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ZIMSTAT Launches 2025 Social Registry Survey: Listing of Households and Data Collection

Harare, 13 October 2025 — The Zimbabwe National Statistics Agency (ZIMSTAT), in collaboration with the **Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare**, is pleased to announce the commencement of the **2025 Zimbabwe Social Registry Survey (ZISO)** — a national initiative to collect household-level data for the establishment of a comprehensive **Zimbabwe Social Registry**.

The Social Registry is a key instrument in strengthening **social protection, poverty reduction, and inclusive development** in Zimbabwe. It will serve as a unified data and information system to support the **planning, implementation, and monitoring** of social protection and social development programs.

The **first round** of the survey will cover a **Census of households in Mangwe, Nkayi, and Mudzi Districts**, representing about **2% of the national population**. The exercise will expand progressively to cover all **65 districts** of Zimbabwe.

The Social Registry will enable the Government and its partners to:

- a) **Identify households** for potential social protection and development interventions;
- b) **Enhance fairness and transparency** in targeting while reducing duplication and leakages;
- c) **Promote coordination** among Government Ministries, Departments, Agencies, and Development Partners through a common data source;
- d) **Support evidence-based policy-making**, monitoring, and evaluation of social programs.

The survey will collect data on **demographics, education, employment, housing, land ownership, access to services, economic activities, and household vulnerabilities**. This information will directly contribute to

improved service delivery, strengthened social safety nets, and support Zimbabwe's progress towards Vision 2030.

Objectives of the 2025 Social Registry Survey include:

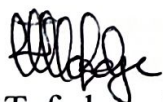
- a) Establishing a **comprehensive national social registry** to underpin social development and poverty reduction initiatives;
- b) Enhancing **efficiency and coordination** in social development programming;
- c) Providing an **updated socio-economic data source** for evidence-based decision-making;
- d) Strengthening **transparency and accountability** in program delivery; and
- e) Enabling **rapid response mechanisms** during shocks such as droughts or economic crises.

The 2025 Social Registry Survey is being implemented by **ZIMSTAT**, with technical and financial support from the **Government of Zimbabwe**, the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (**SIDA**), Swiss Development Cooperation (**SDC**), the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (**UK**), the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (**ECHO**), and the **World Bank**, in collaboration with **UNICEF** and the **World Food Programme (WFP)**.

The Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare is leading the initiative in alignment with the National Social Protection Policy Framework (**NSPPF**).

ZIMSTAT calls upon all households in **Mangwe, Nkayi, and Mudzi** to **cooperate fully** with enumerators and to provide **accurate information** during the data collection exercise. The **credibility and success** of this national initiative and, by extension, the **effectiveness of Zimbabwe's social protection programs** depend on the active participation of every household. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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