

United Nations Expert Group Meeting on the
**Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic on Conducting Population
and Housing Censuses and on Census Data Quality Concerns**

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**Session 3 – Major changes in the design
of population and housing censuses
due to the Covid-19 pandemic**

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The GCC Statistical Strategy



GCC Statistical Strategy
2015-2020

Priority Statistics Fields

GCC Statistical Strategy
2021-2025

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Priority Statistics Fields



Administrative-Based Population Census



Background to 2020 Census

Objective

Using **administrative sources**, conduct a **harmonized** population census in 2020 for the GCC region, in such a way that agreed datasets can be **validly aggregated** to the GCC level and consistent with the **UN recommendations** for the 2020 round of population censuses

Harmonised

- GCC Data **Basket**
- 2020 Census **Reference Date**
- Harmonised **Outputs**

Early 2016

(GCC-Stat worked with countries) to prepare options for a reference date

March 17, 2020



Dec 2019

March 17, 2020



Q4, 2020



29 Jan 2020



Background to 2020 Census

July 2020

Technical Webinars



Ensuring 2020 Census is ready to respond to the challenges from COVID19

Operational Impacts of COVID 19 on the 2020 Census

- Scenarios for the 2020 Census Environment
- Possible Implications for Census Fieldwork
- Possible Implications for Administrative Data based Census
- Other Operational Impacts

Impact on 2020 Census in GCC

Delays between mapping, pre-listing and enumeration

Conducting fieldwork during social restrictions

HR considerations

Quality of Register sources

Combined Censuses



Impact on statistics

Meeting New Census Needs - how should we respond?

- Census User Needs in Post COVID19 world
- Implications for Census Content
- Census Outputs



Kingdom of Bahrain



Population, Housing, Buildings and Establishments

Fully Register Based

Linked to Other Special Data Bases



Mar 17th 2020



Comprehensive and Updated in Real Time



Continuing to work during the pandemic ... **Reasons**

- **coordination** between different governmental agencies.
- **Not embarked** on any field work during the 2020 census
- received the data **monthly** before the reference date to study it and compare it with previous data census

Challenges

- This operation took **more time** than expected due to the pandemic.
- Delay of **receiving** variables from agencies
- The **budget**
- Lack of **human resources**
- **Training** workshops **postponed** due to the pandemic



Sultanate of Oman



Population, Housing, Buildings and Establishments

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Dec 12th 2020



E-Census2020
System



E-Census 2020



State of Qatar



Population, Housing and Establishments

Most Data from the administrative sources, field work only for update

Final stage Of Qatar Census 2020, started on middle of December until mid-January 2021



asked all residents to Update their information



Moving Reference Date

Continue Implementation of some Surveys and Statistical Projects

- Labor force survey
- Consumer Confidence Survey
- Living Conditions
- Time Use Survey

Using Alternative Mechanisms in the Data Collection Process

- Phone interview
- Reduce face to face interview
- Short form
- Web interview
- Call Center
- E-mail messages
- Self fill forms





United Arab Emirates

last update, December 23, 2020



- **Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Ajman** Emirates Completed Updating the Data
- Waiting for the other Emirates



kingdom of Saudi Arabia

last update, December 23, 2020

Numbering of
Buildings has been
Completed

A **comprehensive
framework** for
families and
buildings has
been prepared

Work on the
census has been
suspended
until the end of
the pandemic



Oct 2021

Opportunity to Increase the Number of Indicators Collected
from Admin Sources

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State of Kuwait

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has been
Suspended until
the end of the
pandemic

Planned to be
**Fully Register
Based**



Dec 2021



Thank you