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

Administrative-Based Population Census

GCC Statistical Strategy 2021-2025

16 Priority Statistics Fields
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

Background to 2020 Census

Early 2016
(GCC-Stat worked with countries) to prepare options for a reference date

Dec 2019

March 17, 2020

Q4, 2020

March 17, 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

Meeting New Census Needs - how should we respond?
- Census User Needs in Post COVID19 world
- Implications for Census Content
- Census Outputs

Impact on statistics

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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
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

Data Needed for Census was prepared from Admin Sources

Planned December, 2020

The reference date will not be December 2020, but may be January 2021

Asked all Residents to Update their Data

- Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Ajman Emirates Completed Updating the Data
- Waiting for the other Emirates
Opportunity to Increase the Number of Indicators Collected from Admin Sources

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
Work on Census has been Suspended until the end of the pandemic.

Planned to be Fully Register Based.

Dec 2021
Thank you