



Strengthening National Statistical Systems through NSDS Implementation and Modernization

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Presentation Outline

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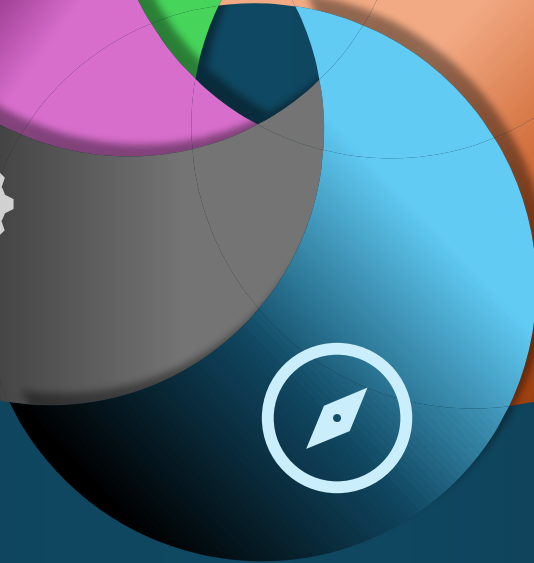
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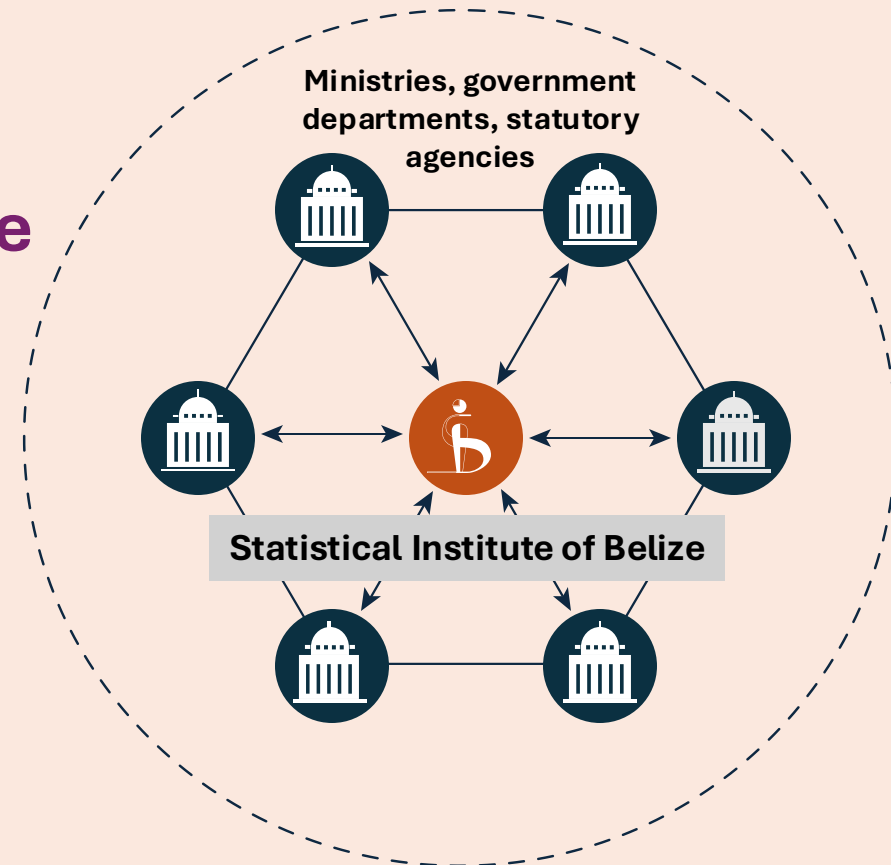


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1 Background of the NSS

- The **Belize National Statistical System (NSS)** refers collectively to **all agencies responsible for producing national statistics or are holders of data that is used to produce national statistics.**
- Support decision-making, planning, and monitoring national development progress.
- SIB at the center as coordinator and largest data producer.
- Approximately 50 other agencies.



1 Background of the NSS

Strengths of the NSS

- ✓ Timely production and dissemination of core statistics by SIB.
- ✓ NSS Unit within SIB to liaise with and support BNSS agencies.
- ✓ Established statistics units in several BNSS agencies.
- ✓ Strong subject matter knowledge within various sectors.
- ✓ BNSS dissemination platform for national indicators.
- ✓ Established working relationships between SIB and BNSS agencies, and among some BNSS agencies.
- ✓ Some data-sharing agreements are established.
- ✓ Ability to secure technical support and many agencies already working to strengthen capacities.



