sectoral activities might lead to failure in achieving the set SDGs targets.

# 4.2.5 Inadequate identification of risks and mitigating strategies in securing resources and capacities

MoFP is required to identify risks and establish risk mitigating strategies in securing resources and capacities for implementation of  $SDGs^{20}$ .

According to the review of the FYDP II Financing strategy, MoFP identified risks in securing resources and capacities for implementation of the FYDP II. The identified risks included moving beyond traditional mechanisms of financing development by finding new sources to complement traditional mechanisms of financing implementation of the plan.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> UN (2015) Addis Ababa Action Agenda

However, the audit noted that, MoFP identified only risks associated with securing financial resources while leaving out risks associated with securing and mobilizing capacities for implementation.

Non-identification of risks associated with securing capacities for implementation of the plan and SDG was due to MoFP failure to identify the required capacities making it difficult to establish risks associated with securing capacities.

### CHAPTER FIVE

### MONITORING AND REPORTING IMPLEMENTATIONOF THESDGS

### 5.1 Introduction

This chapter presents findings about monitoring, follow-up, review and reporting on the SDGs implementation progress.

## 5.2 Mechanisms to monitor, review and report on the progress

MoFP is required to conduct regular and inclusive reviews of progress at the national and sub-national levels which are country-led and -driven. Such reviews should draw on contributions from indigenous people, civil societies, the private sector and other stakeholders, in line with national circumstances, policies and priorities<sup>21</sup>.

According to the interview with officials from NBS, PO-RALG and LGAs together with review of the SDGs Data Road Map, 2017, the audit noted that, efforts were done by the MoFP, NBS and Planning Commission in understanding data production potential to facilitate reporting on SDGs including preparations for SDGs baseline report and development of data gaps assessment report. However, several weaknesses were observed, as presented in the following sections:

# 5.2.1 Inadequate identification of performance indicators and baselines to monitor and report on the implementation

MoFP is required to establish national performance indicators in order to feed strategic planning, budgeting, policy analysis, programme evaluation and decision making.<sup>22</sup>

Interview with officials from MoFP, Planning Commission and review of the FYDP II revealed that, MoFP established performance indicators for monitoring and evaluating the progress of FYDP II where SDGs were embraced.

However, the interview with officials from NBS and review of the Progress Report on SDGs Data Road Map, 2017 had shown that only 41

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> UN Res 70/1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> FYDP II Section 7.1

percent of SDGs indicators had metadata<sup>23</sup> while 59 percent required additional efforts and resources (human and financial) for development. Also the officials revealed budgetary constraints for the development of performance indicators, wherein most cases they depended on donor funds which sometimes were not released timely.

Further, according to interviews with officials from the visited LGAs and the selected Ministries, there is no clear link between NBS on one hand and sector ministries and LGAs on the other hand. This has affected the development of indicators in the sense that, officials from sector ministries and LGAs had no avenue to participate in the development of performance indicators for monitoring the implementation of SDGs. Inadequate identification of performance indicators might lead to delay or lack of indicators for some SDGs and targets hence rendering tracking and monitoring progress of implementation ineffective.

## 5.2.2 Inadequate data collection capacity

NBS is required to be equipped for quality and timely availability of data at a required level of disaggregation.<sup>24</sup>

However, review of Progress Report on SDG Data Road Map, 2017 indicated that NBS as the coordinator for production of official statistics within the National Statistical System (NSS) lacks capacity in terms of finance and human resources for data collection and dissemination. **Table 5** shows the NBS's capacity in terms of human resources.

Table 5: NBS capacity in terms of Human resource

S/N.	Category	Available	Required (for optimal efficiency)	Gap
1	NBS Management (Directors and Managers)	14	21	7
2	Principal Statisticians	11	22	11
3	Senior statistician	35	45	10
4	Statisticians	55	66	11

<sup>23</sup> Data which provides information about one or more aspects of the data used to summarise basic information about data which can make tracking and working with specific data easier

 $^{24}$ UNDG Reference Guide on Mainstreaming the 2030 Agenda Section A3 and the FYDP II Section 7.2

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S/N.	Category	Available	Required (for optimal efficiency)	Gap
5	Assistant Statistical Officers	12	12	0
6	Senior GIS Officers	2	2	0
7	GIS Officers	3	3	0
8	Assistant GIS Officers	6	6	0
9	Senior ICT Officers	4	4	0
10	ICT Officers	3	3	0
11	Assistant ICT Officers	1	1	0
12	Supporting Staffs	39	43	4
	TOTAL	185	228	43

Source: NBS

From table 5, although NBS had a total of 185 out of 228 staff (which is equal to 81%), the audit noted deficit of statisticians who are key in data collection and analysis for tracking the progress of implementation of FYDP II and SDGs. For instance out of the staff gap of 43, 32 were statisticians. This constitutes 74% of the total human resource gap.

The audit further noted that, despite the inadequate data collection capacity of NBS, there is no coordination of data collection between NBS, the sector ministries and LGAs. The data collection system and tools developed by MDAs and LGAs were not compatible with NBS system. In addition, the audit noted that, although for 282 SDGs indicators in the FYDP II, NBS can produce 39 percent of data while the remaining 61percentis produced by MDAs and other data producers in National Statistical System (NSS), there is no clear link of the data produced by NBS and those produced by MDAs and other data producers.

