QATAR STATISTICS AUTHORITY
DATA AND METADATA STRATEGY

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Statistical Specialist
• Official statistics are common/public goods; hence available to all.
• Statistics disseminated by the QSA must be presented in such a way that it could be easily understood without expert knowledge.
• The QSA and its partners disseminate data and analysis to enable users (of all levels) to obtain information on the State of Qatar and its residents.
• Statistics, so disseminated, will handle the needs of general public and also be extensive and detailed enough to cover the needs of the business communities. It will also satisfy the authorities’ need in analysis and policy formulations. The goal is to assist evidence-based decision making, planning and analyzing.
• The mission of the QSA is to develop and manage a national statistical information system of quality and integrity to support Qatar National Vision (H.H. the Emiri Decree No 44/2008) and National Development Strategies including in Economic, Social, Demographic, Environmental and Cultural Developments.
Principles of Dissemination Policy

• QSA, by Law, is the only governmental body to disseminate such statistics and will link its website or publication.

• Reliability and timeliness of data will be the major criteria of dissemination policy.
• QSA will enhance and disseminate the indicators and underlying statistics through its portal QIX on its website www.qsa.gov.qa and by publications (print and electronic).
Practice of Dissemination

• To provide a level playing field for users of official statistics, the QSA will strictly abide by confidentiality clause mentioned in the Statistics Act.

• Transparency: Data released by QSA and its partners will be accompanied by metadata which will describe the terminology used, coverage, method of collection, process and estimation methodology (if any).
Metadata

- QSA is releasing metadata through its publications and in QALM website along with the data.

- QSA is at the stage of planning to implement SDMX.
Statistical Dissemination Channels:

• Statistical Publications:
  – General Publications: Yearbook, Qatar in Brief, Qatar Facts and Figures.
  – Industry/subject Specific reports such as Household Income Expenditure Survey results, Labor Force Sample Survey results, Analysis of Vital Statistics, Banks Insurance and Business Services, National Income Accounts, etc.
  – Information Papers such as Magazine “Statistics”, Census Publications etc,
Electronic Dissemination

- The website [www.qsa.gov.qa](http://www.qsa.gov.qa) will not only be a repository of official statistics but will also have links to other governmental entities’ website. It will contain a wide range of key indicators, and general statistics on the Qatar economy, business performance, population trends and household characteristics. Soft copies (downloadable) of publications will be available on the website.
Electronic Dissemination

- It will also have a link to QIX for detailed statistics satisfying details about detail subject statistics such as foreign merchandise, labor force etc. The website will alert users with new released data as well as QSA activities which they may look forward to. It will also contain news about QSA representatives participating in international and national meetings/conferences to enhance QSA activities.
What is QIX?

A flexible statistical database portal containing micro data, which will allow users to extract, tabulate data/statistics the way they want.
– QSA also has SMS, a free mobile service, alerting the users whenever a new data/statistics is released.

– QSA often releases new data/statistics and in-house findings to the media electronically through press releases, which are also available on the website.
• Electronic mailing is also used to communicate with national/global organization regarding their data requirements as well as informing them on the data and new releases by QSA. It is done through co-ordination among International Cooperation unit, Media Relations unit and Electronic Dissemination unit of QSA.
– For further information on Metadata (information about definitions, classification, coverage, methodology) about certain data/statistics Qatar posts on IMF
http://dsbb.imf.org/Applications/web/gdds/gddscountrycategorylist/?strcode=QAT

• This is provided to IMF after Qatar joined its GDDS standard.
General Data Dissemination System
(As provided by Qatar as a participant in the GDDS)

The metadata are presented in the Data Quality Assessment Framework (DQAF)

Summary Tables
Plans for improvement
Summary Of Dissemination Practices

Detailed Tables by Sector
- Real Sector
  - National accounts
Thank you...