SSCCSE Background

The Southern Sudan Centre for Census Statistics and Evaluation (SSCCSE) is the official Statistical Agency of the Government of Southern Sudan.

It was established in 2004 as the New Sudan Centre for Statistics and Evaluation and renamed after the historic signing of the CPA. The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of SSCCSE were appointed by Presidential Decree in 2006.

SSCCSE Guiding Principles

Our Guiding Principles are:
- Impartiality
- Fulfillment of Citizens’ entitlement to public information
- Making decisions on strictly professional considerations, scientific principles and professional ethics regarding all aspects of data collection, analysis and dissemination.
- Ensuring that individual data collected for statistical compilation shall be strictly confidential
- Adhering to the use of international statistical concepts, standards and methods so as to promote consistency and efficiency of the statistical system
- Choosing the right sources of statistical data such as surveys or administrative records on the basis of quality, timeliness, costs and the burden on respondents

Under the provisions of the CPA and the Interim Constitution of Southern Sudan, it was assigned responsibility for conducting the 5th Sudan Population and Housing Census in 2008. The Census has been the single most important statistical activity in Southern Sudan. It is a benchmark in the transition period and provides critical inputs for implementation of the CPA.

The main objective of SSCCSE is to collect, compile, and analyze all official information and data on economic, social and demographic, environmental, and other issues. This objective extends far beyond the Census alone.

SSCCSE, among other activities, conducts censuses and surveys, and monitors and evaluates the impact of public policies and programs on the people of Southern Sudan, as well as monitors the Millennium Development Goals in Southern Sudan.

SSCCSE is the premier statistical institution in Southern Sudan.

We have worked with a range of partners within GOSS and in the international community.

Our Mission is to collect, compile, analyze and disseminate official statistics on Southern Sudan.

We can assist partners by providing information and in designing and implementing field activities.

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SSCCSE Mandate—What do we do?

SSCCSE is the premier statistical body in Southern Sudan. Our responsibilities include:

1. Carrying out Censuses and Surveys in South Sudan
2. Collecting, compiling, analyzing and disseminating statistics on all aspects of the lives of the Southern Sudanese people—economic, social, demographic or environmental.
3. Establishing statistical standards and ensuring all producers use them
4. Maintaining an inventory of all available statistics for Southern Sudan
5. Supporting official bodies, civil society, international organizations, NGOs, and the general public by providing them information and data regarding Southern Sudan.
6. Supporting organizations and researchers, national and international, in the implementation of any data collection they need.

SSCCSE Organization Structure

SSCCSE is a rapidly evolving organization and has grown manifold in size since its inception. Its organizational structure has also therefore evolved over time.

The Centre is led by the Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson. There are nine departments in total.


The analytical departments are supported by five support departments—Administration, Finance, Establishment, Information and Communication Technology, and the Census and Surveys Department, which specializes in field implementation.

The Departments work together and typically, every project involves several departments.

Additionally, SSCCSE has ten state offices and a Rumbek sub-office.

SSCCSE in the States

An effective Statistical Agency must have a national presence. SSCCSE therefore takes its presence in the ten states of Southern Sudan very seriously.

Each state capital has an SSCCSE state office, headed by a State Statistical Director. Our State Offices are critical to our effectiveness:

1. They ensure close coordination with State authorities and local administrations.
2. They plan, organize and implement fieldwork in their respective states.
3. They provide a focal point at the State level for organizations requiring information.
4. They ensure that state priorities are reflected in SSCCSE work-plans and vision.

We also have a Rumbek sub-office, which is the primary data processing centre for SSCCSE. The Rumbek sub-office is also headed by a Director.
Data Collection Completed by SSCCSE

SSCCSE has presented much fresh data to users in a data-scarce environment since 2005. The most prominent of these activities was the 5th Sudan Population and Housing Census 2008, which established essential baseline information needed for the CPA implementation.

SSCCSE conducted many surveys in this period. The first such survey was the Sudan Household Health Survey—I in 2006, which provided baseline health indicators. The National Baseline Household Survey 2009 enabled, for the first time, estimation of the incidence of poverty. Three follow-up rounds will allow the computation of a Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all ten state capitals in Southern Sudan. The CPI has been calculated for Juba monthly since July 2007. The Malaria Indicator Survey 2009 provided key information on the incidence of malaria and preventive practices in Southern Sudan. The Social Protection Survey 2010, fieldwork for which is now complete, will provide fresh information on gender-based violence.

SSCCSE has also carried out extensive cartographic data collection, mapping out all inhabited settlements in Southern Sudan. Various facilities, such as schools, health centres and water points, were also mapped as part of the exercise.

Finally, SSCCSE engaged in compilation of official statistics and published the first Statistical Yearbook for Southern Sudan in 2009.

Current Data Collection

There are several surveys being implemented by SSCCSE. The largest of these is the Sudan Household Health Survey—II 2010, a follow-up of the SHHS-I (2006). In the course of 2010 we will also be implementing a Business Survey which will look at the state and constraints of businesses in the ten state capitals in South Sudan. The Southern Sudan Experimental Phone Survey will attempt to collect frequent data from respondents over mobile phones in the ten capitals. A survey on Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) is intended to assess the successes of the DDR Program in Southern Sudan to date and the challenges in the future.

Fresh cartographic data is being collected under the Post-Enumeration Mapping Activity to refine the GIS information from the Census Mapping. The GIS Department has also assisted the Ministry of Health in mapping the Health Facilities in Southern Sudan.

Collection of official data from various GOSS ministries and commissions for the Statistical Yearbook for Southern Sudan 2010 is ongoing. SSCCSE has a flexible work-plan and it is possible that additional projects will be taken up during the year.
Our Partners—Who have we worked with

The foremost responsibility of the SSCCSE is to the Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS). We have worked with various GOSS bodies assisting them by:

1. The provision of available data
2. Incorporating their priorities in our data collection
3. Assisting them in implementing their field activities.

We have also constantly engaged with various partners in the international community, fulfilling for them the same functions as above, and drawing on their support (financial and technical) for the implementation of our mandate.

International agencies which have worked directly with SSCCSE include USAID, UNDP, African Development Bank, DFID, ECHO, UNFAD, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNIFEM, UNOPS, World Bank, Statistics Norway, US Census Bureau, USDA, WFP, French Cooperation and Save the Children UK.

We have worked in close collaboration with the Central Bureau of Statistics, (Khartoum) on national projects.

For greater exposure and visibility, we have also engaged with regional statistical institutions like the Uganda Bureau of Statistics.

SSCCSE has worked with a range of partners including GOSS institutions, UN agencies and other international partners.

Publications