For instance, MoEST and PO-RALG had a well-established data system, known as Basic Education Management Information System (BEMIS) used for data collection, analysis, storage and reporting on all issues regarding education; PO-RALG had a PlanRep system which is used for planning, budgeting and reporting; and Ministry of Health has HoMIS for collecting health data. If the three systems were integrated to NBS data collection system, it could enhance the capacity of NBS in terms of data collection for tracking and monitoring implementation progress of SDGs.

Interviews with PO-RALG, MoEST, VPO-Environment and MITI officials revealed that, MDAs did not establish statistics departments. It was also noted that, although the PO-RALG Statistic Working Group under the Directorate of ICT was working on baseline data collection from different sectors, due to inadequate number of statisticians at the time of this audit they collected and analysed data from the education sector only.

Further, interview with the officials from planning, monitoring and statistics departments of the selected LGAs revealed a shortage of facilities and statisticians and some of the available statisticians were not qualified. Interviewed PO-RALG officials further revealed that out of 26 RSs only 16 RSs had one statistician each, while 10 regions had none. Further, interview with statistical officers from the visited LGAs and selected Ministries revealed that, the statisticians employed in institutions other than NBS did not have mandate to report on statistical issues.

Review of consolidated SDG Zonal Workshop report further revealed that, despite of the shortage of statisticians, those available were not used for the intended purpose. For example at the time of this audit, statistician for Singida MC was solely working for Tanzania Social Action Fund. This poses a challenge in data collection and timely availability of data for tracking the implementation progress of SDGs.

Furthermore, interview with NBS officials and review of the NBS annual budgets 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 revealed inadequate release of fund for implementation of different projects such as the development of the Tanzania Statistical Master Plan (TSMP). For instance in 2015/2016 only 60 percent was released while in 2016/2017 only 54 percent was released. This may lead to non-accomplishment of the NBS activities, which might result to inadequate collection of data for tracking and monitoring of the implementation of FYDP II and SDGs. **Table 6** shows the trend of fund release for catering NBS activities for 2015/2016 and 2016/2017.

Table 6: Trend of release of NBS funds

Financial Year	Approved Budget ( TZS in Billion)	Released amount (TZS in Billion)	%unreleased amount
2015/2016	33	20	40
2016/2017	32	17	46

**Source:** Auditors Analysis

The audit noted further that MoFP did not identify key stakeholders for data collection process. For instance, Civil Societies and NGOs who are important and have capacities for data collection were inadequately used as a result; their experience for the progress towards preparedness for implementation of SDGs could not be captured in the data collection process.

### 5.2.3 Insufficient and Inadequate Data Quality and Availability

Review of the Progress Report on SDGs Data Road Map 2017 revealed the existence of data disaggregation<sup>25</sup>. The detailed information on specific areas was only available to those entities such as the Statistical Working Group at PO-RALG who collect data on a specific area or subject, particularly education sector in line with the interests of the PO-RALG and MoEST.

According to interview with statisticians from the visited LGAs, the audit noted that, data collection tools and mechanisms from different sectors at MDAs and LGAs level were not harmonized. This poses a risk on availability of quality data (timely, reliability and precision). The interview further revealed that, although 61 percent of data are produced by MDAs, there is no harmonised template and system for data collection as a result data produced by MDAs and LGAs are not compatible with thereby not captured by NBS data system.

Interviews with planning officers from Dodoma, Songea and Singida Municipal Councils revealed the presence of data quality challenges due to lack of established department responsible for consolidating data from sectors. The planning officers also revealed that, previously LGAs used to store data on the Local Government Management Data Base(LGMD) through which data from all sectors were available and easily accessible. However, since the system was phased out, at the time of this audit there was no alternative system created. Interview with NBS officials revealed that, NBS in collaboration with LGAs developed social economic profile available in both manual and electronic format which were used to set benchmarks when planning. However, due to inadequate ICT facilities and resources the profiles are mainly operate on manual format, which becomes tedious and repetitive and difficult to update.

Absence of the established system for collecting, analysing and storing data is likely to impair the quality of the data, thereby affecting the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Separation of data in sub-population

process of monitoring and tracking implementation progress of the FYDP II and SDGs.

According to interview with officials from NBS data availability and quality is affected by the frequency of data collection. The frequency of data collection is considered to be low as it takes a long time before new data is collected. For instance, the Population and Housing Census are conducted once every ten years, with the most recent census conducted in 2012 following that of 2002. Household Budget Survey is conducted every five years, with the most recent being conducted in 2012 following the one in 2007. The pointed frequency of data collection is likely to impair timely availability and quality of data for tracking implementation progress of SDGs.

Furthermore, review of the Post 2015- Data Test pointed that data for various targets and indicators tested were not available and accessible. **Table 7** below shows data availability for measuring progress against proposed indicators (for more details refer appendix 2).

Table 7: Data availability for measuring progress against proposed targets and indicators

Goal area	Data for	Calculation	from Data to be
	indicator	existing data so	ources collected
	readily	needed	
	available		
Global	2	3	
National	2	4	
<b>Ensure Quality</b>	y Education for A	ll	
Global	5		
National	5	2	
Create jobs, s	ustainable livelih	ood and sustainable	e growth for all
Global	1	6	
National	2	1	4
Ensure sustair	nable energy and	develop infrastruct	ure for all
Global	3	2	3
National		1	2
Establish susta	ainable, healthy a	and resilient enviro	nment for all
Global	2		3
National			8
			tive institutions, rule of
law and a pea	ceful and inclusiv	re society	
Global	4		5
National	6		
Establish a glo	bal partnership f	or sustainable deve	lopment
Global	6		
National	1		4

Goal area	Data for indicator readily available	Calculation from existing data sources needed	Data to be collected
Total			
Global	23	11	11
National	10	8	18

Source: Post 2015- Data Road map report

**Table7** shows lack of data for four out of seven goals the government had focused on; which are goals on governance, energy, infrastructure and environment. Data on governance was available for only four of the nine indicators examined from official sources. For energy and infrastructure, data was available for five of the eight indicators. Only two of the five indicators examined for the environment had available data. Generally, there was limited data for these goal areas, particularly when compared to education, health and poverty. Further the Post 2015 Data test report revealed large variations in the quality of data across goal areas.

