

# NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING COMMISSION

## 2021 DLT REGIONAL DISSEMINATION WORKSHOP AND PRE-LAUNCH OF THE PREPARATION OF 2022 DLT

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I wish to welcome you all to this important occasion to disseminate the outcome of the 2021 District League Table (DLT) and pre-launch the preparation of the 2022 DLT. The seventh edition of the DLT themed: *“Generating Evidence for Addressing Unequal Access to Services and Development Opportunities for Children”*, was launched in December 2022 by a collaborative effort between the NDPC and UNICEF. The District League Table is a simple ranking tool for assessing, comparing and tracking development in Metropolitan, Municipal and

District areas (MMDs) based on selected indicators. The report complements efforts to strengthen the national monitoring and evaluation system. It also provides evidence on levels of disparities across the regions and districts, and could be used to inform priorities, strategies and programmes.

Decades of implementation of the decentralization system have targeted improved resource allocation and provision of quality of service to bridge the wide disparities in wellbeing among districts assemblies. The system nevertheless, has been plagued with challenges impeding development which has resulted in significant segment of the population being left behind with regards to service delivery and quality of life.

The DLT helps government gain better understanding of the status of citizens' wellbeing across the districts in the country. It also encourages best performing MMDAs to sustain their efforts while worst performing district assemblies are identified and provided the requisite support to address their challenges. The DLT follows a bigger objective of generating action by Government and its MDAs towards ensuring better prioritisation and equitable resource allocation while engendering positive competition among MMDAs and stimulate good performance.

Effective implementation of the decentralized system is evidenced in undisputable service delivery and the establishment of platforms that promote more equitable and efficient resource allocation and expenditures. It has become necessary to boost confidence at the MMDA level through the provision of requisite basic results to improve human development. This is the more reason why the DLT has been institutionalized to improve evidence-based planning and further exact results from the implementation of district medium-term plans.

The NDPC will be making constant reference to the results of the DLT in its interactions with various state bodies like the Office of the President, Parliament, the Ministry of Finance and international development organizations to ensure that investments and support are targeted at the low ranking Districts.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the RCCs and all MMDAs for your collaboration in making the 2021 DLT a success. I therefore call on all MMDAs and other stakeholders to strengthen their commitment towards this tool; effectively engage and communicate the findings to Assembly Members and citizens during their Public Hearings and Town Hall meetings; conduct further studies on some of

the findings; and ensure recommendations of the 2021 DLT are followed through to ensure better results for our children and people at the local level.

As we start the eighth edition of the DLT, I would want all stakeholder to lend their support by ensuring the necessary information are provided for the analysis.

**Ladies and gentlemen,** while I wish you fruitful deliberations, I also have the honor to declare the eighth DLT preparation duly launched.