

LESOTHO

POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS

Lesotho Conducted Population and Housing Census in April 2006.

The 10 pages A4 size questionnaire was designed using TeleForm for the purpose of scanning, and converted to a PDF file for printing. The printing was done by Bureau of statistics printing unit, government printing and two (2) privately owned local companies.

The questionnaires from the field were received, checked and stored by the data processing personnel. They checked:

1. The completeness of the questionnaires
2. The correct bubbling
3. The correct number of questionnaires per household, if total males + total females > 8 as the questionnaire ONLY accommodated maximum of 8 household members.
4. The reference number appears in all the 10 pages of the questionnaires.

Data processing

1. Extraction of 17+ population by districts, constituencies, local community councils and villages for Independent Electoral Commission for their planning and preparations for 2007 General elections.
2. Manual Editing and Coding commenced in September 2006 and was completed in December 2007.
3. Data Capturing
 - a. Scanning commenced in November 2006 with two (2) Fujitsu scanners.
 - b. Verification followed later in December 2007.

Both scanning and verification were done in one shift (day) from 8:00am to 4:30pm. As the questionnaires/EAs piled from the editing and coding, the second shift (night) was introduced from 4:45pm to 10:30pm. The office then experienced difficulties or delay in acquiring scanners consumables (pick rollers and brake rollers).

Later due to unforeseen circumstances, the night shift was cancelled.

In March 2008, the decision was taken to introduce the second shift (night) again, but this time for manual data entry because of the unavailability of scanners consumables.

According to the new revised plan and the present status:

1. Data capturing is expected to be completed in the second week of June 2008.
2. Data cleaning will commence in July 2008 and followed immediately by tabulation, and then data analysis.

The intension is to release the results before the end of the year (2008).

Funding

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