The audit noted that, the deviation portrayed in table 7, was due to untimely, unreliable and inaccurate data. This was caused by lack of harmonised data collection tools and mechanisms from different sectors at MDAs and LGAs level. The poor quality and untimely availability of data may impair the tracking, monitoring and review of implementation progress of the FYDP II which embraced SDGs.

# 5.2.4 Inadequate system to Coordinate, Monitor, Follow-up, Review and Reporting on the progress of implementation of SDGs

MoFP is required to set relevant institutional arrangement for coordinating strategies for achieving SDGs<sup>26</sup>. Interview with Planning Commission officials and review of the FYDP II Monitoring and Evaluation Strategy officials revealed that, MoFP established the M&E system for tracking the progress of implementation of FYDP II. Through this strategy, MoFP set the institutions for coordinating implementation of progress of the FYDP II. Also the officials revealed that, currently the Planning Commission is preparing the M&E Strategy specifically for SDGs.

Although the FYDP II M&E Strategy entails to use various data systems from MDAs, LGAs, and Non State Actors (NSAs) that have already established comprehensive Management Information System (MIS),

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Guidelines for the preparation of annual plan and budget for 2015/16(4.7 Para 36)

interview with the LGAs officials revealed that, at the time of this audit LGAs did not have a system in place for data gathering. Previously the system used was Local Government Management Database (LGMD) which phased out. Currently LGAs are using PlanReP for planning, budgeting, and reporting. This system could be advanced and used by NBS to get data from MDAs and LGAs.

Also, interview with PO-RALG, the Planning Commission and NBS officials and review of the FYDP II M&E Strategy pointed out lack of a comprehensive and integrated framework and whole-of-government M&E system to provide overall guidance on the development and application of M&E across sectors. Lack of an integrated and effective M&E system may obstruct the measuring of actual impacts of development initiatives and their intended results on sustainable development, resulting in difficulties to flag out risk areas or identify critical issues that need deeper analysis and policy responses.

In addition, interview with the Planning, Monitoring and Statistic officers of the visited LGAs revealed that, there were no clearly set mechanisms for the LGAs to track and report on the progress of implementation of SDGs in FYDP II. The available tracking mechanisms are for tracking and reporting on the progress of implementation of the ruling party manifesto.

Further the review of the Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) of the visited LGAs revealed that, the existing reporting system does not link the LGAs set objectives with the SDGs objectives and targets. This may result to failure in tracking the progress of implementation of SDGs thereby MoFP may not be able to evaluate the trend and status of implementation at all levels of government.

## 5.1.1 Inadequate Capacity of M&E Departments in MDAs, and LGAs

Planning Officials from visited LGAs, MITI, PO-RALG, MoEST and VPO revealed that, M&E activities are not prioritised in the budgets of the Ministries and LGAs. The budget allocated for M&E activities was low compared to the cost and extent of the development projects to be monitored and evaluated. In addition, Review of the annual plans and budgets of the visited LGAs and selected ministries revealed that, the budget for M&E activities for the government funded projects do not exceed 3% of the whole budget. The only exception is the planning commission, which receive a substantial percentage allocation of budget for Monitoring and Evaluation.

The officials further revealed that, in most cases, for the Government funded projects M&E is conducted by using 'Office Charges'(OC) which in most cases is insufficient. **Table 8** shows the budget allocated and the amount of fund released for M&E activities of the visited at LGAs and Ministries for the years 2015/16 and 2016/2017(for more details refer appendix 3).

Table 8: Allocated budget for M&E Activities

LGAs/MDAs	Financial Years	Released	Percentage c	of
		amount for	M&E funds i	n
		M&E	total budget	
MoFP	2015/16	792,375,205	28.3	
	2016/17	1,096,459,000	29	
MITI	2015/16	111,279,430	0.2	
	2016/17	78,337,215	0.1	
Planning	2015/16	68,000,000	100	
commission	2016/17	234,875,067	96	
Dodoma MC	2015/16	0	0.3	
	2016/17	25,896,400	2.3	
Songea	2015/16	8,000,000.00	0.67	
	2016/17	7,898,000	0.18	
Singida	2015/16	31,921,978.73	0.39	
	2016/17	18,920,000	0.41	
Kigoma/Ujiji MC	2015/16	0	2.1	
	2016/17	271,165,000	1	
Bariadi MC	2015/16	226,811,055.01	2.2	
	2016/17	367,304,041.27	1.7	

**Source:** Auditors Analysis

From **Table 8** the audit noted that, the M&E budget is minimal compared to the value of and extent of the development projects per LGA/Ministry. This poses a risk of some development projects being left without being monitored leading to underperformance and leakage of the tax payers money funds. The audit further noted that, if no efforts are made to strengthen the capacity of M&E departments in terms of budget, there is a risk of the SDGs being ineffectively monitored making it difficult to identify the trends and progress of implementation.