1 Background of the NSS

Weakness of the NSS

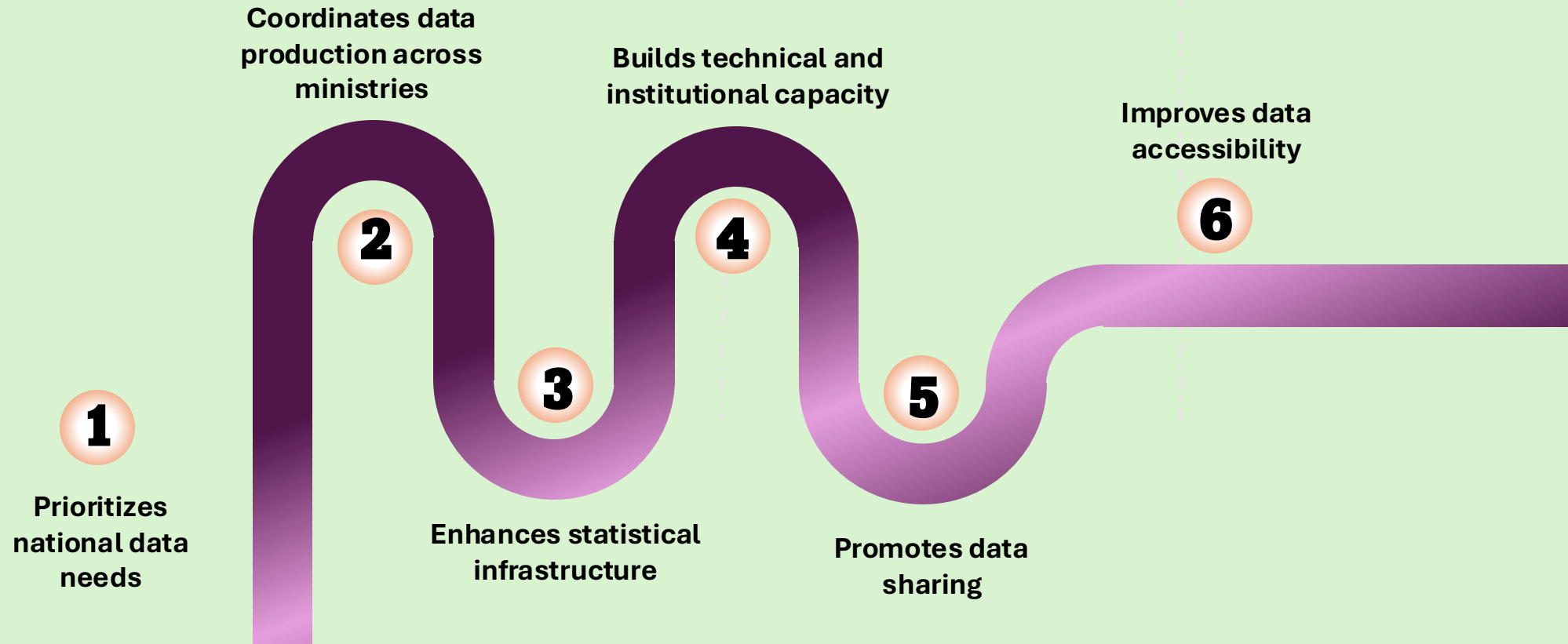
- ✓ Significant data gaps in some areas – e.g. climate change, vulnerable populations, key variables for disaggregation within administrative data sets.
- ✓ Disparate statistical capacities across BNSS agencies.
- ✓ Insufficient resources – staff, IT, funding.
- ✓ Inadequate formal BNSS coordination mechanisms.
- ✓ No NSS legislation to formalize governance/coordination mechanisms, responsibilities and obligations, etc.
- ✓ Inconsistent use of standards for classifications, methodologies, concepts, metadata, data sharing, etc.
- ✓ No legal mandate for data collection by many BNSS agencies.

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What is the NSDS?

