

Preface

In this report, the National Bureau of Statistics presents the findings of the **2000/01 Tanzanian Household Budget Survey** (HBS). It is the largest household budget survey conducted by NBS, covering over 22,000 households. It represents an important achievement.

The **NBS** is an independent executive agency of government. Its aim is to:

“...facilitate decision-making within the government and the business community, to stimulate research and inform public debate through the provision of relevant, reliable and timely statistics and quality statistical services...”

The survey results provide a baseline for monitoring progress under the Government's poverty reduction policies. They also show the trends in many poverty indicators over the 1990s.

I am pleased to present this report as a contribution to monitoring and ultimately eradicating poverty in Tanzania.

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The data from this and previous Household Budget Surveys represent an important resource for further research and analysis. The data will be made available to researchers and other interested parties on application to the Director General of the National Bureau of Statistics

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