### **CHAPTER SIX**

### CONCLUSION

### 6.1 General Conclusion

Despite the effort done by the government for preparation and implementation of SGDs, both MoFP and PO-RALG were inadequately prepared for implementation of SDGs. These key ministries are still facing several challenges to fully integrate the SDG into the national context. Also, the government have not done a thorough identification of required resources and capacities to implement SDGs. In addition, the established mechanisms for monitoring and reporting will not be effective in supporting the implementation of SDGs.

The specific conclusions are divided into three parts as presented hereunder:

## 6.2 Inadequate Adoption of Sustainable Development Goals to the national context

Although the Ministry of Finance and Planning has embedded SDGs into the FYDP II, it did not prepare national SDGs plan. This resulted into failure of the MoFP and President's Office Regional Administration and Local Government to adequately integrate SDGs into national context.

Also, although MoFP in collaboration with PO-RALG organized SDGs awareness creation workshop, the awareness creation was inadequate because it did not reach the community and non-state stakeholders. There is therefore the risk of the community and other stakeholders not owning the whole process of implementation of SDGs. This may affect the attainment of the set goals and targets and the principle of no one is left behind may not be materialised.

MoFP and PO-RALG did not conduct stakeholders mapping to identify key stakeholders to be involved during the planning, implementation and monitoring, review, follow up and reporting on the progress of implementation of SDGs. This resulted in non-involvement of the local communities and citizens in the preparation of FYDP II. Stakeholders have a remarkable role in the implementation and monitoring of the progress of SDGs in the plan as the result the wider reach to the

community and transparency in implementation of the SDGs in FYDP II might be affected.

Interventions in the FYDP II Implementation Strategy demanded a well-coordinated and strategic partnership between the government on the one hand and non-state stakeholders on the other hand. However, MoFP did not set mechanisms for breaking down sectoral silos and connecting different levels of government actions for implementation of the SDGs in FYDP II. This might result in institutions striving to promote their daily plans, disregarding the need to attain SDGs. This may also pose the risk of one policy contradicting another thereby delaying or hindering the execution of the activities and interventions to deliver SDGs targets.

# 6.3 Inadequate Identification and mobilization of resources and capacities

Although MoFP identified resources required for implementation of the FYDP II which embedded a total of nine SDGs, MoFP did not identify the resources and capacities required for implementation of SDGs in general.

Furthermore, MoFP through the FYDP II entailed to use innovative options for securing resources and capacities. However, analysis on the suitability and viability of the alternative methods has not been conducted. This poses the risk of MoFP continuing to fund development projects using the traditional sources which are scarce thereby rendering the achievement of the set goals and targets impossible. In addition, although MoFP through FYDP II planned to train human resource on rare and specialized skills, skill gap analysis was not conducted to identify the required skills for implementation of the FYDP II. This poses risk for MoFP to develop staff in skills that are not required.

# 6.4 Inadequate mechanism to monitor, follow up review and report on the progress towards the implementation SDGs

Monitoring and evaluation on implementation of SDGs is important as it ensures progress in attaining the set targets, outputs and objectives. The audit noted that, the set M&E framework was ineffective because NBS did not adequately identify performance indicators and baselines to monitor and report on the implementation of SDGs.

NBS had inadequate capacity for data collection, posing a challenge on the timely and quality availability of data required for tracking the progress implementation of the FYDP II and SDGs.

Further, the system for data collection and analysis is not harmonised due to lack of clear link between NBS the custodian of the national data on one hand and MDAs and LGAs on the other hand. The system used by the MDAs and LGAs is not compatible to that of NBS making data sharing difficult between those institutions. A harmonised data system could reduce the NBS data collection capacity gap. PlanREP system used by PO-RALG could have been improved and linked to NBS. This could have enhanced data collection from the LGAs which could be connected directly to NBS.

### **CHAPTER SEVEN**

### **AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS**

### 7.1 Introduction

The audit findings and conclusions point out gaps in the preparedness for implementation of SDGs. The gaps were noted in all three areas, namely: the adaptation of SDGs into the national context; identification and mobilization of resources and capacities for implementation of SDGs; and the set up mechanisms for monitoring, reviewing and reporting on the progress of implementation of SDGs.

This chapter contains recommendations to MoFP and PO-RALG on what should be done to enhance preparedness for implementation of SDGs interventions.

The audit office believes that these recommendations, if fully implemented, will enhance smooth implementation of interventions and achievement of SDGs and ensure the presence of the 3Es of Economy, Efficiency and Effectiveness in the use of the public resources.

## 7.2 Adaptation of SDGs to the National Context

### 7.2.1 The Ministry of Finance and Planning should:

- 1. Develop national implementation strategy which will guide the implementation and achievement of SDGs at the national level in line with FYDP II and its successor plans.
- 2. Analyse the content of the 2030 Agenda for SDGs and integrate the SDGs with consideration of timeframe, feasibility, and sustainability of the implementation of the integrated goals.
- 3. Involve multi stakeholders including local communities and citizens in awareness creation campaigns to enable the wide reach to enhance ownership of the process of implementation and tracking the progress of SDGs.
- 4. Conduct assessment of priority interventions with high impact to attain SDGs and determine the sequence of

- their implementation have a guidance to build the implementation capacities.
- 5. Establish a responsive and inclusive mechanism of coordinating, monitoring and reporting the progress of implementation of SDGs in FYDP II
- 6. Conduct stakeholders mapping to identify the potential stakeholders to be involved and their prospective roles and responsibilities for implementation of the SDGs in FYDP II, without losing sight of the importance of community level.
- 7. Translate the set targets into guidelines and ensure all sector ministries and LGAs review their strategic plans to integrate SDGs targets in line with national priorities and the resource envelope.

