

1. Organisation and Population of the Business Registers

The Business Register Unit is part of the Department of Register and Other Services within the Directorate of Sector and Enterprises Statistics at the National Statistics Institute.

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).

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

The register population is divided into three categories:

- Enterprises;
- Non profit institutions; and
- Public administration.

Actually the global number of active units is 42.263 and for each category is the following:

year	2008	2009	2010
Enterprises	27.931	26.856	26.805
Non profit Institutions	4.050	4.052	4.001
Public Administration	11.539	11.490	11.457

In terms of unities directly related to Tourism the business register contain the following unities in each area:

Accomodations	406
Restauration	5 260
Tavelling Agences	34

Progress and Developments in the Past

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 (CAE), 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 (defined specifically in FUE).

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) New Activity Code: Rev_2
- 9) Old Activity Code: Rev_1
- 10) Year of the beginning of the activity
- 11) Juridical Status
- 12) Activity Situation
- 13) Social Capital
- 14) Number of Employees (divided by sex)
- 15) Turnover
- 16) Address
- 17) P.O.Box
- 18) E-mail
- 19) Phone Number
- 20) Fax Number

2. Updating the Business Register

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.

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

Conversations between INE and a special Directorate from the Ministry of Finance - ATM (Autoridade Tributária de Moçambique), witch represent the tax authorities, are still taking place, now at the higt level, in order to stablish a regular way to change information between this two institution (for the BR staff the purpose is to use the tax information to update the BR).

In the last weeks Ine has received a file from the AT containing 69 955 units recorded. When a comparizon was made between this two files we camo to the conclusion that:

Total Comun records

9 436

Total records to fulfill in FUE 60 519

Not all information needed to insert the unity in the FUE is available at AT file what means that a specific operation has to be made in order to allow the FUE staff to insert the unities that are not in the FUE. However INE is in progress to establish other contacts with other different institution which deal with some kind of business Registers. This time there are progresses in contacts with the Mozambican Legal Entities Registry.

In this line the Ministry of Turismo sent a file containing 501 Legal Accommodation Establishments, official registered at the Ministry of Tourism. This file was compared with the information in FUE and was realized that:

Total comun records	212 (42.3%)
Total records to fulfill	289 (57.7%)

3. Mozambican Classifications of Economic Activities – CAE Rev. II

The Mozambican Classifications of Economic Activities, designed CAE Rev. II, was approved by the Government in 2008 and it was adopted to FUE in 2009, to substitute the previous one CAE Rev. I. This Classification is harmonized with the international classifications in this area such as CITA Rev. IV, NACE Rev. II and ISIC Rev. IV. It is disaggregated to five digits level with one called Sub-Class which is specific for this country.

In order to move from the CAE Rev. I to the CAE Rev. II, a new variable for the new activity code has been created in order to allow the re-codification of the BR with the new classification of activities, according to the NACE, approved in 2008 by the High Statistical Council. To update with this new activity code two actions were taken.

- a) An direct approximate correspondences between the old and new classification of activities, using correspondence tables for automatic updating;
- b) An updating survey to re-codify the units that were not into the automatic process.

4. Future Plans

A search engine has been installed in an appropriate place in the server and it is now being tested. The main goal of this engine is to allow users to consult if their enterprises are registered or not. If not they can register themselves using a specific account created for this purpose. The staff of the business register, after selection of all information inserted in this online engine machine will, select, check and confirm obtain information before they replace, correct or insert new data in the Business Register.