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## **1. Organisation and Population of the Business Registers**

The Business Register Unit is part of the Department of Business Register and Statistics of Other Services within the Directorate of Sectorial and Enterprises Statistics (please see organization chart).

To maintain and update the Business register there are two people working full time. However when specific updating process occurs there are people that are specifically hired and trained to do this job. The updating survey takes place annually.

The register population is divided into three categories:  
Enterprises, non profit institutions and public administration.

Actually the global number of active units is **43. 520** and for each category is the following:

<b>Enterprises –</b>	<b>27.931</b>
<b>Non profit Institutions-</b>	<b>4.050</b>
<b>Public Administration –</b>	<b>11.539</b>

## **Progress and Developments in the Past**

The Business Register was created in 2004 as the result of a big operation consisted in an enterprises Census called CEMPRE, realized from October 2002 to March 2003. This operation, took place in all Country, covering all visible and with appropriated installation units, developing any economic activity according to the Mozambican classification of Activities (CAE).

For the maintenance of the Business Register, a specific informatics program, based on Access, was bought from National Statistics Institute of Portugal, institution which has been assisting Statistics Mozambique in this area.

This program brought a new vision and routines for the BR staff because the informatics program contain a quality control program used to correct all wrong codes and keep a BR with a high quality of information.

This program contains variables of identification, demographics and economic. For each variable is associated a date of updating of that variable.

The content of the Register has two levels:

Level 1 - Enterprises, which comprise a set of statistical units classified as corporations or similar, including sole proprietors, carrying out a profit- seeking economic activity as defined by the Mozambican Classifications of Economic Activities, and Private Non-profit Institutions (ISFL) and Public Administration (AP), which include a set of statistical units classified as Associations, Foundations or other similar units, carrying out a non-profit activity as defined by the Mozambican Classifications of Economic Activities. These organisations are distinguished from one another by their classification of economic activity at the most broken down level (CAE), by their legal status (FJR).

Level 2 - Establishments, which cover a set of local units belonging to Enterprises or ISFL - AP and recorded at the FUE, engaged in economic activity as defined by the Mozambican Classifications of Economic Activities. This set of information is linked to the Enterprise or IPFSL through their Identification Number.

The table below indicates the main variables of the Business Register:

- 1) Name
- 2) Auto number
- 3) NUIT (Unique Identification Number from Tax purposes)
- 4) Province Code
- 5) District Code
- 6) Administrative Code
- 7) Locality Code
- 8) Activity Code
- 9) Year of the beginning of the activity
- 10) Juridical Status
- 11) Activity Situation
- 12) Social Capital
- 13) Number of Employees (divided by sex)
- 14) Turnover
- 15) Address
- 16) P.O.Box
- 17) E-mail
- 18) Phone Number
- 19) Fax Number

To update this BR, two ways have been drawn, one consisting in administrative data and the second consisting on a direct collecting of information using a specific survey.

Following the second line, an updating survey (US) took place in 2006, covering:

**Geographically:**

- All the provincial capital and other Cities
- All the Municipal places
- All the biggest projects

**Activity Codes:**

All the CAE codes except Agriculture, Non Profit Institutions, and Public Administration

TYPE OF UNITY	NUMBER OF UNITIES		
	Before the US	After the US	Variation
Public Administration	11,557	11,558	0.0
Enterprises	24,940	29,361	17.7
Non Profit Institutions	3,938	3,940	0.1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40,435</b>	<b>44,859</b>	<b>10.9</b>

There is an ongoing work to update the Identification Number for tax purposes, to allow the link with administrative files, namely the tax file.

Also updating with information received from the Tax office has been done. However to make it happen regularly conversations are still taking place between, NSO and a special Directorate from the Ministry of Finance - ATM (Autoridade Tributária de Moçambique).

**2. Year**

This year the BR data move from the access software to an oracle database. The BR system has been integrated with the Annual Business Survey System. So from 2008 on, NSO will be using an updating system which will consist on an automatic update using information from the Annual Business Survey.

A new variable for the new activity code has also been created in order to allow the re-codification of the BR with the new classification of activities, according the NACE, that will be approved during November by the High Statistical Council.

Actually BR unit is checking the direct and approximate correspondences between the old and new classification of activities and preparing an updating survey to do the re-codification for the units that will not be into the automatic process

**3. Issues solved, problems and future plans****Issues solved**

The migration of the BR data from the access application to the Oracle database was done with success.

**Problems**

There are still problems mainly related with the fact that a unique number for enterprises doesn't exist in Mozambique. There are also some problems related with the web survey, because the software used in the application is not the same that supports the web page and adjustments should be done.

**Future Plans**

Approximately 5200 units will be surveyed in order to introduce the new code of activity. This survey is planned for 2009, and till the beginning of June the process should be finished.

It is planned that from January 2009 on, a regular access to the information from the Tax Office will be possible. However BR unit should first solve the problem of the unique identification number for the units, witch is in process, in order to allow the match of the information between Tax Office file and BR file.

There is a plan to develop a search engin for FUE, in order to allow the users to consul the Business Register information, according to the confideciality law, and also to alow enterpresis to, directly, update their own information by internet.