

Qatar Launches National Summary Data Page (NSDP)

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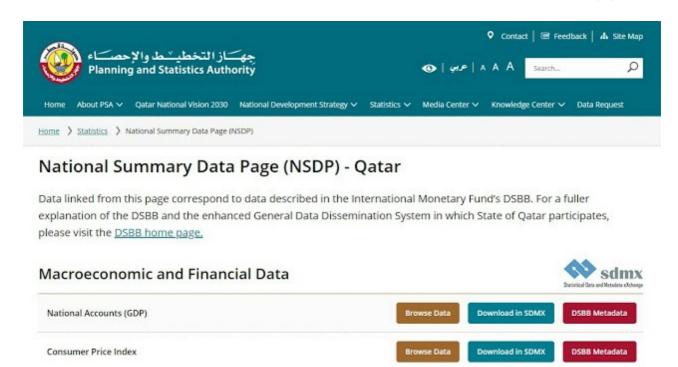


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Qatar has launched a **National Summary Data Page (NSDP)** in implementing the recommendations of the IMF's *Enhanced General Data Dissemination System (e-GDDS)*. The e-GDDS was established by the IMF's Executive Board in May 2015 to support improved data transparency, encourage statistical development, and help create synergies between data dissemination and surveillance.

The NSDP is hosted by the <u>Planning and Statistics Authority</u> on its <u>website</u>, utilizing the Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange, and is accessible on the <u>IMF's</u> <u>Dissemination Standards Bulletin Board</u>. The NSDP page contains links to statistics published by official data producers, namely the *Planning and Statistics Authority (PSA)*, the *Qatar Central Bank (QCB)*, and the *Ministry of Finance (MoF)*. For accessing QCB's Statistics For Data Dissemination Standard, kindly <u>click here</u>.

Publication of essential macroeconomic data through the NSDP will provide national

policymakers and domestic and international stakeholders, including investors and rating agencies, with easy access to information critical for monitoring economic conditions and policies. Making this information easily accessible in both human and machine-readable formats will allow users to have simultaneous access to timely data and bring greater data transparency.

Louis Marc Ducharme, Chief Statistician and Data Officer, and Director of the IMF's Statistics Department welcomed this major milestone in the country's statistical development: "I congratulate the authorities for the launch of the NSDP, an important step forward in data dissemination. I am confident that Qatar will benefit from using the e-GDDS as a framework for further development of its statistical system."

The IMF's data dissemination standards consist of two tiers: the General Data Dissemination System (GDDS), which would apply to all Fund members, and the more advanced Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS), for those member countries having or seeking access to international capital markets. In general, a country subscribes to either GDDS or SDDS. Qatar is a GDDS participant since December 2005. Recently, an STA e-GDDS mission took place which assisted the authorities in publishing essential macroeconomic data through an NSDP and making further progress towards subscribing to the SDDS.