

# National Bureau of Statistics



## CENTRAL REGISTER OF ESTABLISHMENTS (CRE)

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### Introduction

One of the corporate objectives of the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) is to maintain and improve the Central Register of Establishments (CRE).

The Central Register of Establishments is simply a comprehensive Directory of all known registered employing establishments both private and public. The NBS has a full mandate of maintaining the CRE traditionally through its routine survey programmes, which include administrative records.

An **Establishment** is defined as that economic or service delivery unit which engages under a single control, in one or predominantly one kind of activity at a single location e.g. a mine factory, a workshop, etc. It should be noted here that, due to record keeping practices of some firms, it has not been possible in every case to strictly follow the definition of an establishment as stated above. In a few cases, the restrictions have been relaxed to some extent.

### Purpose of the survey

- To facilitate the undertaking of various establishment surveys in Mainland Tanzania
- To act as a guide to investors, other business communities and the public at large.

### Principal Users:

- The National Bureau of Statistics
- The National Insurance Corporation (NIC) and other private insurance companies
- Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA)
- The National Vocational Education and Training Authority (VETA)
- The University of Dar es Salaam and other institutions of higher learning
- Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF) and other Research Institutions both national and international
- Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs)
- The public at large

### Scope and Coverage

It covers all employing establishments in accordance with the International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC) Rev.3

for standard definitions and classification. NBS is at present changing from Rev. 2 to Rev. 3.

### The CRE Updating

The process of updating the CRE is continuous whereby:

- New establishments are added to the register
- Completely closed ones are deleted from the register
- New information e.g. change of address, activity, etc is effected to the register.

The Regional Statistical Offices are responsible for the updating exercise in close collaboration with a number of stakeholders like the Tanzania Revenue Authority - Regional Offices, the Local Government District Authorities, the National Social Security Fund Regional Offices and other related institutions.

The NBS is in the process of categorising the number of employees / workers by sex i.e. male and female.

The December, 2002 release of CRE update includes the new region of Manyara, which previously was part of Arusha region. For the purpose of CRE, Dar es Salaam is divided into three regions namely, Kinondoni, Ilala and Temeke.

### The CRE Questionnaire

The CRE updating is normally done through a questionnaire containing the following variables:

- Full Name of the Establishment
- Mailing Address e.g. Box No, Telephone No, Fax & E-mail No.
- Physical Location of the Establishment by:
  - a) Region
  - b) District
  - c) WardClassified into Urban and Rural
- Head Office Postal Address
- Date of its first Operation
- Main activity and Auxiliary activities of the establishment
- Type of Ownership classified into Private and Public
- Average number of employees (temporary + permanent)
- Other Workers (Working proprietors, Unpaid family workers and the like)
- Declaration and signature

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## **Availability of Results**

Though the process of updating the Central Register of Establishments is continuous, the output is on a semi annual basis, i.e., the updated versions refer to (January – June) and (July – December) periods of each calendar year.

The latest July - December, 2002 edition is available in both soft and hard copies at the National Bureau of Statistics.