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NATURE AND CHARACTERISTICS OF HOUSING DEPARTMENT

The Housing Department employs multi disciplinary officers from appropriate disciplines and professions that are necessary for the effective formulation, planning and implementation of the national housing and human settlements policies and programmes. The Department comprises officers of diverse professional disciplines which include Sociologists, Land Economists, Building Economists, Engineers, Physical/Urban Planners, Architect/Planners, Economists, Statisticians whose disciplines are integrated to enable the Department to generate adequate knowledge and experience in planning, development and management skills needed to implement National Housing and Human Settlements programmes and projects.

FUNCTIONS OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT

The functions of the department include:

- (a) The promotion and enhancement of inter-disciplinary approach to Housing and Human Settlement policies, plans, programmes and projects with a view to ensuring intergrated planning, management and rational utilization of available resources on a sustainable basis for the improvement of the quality of shelter and standard of life of the people.
- * (b) Performing a planning and implementation role in the initiation, formulation and development of policies related to housing and human settlements especially improvement in the design, management, construction techniques and financing. This involves harmonisation of those policies and other activities of government Ministries, Departments, and other institutions as they relate to housing and human settlements, so that functional conflicts and wasteful duplication of efforts and resources are avoided.
- (c) Developing strategies and methodologies for the monitoring and evaluation of accepted housing and human settlements policies, goals, and objectives and the integration of such policies, goals and objectives in development planning