

## 2010 World Population and Housing Census Programme

**United Nations Statistics Division** 



#### **Overview**

- What is the 2010 World Population and Housing Census Programme?
- Implementation of Population and Housing Censuses in the 2010 Round
- UNSD's activities to support the World Population and Housing Census Programme



## 2010 World Population & Housing Census Programme

- UNSD has implemented the World Population and Housing Census Programme for over the six decades.
- The current programme (2005-2014) was approved by the Statistical Commission at its 36<sup>th</sup> session in 2005 and adopted by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) by its resolution A/2005/13
- Recognize population and housing censuses as one of the main sources of data for effective development planning and objective decision-making.





# Three essential goals of the 2010 World Population and Housing Census Programme

- To agree on international principles and recommendations to conduct a census
- 2. To facilitate countries in conducting census at least once during the period 2005-2014
- To assist countries to disseminate census results in a timely manner



# Implementation of censuses by countries in the 2010 round

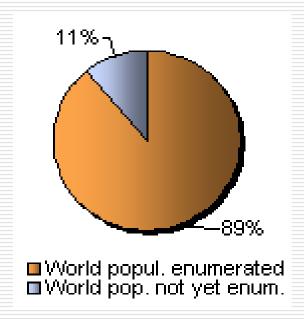


# Implementation of censuses by countries (1)

#### Number of countries

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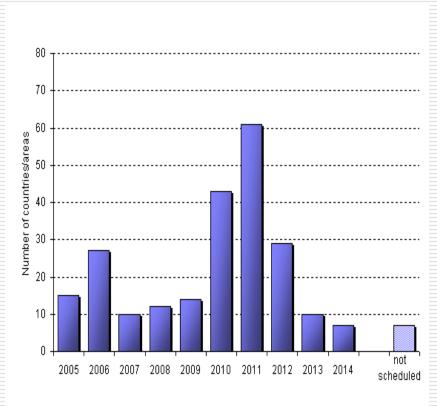
#### Population enumerated



As of 1 October 2012



## Implementation of Censuses by countries (2)



- 2011 was the peak, with 61 countries conducting censuses.
- 2010 marked the year with the most people enumerated.
- By the end of 2014, 99% of the world population will be counted in 229 countries or areas.
- 7 countries have not yet formally planned a census.

As of 1 March 2012



#### **New Innovations**

- Use of registers for data collection
- Use of mordern technologies
  - -Internet for self-enumeration
  - -CATI (Computer Assisted Telephone Interviews)
  - -PDA for data collection
  - -Refined scanning technologies
  - -GIS in support of census activities
- Innovative use of new technologies has improved the management of field operations and overall quality of census implementation, including speed and accuracy.





## Challenges and problems encountered

- Lack of financial resources
- Political and social instability
- Shortage of skilled staff
- New problems and types of error, associated with the adoption of new technologies
- Incrased privacy concerns
- Pressures for faster release of results
- Others



# UNSD Activities to Support the 2010 World Census Programme



## Development of international census guidelines and technical materials (Goal 1)





## Development of international census guidelines and technical materials

- Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses, Rev. 2
- Handbooks and technical reports:
  - Handbook on Geospatial Infrastructure in support of Census activities
  - Handbook on Population and Housing Census Editing, Rev.1
  - Technical report on Census Data Capture Methodology
  - Post Enumeration Surveys: Operational guidelines
  - Handbook on Measuring the Economically Active in Population Censuses
  - Others



## UNSD activities to help countries plan and conduct censuses

- Training workshops on technical issues in census-taking
- Expert group meetings
- Advisory missions
- Study visits
- Development and maintenance of a Resource Centre on the Web



## **UNSD Regional Workshops on Census Activities**

Since 2005, UNSD has trained over 1000 participants from 140 countries in 33 workshops to enhance technical capacity of NSO.

- International standards
- Census management
- Cartography
- Technologies for mapping and data processing
- Data capture and data editing
- Census Evaluation and Post Enumeration Surveys
- Census data dissemination and analysis
- CensusInfo software as a tool for disseminating census data



## Assist Countries to Disseminate Census Results in a timely manner (Goal 3)

Project on strengthening national capacity to analyse, present and disseminate data for evidence-based policy making

National Seminars on Census Data Analysis Analytical thematic reports

Regional seminars on dissemination and analysis of data

2010: Sub-Saharan Africa, Asia

2011: Arab speaking countries, LA and the Caribbean



#### **UNSD Expert Group Meetings and National Training**

- Expert Group Meetings
  - Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses, Rev. 2 (2 meetings)
  - Census mapping and use of geographical information systems (2 meetings)
- National training
  - Strengthen technical capacity of countries on data analysis and dissemination
  - Assisting countries on using CensusInfo software, as a tool for data dissemination

## 2010 World Census Programme Resource Center



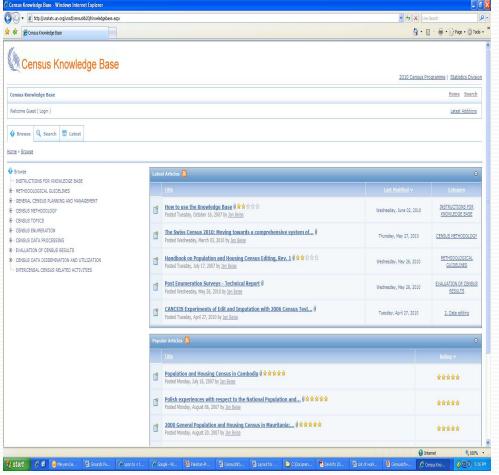


## 2010 World Census Programme Resource Center

## http://unstats.un.org/unsd/census2010.htm

- Provide information on census activities in the world:
  - Census Clock
  - Census News
  - Newsletter
  - Announcements
  - Census posters
  - Census methodologies, including questionnaires
  - Census Knowledge Base
  - CensusInfo software
  - .... and more.

## Census Knowledge Base



 Repository of documents relevant for the census taking.

## Including..

- Methodological guidelines
- Census topics
- Data processing
- Evaluation
- Data Dissemination and utilization
- others

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#### Census Info website