## 7.2.2 The President's Office Regional Administration and Local Government should:

- 1. Conduct stakeholders mapping to identify potential stakeholders to be involved and their prospective roles and responsibilities for implementation of SDGs.
- 2. Review the current decentralization policy to put in place an effective mechanism for devolving powers and responsibilities to LGAs for effective implementation of development projects and service delivery.

## 7.3 Identification of resources and capacities

### 7.3.1 Ministry of Finance and Planning should:

- Assess the effectiveness of resource mobilization efforts currently in place, and identify innovative methods with the view of widening the tax base for mobilizing resources needed for implementation of SDGs and other national priorities.
- 2. Conduct needs assessment for the capacity needed for implementation of SDGs in FYDP II.

## 7.3.2 The President's Office Regional Administration and Local Government should ensure:

- 1. Conduct capacity needs assessment for implementation of FYDP II and SDGs interventions at LGA levels
- 7.4 Mechanism for monitoring, evaluation and reporting on the implementation of SDGs

## 7.4.1 Ministry of Finance and Planning

- 1. Ensure harmonization of data collection system and tools for quality, timely and adequately disaggregated statistical data
- Establish a mechanism for coordination, monitoring, and reporting on the implementation progress as an integrated part of the FYDP II and with specific attention on global benchmarking
- 3. NBS should use statisticians from MDAs and LGAs to fasten mainstreaming of the remaining SDGs indicators in FYDP II

### 7.4.2 PO-RALG should

1. Establish a consolidated system which will capture all sectoral data from LGAs to be used for monitoring the progress of implementation of development projects

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Appendix 1: Audit Questions, sub-questions and assessment criteria

				S/No
	2030 agenda into national context?	the MoFP and PO-RALG adapted the	To what extent has	Audit Question
Has MoFP and PO-RALG put	arrangements to integrate the 2030 Agenda into the plans, policy legislation, budget and programmes?  What efforts have been made to put in place processes and institutional arrangements to integrate the 2030 Agenda into their plans, policy legislation, budget and programmes?	RALGput in place processes and institutional	Has the MoFP and PO-	Sub-question
MoFP should ensure Public	MoFP has to align budget and national planning cycles to the 2030 Agenda on SDGs MDA, RSs, LGAs and Public Authority entities are required to integrate SDGs and other crosscutting issues into their plans  MoFP should ensure that global and regional agreements (e.g. Africa Agenda 2063 and SDGs) are adequately mainstreamed into national development planning and implementation frameworks for the benefit of the country	strategies, policies and plans and identify areas for	MoFP has to review existing	Assessment criteria
UNDG (2015)Reference	Guidelines for preparation of Plans and Budgets 2016/2017(Para.5.5) and 2017/2018 section 1para 2and section 2.3 para 58)  URT (2015) National Five Years Development Plan (FYDP II) Para 1.3 (ix)	59	UN Resolution 70/1Para	Source of the Criteria

S/NO Audit Question	in place mechanisms and	Assessment criteria  awareness of the SDGs at	Source of the Criteria
	strategies for public	the country level is raised in	the 2030 Agenda, section
	awareness on SDGs?	the context of each	В1.
		country's existing or	
		forthcoming national	
		development vision and	
		plan in order to ensure that	
		SDGs is a nationally-owned	
		process.	
		7	
		MoFP should consider the	
		sub-national and community	
		level and involve multiple	
		actors such as the private	
		sector in awareness raising	
		efforts.	
		MoFP should evaluate the	
		results of advocacy and	
		awareness-raising	
		campaigns.	
	Has the MoFP informed and	MoFP should engage a	UNDG (2015) Reference
	involved citizens and	variety of non- state	Guide on Mainstreaming
	stakeholders in the	stakeholders in different	the 2030 Agenda, Section
	processes and institutional	ways and at different stages	B2
	arrangement to integrate	of implementation process	
	the 2030 Agenda?	from preparedness and	URT (2015) FYDP II Para.
		awareness raising to	7.4.1
		monitoring and review.	

S/No	Audit Question	Sub-question	Assessment criteria	Source of the Criteria
		How are responsibilities	MoFP should establish	UNDG (2015) Reference
		allocated among various	responsive, inclusive and	Guide on Mainstreaming
		levels of government	participatory approach to	the 2030 Agenda, Section
		(national, subnational and	implement the Agenda.	B4
		local) for the coherent		
		implementation of the		URT(2015)FYDP II Para
		2030 Agenda?		7.4.2
		Has the MoFP designed	MoFP is required to pursue	UN Resolution 70/1 para
		policies and institutional	all dimensions of	2
		mechanisms to support	sustainable development in	
		integration of the three	a balanced and integrated	UNDG (2015) Reference
		dimensions of sustainable	way.	Guide on Mainstreaming
		development (economic,		the 2030 Agenda, Section
		social and environmental)		B4
		and the principles of the		
		2030 Agenda (e.g. "leave		
		no one behind")?		
2.	Has the MoFP	Has the MoFP identified	MoFP has to establish	UN Resolution 70/1 Para
	identified and	the resources (including	cohesive nationally owned	63
	secured resources	financial, human, ICT, data	sustainable development	
	and capacities	and statistics) needed to	strategies, supported by	URT(2015) FYDP II Para 5
	required for	implement, monitor and	integrated	AU (2015) Agenda
	implementation of	report on the	national financing	2063Para 3
	the 2030 Agenda?	implementation of the	frameworks.	
		2030 Agenda?		
			MoFP has to set nationally	
			defined domestic targets	UN (2015)Addis Ababa
			and timelines for enhancing	Action Agenda Para 22
			domestic revenue as part of	