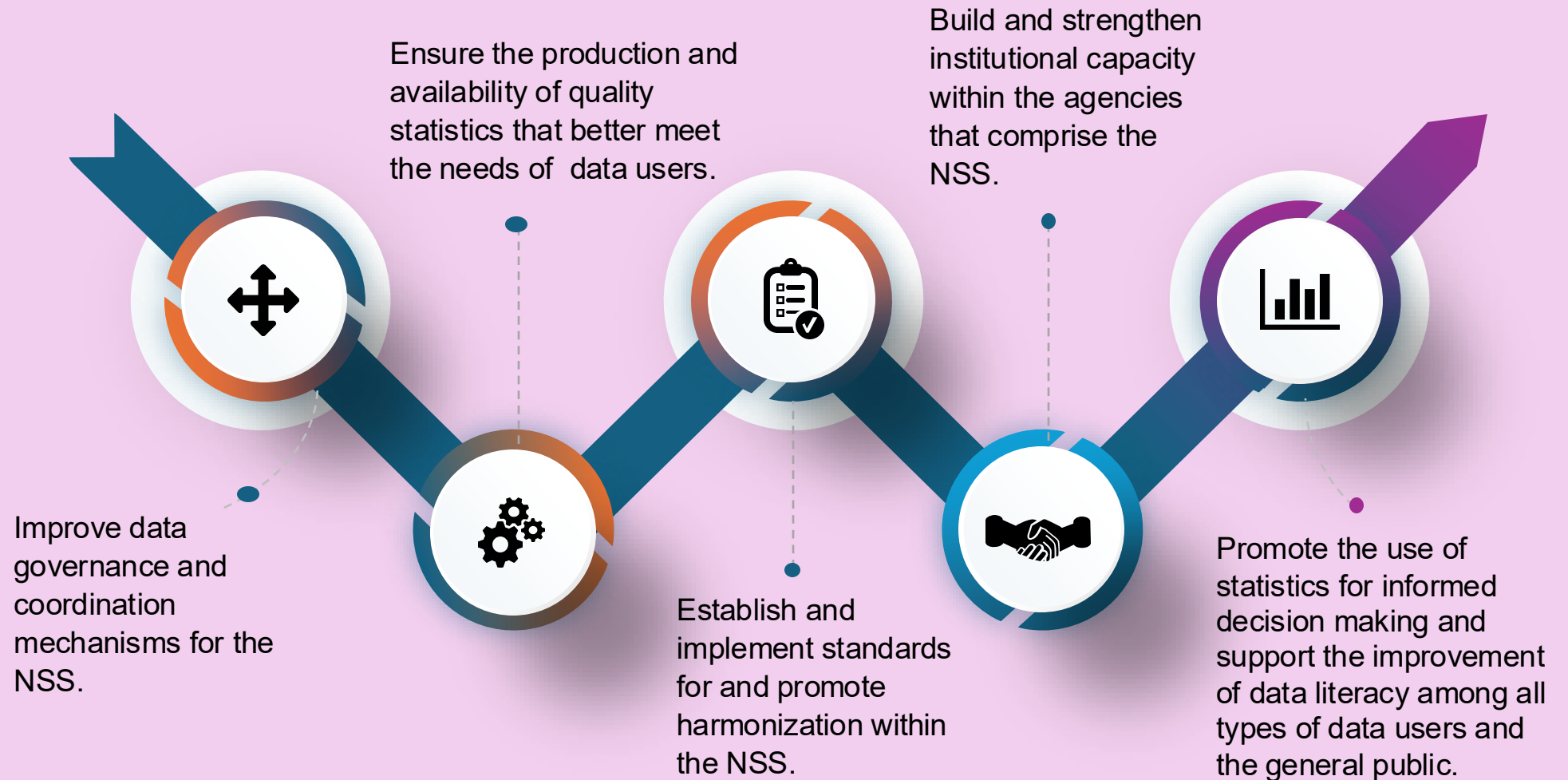
“The National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS) is a planning approach for the strategy elaboration to develop capacity to produce, disseminate, and mainstream the use of statistics. It is in line with a country’s national development plan and other international and regional data requirements and guided by the principles of inclusiveness, transparency, and accountability.” (PARIS 21, 2020b).

Belize NSDS 2 Roadmap:



3 Strategic Framework of the NSDS

Strategic Pillars/Goals



Cross-cutting areas of strategic focus: Climate and gender statistics.

