



UGANDA UNVEILS THE 2012 CENSUS IDENTITY

On November 18th 2009, Uganda unveiled the logo, theme and slogan for the 2012 Population and Housing Census. This was done during the celebrations to mark Africa Statistics week. The function was presided over by the Hon minister for the ICT Ministry, who represented the President. The function was held in Kapchorwa District, located in Eastern part of the country. The 2012 census activities are spearheaded by the Uganda Bureau of Statistics which is the lead agency responsible for ensuring collection, analysis and dissemination of statistical information in the country.

The main objective of the 2012 census is to ***To maintain a decennial census programme and thus ensure availability of bench-mark statistical time series of demographic and socio-economic data for use in planning and programme evaluation***

The 2012 Census will be Uganda's 5th post-independence census. The previous censuses were conducted in 1969, 1980, 1991 and 2002. Prior to its independence, Uganda had undertaken two scientific censuses conducted in 1948 and 1959 as part of the East Africa population counts of an administrative nature were undertaken in 1911, 1921 and 1931.

The preparations for the 2012 Census were initiated in 2008, with the development of Strategic documents. This was done with support from the UNFPA. To date, strategic documents for Census Cartography and Mapping, Statistical Planning, Field Operations, Data Processing, Census Evaluation, Communication and Publicity have been developed. An abridged document was developed out of the Strategic Documents to form the Census Master Plan.

CENSUS LOGO

Theme: Counting for planning and improved service delivery.

Slogan : Together we count

Other achievements for the 2012 Census includes

- ✓ Stakeholder consultations about the census topics – March 2008
- ✓ The household questionnaire has been developed and translated into 20 local languages
- ✓ Study-tours to study the use of scanning technology for census data processing
- ✓ Census Mapping has been undertaken in 24 districts (out of 80); digitising completed for 6 districts
- ✓ Formation of the Census Technical Committee – Jan 2010.

This 2012 Census will see new innovations in Uganda including the use scanning technology for data capture and satellite imagery for mapping in urban areas. The scope of the questionnaire will be expanded to meet national development data needs. The main topics of the census will include

- ✓ Population Size and Distribution
- ✓ Age and Sex Composition of the Population
- ✓ Individual Characteristics
- ✓ Socio-economic Characteristics (Education, Employment, etc)
- ✓ Fertility and Mortality Characteristics
- ✓ Conditions of the dwelling
- ✓ Household Characteristics
- ✓ Community Characteristics
- ✓ Birth Registration
- ✓ Access and use of ICT
- ✓ Languages spoken in the household
- ✓ Field of Specialization
- ✓ Remittances to Households