S/No	Audit Question	Sub-question	Assessment criteria	Source of the Criteria
			the national sustainable development strategies.	
			MoFP has to underscore the	UN (2015)Addis Ababa
			effective mobilization and use of domestic resources	Action Agenda Para 20 URT(2016) Guideline for
			needed to implement the 2030 Agenda.	the Preparation of Annual Plans and Budgets of
			MoFP has to mobilize	2016/2017 Para 33(e)
			necessary support and partnership for the	
			implementation of SDGs.	
				UN Resolution 70/1 Para
		Has the MoFP identified	MoFP has to identify	UN (2015)Addis Ababa
		cooperation and partnership opportunities	cooperation and partnership opportunity for requiring	Action Agenda Para 10
		for acquisition of required	resources for	UN Resolution 70/1 Para
		resources and capacities to achieve the 2030 agenda?	implementation of the 2030 on SDGs.	39
		(		UN Resolution 70/1 Para
				67, 68 and 69
				AU (2015) Agenda 2063
				para 63
		Has the MoFP identified	MoFP has to identify risks	UN (2015)Addis Ababa
		risks and mitigating	and establish risk mitigating	Action Agenda Para

S/No	Audit Question	Sub-question	Assessment criteria	Source of the Criteria
		strategies in securing	strategies in securing	
		resources and capacities	resources and capacities for	
		2030 Agenda?	Agenda on SDGs.	
		Has the MoFP used	MoFP has to use innovative	
		innovative methods to	methods to secure	UN (2015)Addis Ababa
		secure resources and	resources and capacities for	Action Agenda Para 35
		capacities for	implementation of the 2030	
		implementation of the	Agenda on SDGs.	
		2030 Agenda?	MORD has to improve the	1N (2015) Addit Ababa
			effectiveness of the tax	Action Agenda Para 22
				URT(2016) Guideline for
			international tax	the Preparation of Annual
			cooperation in order to	Plans and Budgets of
			increase government	2016/201/ Para 16
			revenue.	URI (2015)FYDP II Para
				5.4.1.1 (i)
		What measures has MoFP	MoFP is required to include	UN Resolution 70/1 Para
		cooperation among entities	stakeholders in a revitalized	URT(2015)FYDP II Para 5
		related to preparedness	global partnership.	UN (2015)Addis Ababa
		for implementation of the 2030 Agenda?		Action Agenda Para 10
ω	How are the	Has the MoFP identified	MoFP has to establish	FYDP II Section 7.1
	monitoring, follow-	performance indicators	national performance	
	up, review and	and baselines and set	indicators in order to feed	

				S/No
			reporting systems put in place to evaluate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda on SDG?	Audit Question
Have monitoring, follow- up, review and report processes been designed through a participatory process and enable stakeholder engagement?			milestones to monitor and report on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda?	Sub-question
Monitoring, follow-up, review and report process should draw on contributions from indigenous people, civil society, the private sector and other stakeholders.	MoFP has to conduct regular and inclusive reviews of the progress at the national and subnational levels which are country led and driven.	the existing national planning and review mechanisms and to adapt indicators, establish benchmarks, monitoring progress, identifying gaps and challenges, reporting and following up on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda on SDGs.	strategic planning, budgeting, policy analysis, programme evaluation and decision making.	Assessment criteria
FYDP II, Section 7.3 UNDG (2015) Reference guide on Mainstreaming the 2030 Agenda, section B7.	, .	Guidelines for the preparation of annual plan and budget for 2015/16(Section 2, Para 2.2 (g)  UNDG (2015) Reference guide on Mainstreaming the 2030 Agenda, section		Source of the Criteria

S/No	Audit Question	Sub-question	Assessment criteria	Source of the Criteria
		What plans does MoFP have	MoFP should on their	UNDG (2015) Reference
		in place for coordination,	existing national planning	guide on Mainstreaming
		mobilization and	and review mechanisms and	the 2030Agenda, section
		articulation of different	to adapt indicators,	B5
		government entities and	establish bench marks,	
		stakeholders related to	monitoring progress,	FYDP II Section 3.44 (iii)
		preparedness for	identify gaps and	
		implementation of the	challenges, reporting and	
		2030 Agenda on SDGs?	following up.	
		Has the MoFP put in place	National Statistical	UNDG (2015) Reference
		processes to ensure the	Organisation or agency	guide on Mainstreaming
		quality, availability and	should have been equipped	the 2030 Agenda, section
		required level of	to have quality and timely	A3.
		disaggregation of the data	available data at the	
		needed?	required level of	FYDP II, Section 7.2
			disaggregation	
		Has the MoFP established a	MoFP committed to engage	Guidelines for the
		mechanism to monitor,	in systematic follow up and	preparation of annual
		follow up, review and	review of the	plan and budget for
		report on the progress	implementation progress to	2015/16 (4.6 Para 34)
		toward the	ensure that no one is left	
		implementation of the	behind	
		2030 Agenda?		
		Has MoFP assigned	MoFP isrequired to set	Guidelines for the
		responsibilities to any	relevant institutional	preparation of annual
		agency to monitor and	arrangement for	plan and budget for
		coordinate strategies for	coordinating strategies for	2015/16(4.7 Para 36)
		achievement of the 2030	achieving the 2030 Agenda	
		Agenda on SDGs?	on SDGs	