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Works in Progress

- Strengthening of **statistical legislation** governing BNSS coordination.
- Development of **quality assurance frameworks** for the SIB and the BNSS.
- Development of a **training program for BNSS** agencies.
- Upgrading of **BNSS indicators portal** to support dissemination of BNSS statistics.
- Survey of modules to collect **new SDG data**.
- **Metadata** development and compilation.
- Support the **monitoring of national development indicators**, including indicators for monitoring the Plan Belize Medium Term Development Strategy.
- Hiring of **staff for NSS Unit** – BNSS outreach, technical support, training coordination.
- **Capacity building for policy makers** – use of statistics for decision making.
- Improvement of **diversity statistics** by SIB and BNSS.

"IN GOD WE TRUST.
ALL OTHERS MUST
BRING DATA."

- W. EDWARDS DEMING

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SDG indicators are tracked in a General Inventory File, which is a living document that captures, inter alia, information on focal points, the availability of SDG indicators, and their alignment with national, regional, and international frameworks.

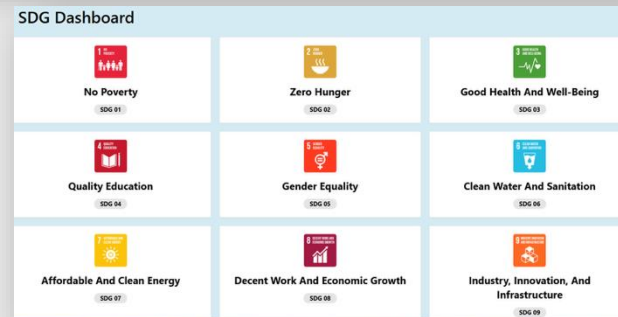
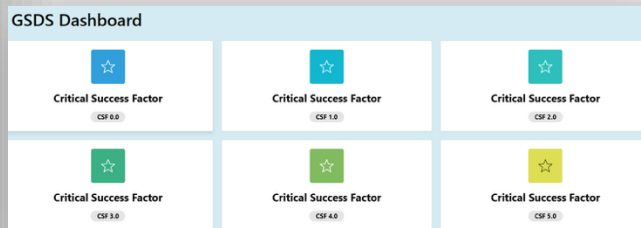
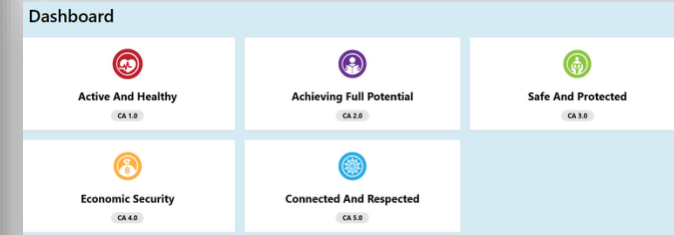
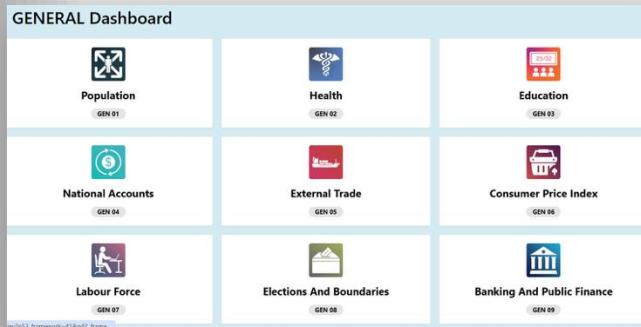
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SDG ID	SDG Indicators	National Custodians	National Focal Points	Relevant Agencies	Focal Points to UN agencies	Is this part of a National Plan or Strategy	Priority	Data Availability	Data Submitted	In BNSS Portal	
1	1.1.1	1.1.1 Proportion of the population living below the international poverty line by sex, age, employment status and geographic location (urban/rural)	SIB	Mr. Angel Perez		SIB	Yes	Priority	Available	No	No
4	1.3.1	1.3.1 Proportion of population covered by social protection floors/systems, by sex, distinguishing children, unemployed persons, older persons, persons with disabilities, pregnant women, newborns, work-injury victims and the poor and the vulnerable	ILO	#N/A	SSB, LD, SIB, MED, MHD	SSB	Yes	Priority	Partially Available	Yes	Yes
11	1.a.1	1.a.1 Total official development assistance grants from all donors that focus on poverty reduction as a share of the recipient country's gross national income	MET	Mr. Nephi Pott			Yes	Priority	Partially Available	Yes	Yes

In 2026, SDU in collaboration with the SIB, will prepare a SDG Progress Report as well as a Statistical Capacity and Needs Assessment Report for National Statistical System (NSS) partners.

