

# Second EGM on the Impact of the pandemic on censuses and data quality concerns (2-5 November, 2021)

## Country presentation



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# Brief summary on Nepal's population census 2021

- 12th census in a period of 110 years.
- Expected to enumerate 30 million population in 7 million households.
- This 12th series has incorporated census of all the building structures with their age, number of storeys and main use.
- Also contains module for Livestock census.
- Three data collection methods are applied in this round, namely paper-based, CAPI (in selected areas in Capital city metropolis) and e-census (in diplomatic missions abroad).

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## Human Resources:

- 9000 field supervisors,
- 39000 enumerators
- 1700 centrally trained provincial master trainers.
- 500 district level and area level census managers/trainers.

## Census Operation Institutional set-up:

- 87 District Census Offices in 77 administrative districts in the country.
- 349 Local Census Offices.
- National Planning Commission level steering committee in the central level to local administrative unit level census coordination committee.

# Impact of covid-19 pandemic

- The census was originally planned to be completed on the 22nd of June 2021 which has been the usual census day in Nepal.
- Government of Nepal, citing high rate of fatality (about 100 deaths/day) and rapid spread of covid, postponed all the activities of census from 4th of May during the ongoing supervisor's training when five of the seven days were already completed in most of the districts. It was in fact impossible to continue the training further amid a lockdown in various parts of the country.
- The government has recently announced new date for census, that is:
  - September 15 - October 4, 2021 ( 15 days): Household listing - completed
  - November 11 - 25, 2021 (20 days): Main enumeration

## Impact of covid-19 pandemic .....contd

- Due to the uncertainty in resumption of the census activities, the newly established local census offices were forced to be kept in stand-by position which resulted a cost overrun for about five months.
- The publicity materials including the audio/video messages, short video, pamphlet, poster, brochure, etc. became outdated as regards to the new date. This resulted extra cost and time to amend the date in them.
- There was about a 5 percent drop out in the recruited supervisors from whom the already handed over logistics could not be retrieved.
- The pandemic rendered extra cost on face mask, shield and hand sanitizer to be distributed to minimize the infection.
- The vendor contracted for supplying the laptops for data processing has not delivered them in time citing global shortage due to pandemic. They have given strong commitment to supply them by the end of new main enumeration date. If in case they are unable to deliver, this may delay data processing and hence the publication results of census.

## Impact of covid-19 pandemic .....contd

- The covid has affected many lives and their livelihood. Some households have relocated their residences. Population pattern may change according to change in usual place of residence due to covid. So we may find uncomparable population count in some areas than the last census. .
- The CBS will validate the results with other sources after knowing the extent and scale of this effect.

## **Measures taken to guard the under and over coverage**

- The CBS has set up an online and telephone drop-in services to report any missing households from enumeration.
- The CBS has used diversified communication channels to encourage the respondents to participate in the census proactively to reduce under and over coverage.

## **Measures taken to protect enumerators and respondents from covid**

- The enumerators have been trained to follow standards for covid prevention, namely wearing a face mask and shield, keeping a physical distance from the respondent and using hand sanitizer during the time of interview with the household.



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