Appendix 2: Data availability for measuring progress against proposed targets and indicators

National	Global	Total	National	Global	Establish a global p	National	Global	Establish open, ac	National	Global	Establish sustainable,	National	Global	Ensure sustainable	National	Global	Create jobs, sustai	National	Global	<b>Ensure Quality Education for All</b>	National	Global	End Poverty	Goal area
19	20		2	2	partnership f	3	5	accountable, ir	3	3		_	2	energy and	6	3	sustainable livelihood and	4	2	ucation for A	3	3		Targets
36	45		5	6	or sustainabl	6	9	inclusive and	8	5	healthy and resilient	ω	8	develop infr	7	7	ood and sust	7	5	II	6	5		Indicators
10	23		1	6	global partnership for sustainable development	6	4	effective institutions, rule		2	environment for all		3	infrastructure for all	2	1	sustainable growth for all	5	5		2	2		Data for indicator readily available
8	11							of law and a peaceful and				1	2		1	6		2			4	ω		Calculation from existing data sources needed
18	11		4				5	inclusive society	8	3		2	3		4									Data to be collected

Source: Post 2015 - Data Road map report

Appendix 3: Allocated budget for M&E Activities

1.7	367,304,041.27	593,644,850.00	34,331,424,664.00	2016/17	
2.2	226,811,055.01	734,386,113.83	33,422,661,488.43	2015/16	Bariadi MC
1	271,165,000	413,345,900	39,925,289,411	2016/17	MC
2.1	0	688,024,840	32,189,103,740	2015/16	Kigoma/Ujiji
0.41	18,920,000	54,123,200	12,966,907,406	2016/17	
0.39	31,921,978.73	31,921,978.73	8,107,717,663.2	2015/16	Singida
0.18	7,898,000	31,210,000	17,247,225,149	2016/17	
0.67	8,000,000.00	33,404,300	4,932,635,849	2015/16	Songea
2.3	25,896,400	151,330,000	6,575,812,081	2016/17	
0.3	0	44,135,030	15,273,485,153	2015/16	Dodoma MC
96	234,875,067	234,875,067	244,036,000	2016/17	
					commission
100	000,000,86	68,000,000	000,000,86	2015/16	Planning
0.1	78,337,215	77,938,000	85,030,334,593.04	2016/17	
0.2	111,279,430	161,039,760	77,319,457,983	2015/16	ITIM
29	1,096,459,000	1,468,940,000	5,040,798,000	2016/17	
28.3	792,375,205	1,221,423,000	4,315,843,000	2015/16	MoFP
total budgeted					
M&E funds in	M&E	M&E	LGA/MDA		/MDAs
Percentage of	Released amount for	Allocated budget for	Total Budget of the	Financial Years	LGAs

Source: Auditors Analysis

## Appendix 4: Response from MoFP

of ar promise		SN RI
Establish responsive and inclusive mechanism of coordinating, monitoring and reporting the progress of implementation of and SDGs in FYDP II at all levels of the Government	Conduct assessment of priority interventions with high impact to attain SDGs and determine the sequence of their implementation in order to have a guidance to build the implementation capacities.	RECOMMENDATIONS- MOFP
The Government has developed a FYDP II Monitoring and Evaluation System (MES) which will automatically respond to SDGs.  In addition; there is a draft Poverty Monitoring System (PMS 2016/17-2020/21) which provides guidance for monitoring FYDPII and SDGs at national level particularly on the poverty related indicators.  The draft SDGs Raseline Report is	participated in the consultation workshops.  Priorities interventions have been articulated in the FYDP-II. Every financial year, assessment of the implementation of previous priorities is conducted whereby achievements, constraints and lesson learnt are documented to inform future planning and budgeting.	MOFP COMMENT(S)
Enhancing a coordination mechanism for FYDPII and SDGs by leveraging the already established initiatives on Monitoring and Evaluation Strategy (MES) and Poverty Monitoring System (PMS)  The PMS and SDGs Baseline Report will be shared with other stakeholders such as CSOs, Research and High Learning Institutions	aders  assessment to priority priority and the sequence of lementation at all nt levels	ACTION(S) TO BE TAKEN
July - Dec 2018	Every financial year	TIME LINE

	7.	6.	NS
Assess the effectiveness of	Translate the set targets into guidelines and ensure all sector ministries and LGAs review their strategic plans to integrate SDGs targets in line with national priorities and the resource envelop	Conduct stakeholders mapping to identify the potential stakeholders to be involved and their prospective roles and responsibilities for implementation of the SDGs in FYDP II, without losing sight of the importance of community level.	RECOMMENDATIONS- MoFP
The FYDPII is in implementation	Among the objectives of the SDGs awareness creation done by MoFP and its institutions to LGAs was to build capacity on integrating the SDGs during the review of their SPs	being finalized. This report benchmark the beginning of tracking progress of SDGs indicators as well as reporting performance.  NBS in collaboration PED and PC have conducted two thematic workshops with MDAs, LGAs, CSOs, privates sector, research institutions and higher learning institutions to share the FYDP II and SDGs data gaps assessment to build more partnership and engagement.	MoFP COMMENT(S)
Continue to implement SDGs	MoFP in collaboration PO-RALG will continue insisting and supporting LGAs to review theirSPs and ensure they are in line with the FYDP II and SDGs	(researchers) to widen ownership in M&E.  More four thematic workshop will be conducted which will improve partnership and engagement in FYDP II and SDGs.  Roles and responsibilities to potential stakeholders for implementation of SDGs related interventions will be mapped	ACTION(S) TO BE TAKEN
Annually	July 2018 - June 2019	September 2018 - March 2019	TIME LINE