Belize is scheduled to produce its third VNR in 2027.

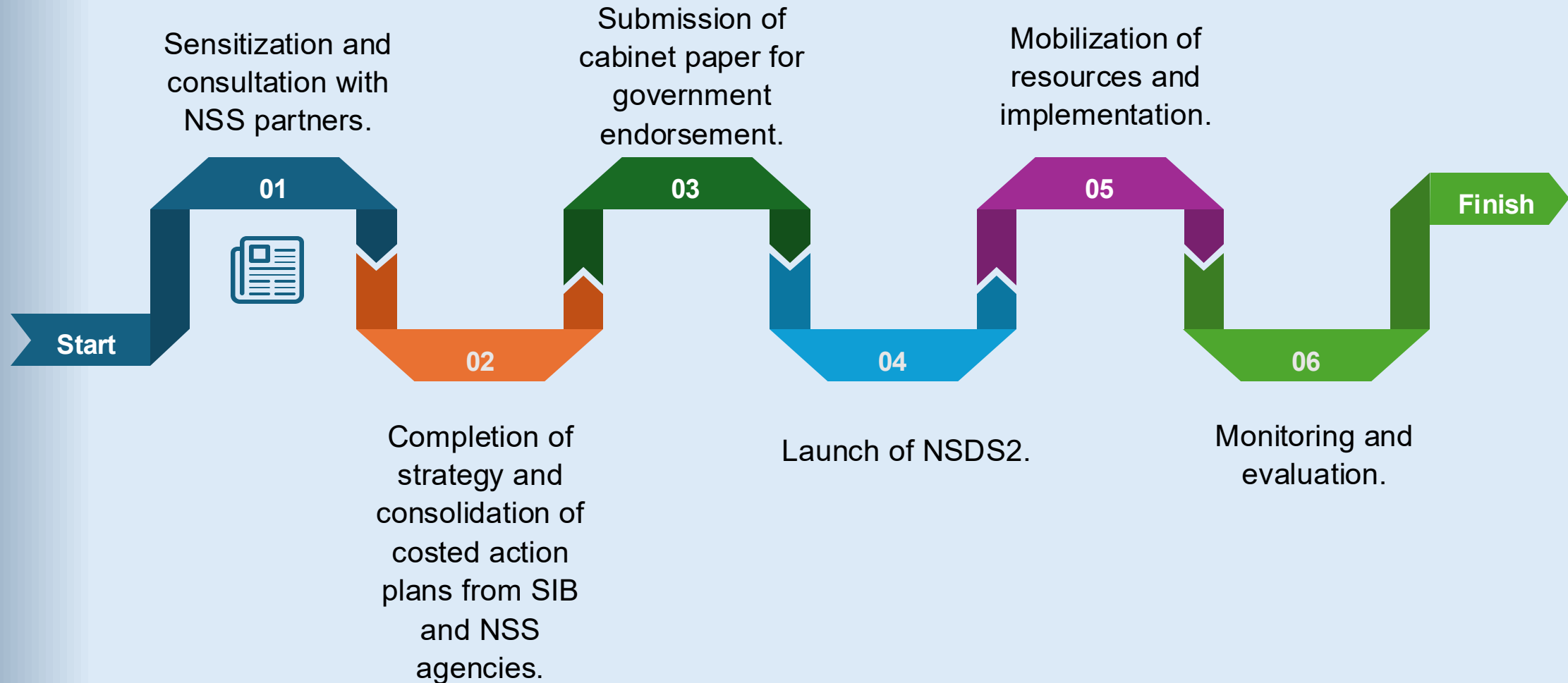
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The BNSS Portal hosts data for five frameworks: General, Growth and Sustainable Development Strategy (discontinued), Sustainable Development Goals, National Statistical Systems, and Children's Agenda, we are also working towards the Medium-Term Development Strategy, and possibly ABAS in the future.



The portal is going through an upgrade to improve usability, visualization, speed, and data search capabilities.

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Thank you!

