**Tanzania Administrative Boundaries (Updated in February 2017 by UN OCHA ROSA) :**

**METADATA BACKGROUND**

Administrative Boundary Levels for Tanzania:

1. Regions
2. Districts
3. Wards

**Tanzania Administrative Boundaries Level 1 (Regions)**

Formed by merging/dissolving the Tanzania Administrative Boundaries Level 2 (District) Census 2012 data from the Tanzania National Bureau of Statistics (TNBS), in order to ensure nesting/alignment, by UN OCHA ROSA. The District (admin 2) boundaries were downloaded from the TNBS website in Aug 2013 (http://www.nbs.go.tz/) -under Census and Surveys/2012/ Shapefiles.

The Region Boundaries include 4 new regions that were added in 2012 (Geita, Katavi, Njombe and Simiyu ) .

UN OCHA ROSA added P-codes and converted to Geographic WGS84 coordinate system.

Population data was joined by UN OCHA ROSA from the Census 2012 final Report, downloaded from the TNBS website (the Reg\_Report field name was used to join population data)

*(Topology has not been validated yet and topology errors are present- inherited from the original TNBS districts shapefile. I performed a geometry repair, tried to fill in visible gaps and removed some overlaps, but still requires a full topology clean).*

**Tanzania Administrative Boundaries Level 2 (Districts)**

Tanzania Administrative Boundaries Level 2 (Districts). Downloaded from the Tanzania National Bureau of Statistics website in Aug 2013 (http://www.nbs.go.tz/) -under Census and Surveys/2012/ Shapefiles.

The boundaries include 19 new districts added in 2012.

UN OCHA ROSA added P-codes and converted to Geographic WGS84 coordinate system.

Population data was joined by UN OCHA ROSA from the Census 2012 final report from the TNBS website (the Dis\_Report field name was used to join population data)

*Topology requires cleaning-(the original TNBS district data contains topology errors including gaps and overlaps, topology therefore requires validation).*

**Tanzania Administrative Boundaries Level 3 (Wards)**

Tanzania Administrative Boundaries Level 3 (Wards) shapefile downloaded from TNBS (Tanzania National Bureau of Statistics) website (<http://www.nbs.go.tz/>) in 2013-under Census and Surveys/2012/ Shapefiles.

UN OCHA ROSA added P-Codes and joined to the Census 2012 population table by ward from Map Action.

Defined spatial reference to Geographic WGS84 coordinate system

*Wards do not nest exactly with Administrative Boundaries Level 1 & 2*

*(Topology has not been validated / cleaned)*