9. Conduct needs assessment for the capacity needed for implementation of SDGs in FYDP	resource mobilization currently in place, and innovative methods view of widening the tax mobilizing resources ne implementation of S other national priorities	SN RECOMMENDATIONS- MOFP
	resource mobilization efforts currently in place, and identify innovative methods with the view of widening the tax base for mobilizing resources needed for implementation of SDGs and other national priorities	TIONS- MOFP
	through annual plans and budget process where resources mobilization and utilization is reviewed. Each year sources of fund is determined depending on the current economic situation therefore those source of funds which is in the FYDPII is not static. It is annually reviewed together with identification of new possible sources of funds for implementation of SDGs which is in the FYDPII	MOFP COMMENT(S)
	in FYDPII through annual review of Resources mobilization and prioritized expenditurepattern to meet the set Five year development goals	ACTION(S) TO BE TAKEN
		TIME LINE

	inducing Government and Non-Government Actors to strengthen partnership and engagement in the process.	dissellillation.		
	Ē	final stage on reconciliation and costing of data production and		
	and LGAS for effective implementation of FYDP II and SDGs	support on data roadmap development for FYDP II and SDGs implementation. This work is in	SUGS Indicators in FYDP II	
	the data gaps assessment in collaboration with the MDAs	0,4	MDAs and LGAs to fasten mainstreaming of the remaining	
2018/19	NBS is planning to finalize	NBS in collaboration with the MDAs	NBS should use statisticians from	12.
	on SDGs.	progress of the 2030 Agenda as an integrated part of the FYDP II.		
	sibilities in del	monitoring, and reporting on the		
	with clear roles and	gaps in institutional set up to effectively coordination,		
	coordination, monitoring and	The Audit report has identified		
	The institutional arrangement / structure for	community in general.		
	level decision to take action.	stakeholders including the	progress of the 2030 Agenda.	
	which will require higher	implementation in collaboration	monitoring, and reporting on the	
TIME LINE	ACTION(S) TO BE TAKEN	MoFP COMMENT(S)	RECOMMENDATIONS- MoFP	NS

Appendix 5: Response from PO-RALG

3/N	RECOMMENDATIONS  Conduct stakeholders mapping to identify the potential stakeholders to be involvedand their	RESPONSIBLE DSC	PO-RALG COMMENT(S) Stakeholders mapping tool is undertaken	TAKEN  The tool will be Mapping developed.  The stakeholders  The stakeholders	TIMELINE  Mapping exercise to be conductedduring2018/19  Financial Year
	spective roles ponsibilities of commodities of commodities or commodities of comm			mapping tool is on preparation.	
2	Review the current decentralization policy to put in place an effective mechanism for devolving	DSC	Comments agreed	The review process is ongoing. D by D policy review is under	Started on March 2018 to be finalized in September 2018
	wers ponsibilities			nment R ımme III.	
	implementation of development projects and			The reviewed D by D policy will provide	
	service delivery			various stakeholders will be involved and their responsibilities	

ω	N/S
Conduct needs assessment for the capacity needed for implementation of FYDP II and SDGs interventions at LGAs levels	RECOMMENDATIONS
DLG	RESPONSIBLE
PO-RALG will coordinate and facilitate the LGA's to conduct needs assessment for capacity needed for the implementation of FYDP II and SDGs interventions at LGA's level including issues of Institutional strengthening.	PO-RALG COMMENT(S)
in the implementation at all levels.  Consultation with responsible departments (DEA, DSC, DRA and DLG) to identify capacity gaps in terms of Human Resource, Financial and Equipment.  To write a letter to RAS to request them facilitate and assist their respective LGA's to conduct needs assessment.  This will include:  -To take stock of availability of the important tools for successful	ACTION(S) TO BE TAKEN
2018/19 Financial Year	TIMELINE

4	N/S
Establish a consolidated system which will capture all sectoral data from LGAs to be used for monitoring the progress of implementation of development projects	RECOMMENDATIONS
DPP	RESPONSIBLE
PO-RALG has already developed Monitoring and Evaluation Framework (2016), task ahead is to develop Monitoring and Evaluation Management Information Systems in place include: School Information System (SIS), PLAN REP and LGRCIS.	PO-RALG COMMENT(S)
implementation of SDGs & FYDP II.  -Guidelines and -Capacity Building (CB) which has been conducted to RS & LGAs on SDGs & FYDP II.  PO-RALG is now on the process of developing Anonitoring and Evaluation Management Information System (MEMIS).  Through Muungano Gateway the MEMIS will be able to capture data and access all Sectoral data from the	ACTION(S) TO BE TAKEN
September, 2018.	TIMELINE

N/S	S/N RECOMMENDATIONS	RESPONSIBLE	RESPONSIBLE PO-RALG COMMENT(S) ACTION(S	ACTION(S) TAKEN	TO BE	TIMELINE	
				existing	Sectora		
				systems.			