2010 World Population and Housing Census Programme

United Nations Statistics Division
Overview

- What is the 2010 World Population and Housing Census Programme?
- Implementation of Population and Housing Censuses in the 2010 Round
- UNSD's activities to support the World Population and Housing Census Programme
2010 World Population & Housing Census Programme

- UNSD has implemented the World Population and Housing Census Programme for over the six decades.

- The current programme (2005-2014) was approved by the Statistical Commission at its 36th session in 2005 and adopted by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) by its resolution A/2005/13

- Recognize population and housing censuses as one of the main sources of data for effective development planning and objective decision-making.
Three essential goals of the 2010 World Population and Housing Census Programme

1. To agree on international principles and recommendations to conduct a census

2. To facilitate countries in conducting census at least once during the period 2005-2014

3. To assist countries to disseminate census results in a timely manner
Implementation of censuses by countries in the 2010 round
Implementation of censuses by countries (1)

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<th>Population enumerated</th>
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<td>World popul. enumerated</td>
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As of 1 October 2012
Implementation of Censuses by countries (2)

- 2011 was the peak, with 61 countries conducting censuses.
- 2010 marked the year with the most people enumerated.
- By the end of 2014, 99% of the world population will be counted in 229 countries or areas.
- 7 countries have not yet formally planned a census.

As of 1 March 2012
New Innovations

- Use of registers for data collection

- Use of modern technologies
  - Internet for self-enumeration
  - CATI (Computer Assisted Telephone Interviews)
  - PDA for data collection
  - Refined scanning technologies
  - GIS in support of census activities

- Innovative use of new technologies has improved the management of field operations and overall quality of census implementation, including speed and accuracy.
Challenges and problems encountered

- Lack of financial resources
- Political and social instability
- Shortage of skilled staff
- New problems and types of error, associated with the adoption of new technologies
- Increased privacy concerns
- Pressures for faster release of results
- Others
UNSD Activities to Support the 2010 World Census Programme
Development of international census guidelines and technical materials (Goal 1)
Development of international census guidelines and technical materials

- Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses, Rev. 2

- Handbooks and technical reports:
  - Handbook on Geospatial Infrastructure in support of Census activities
  - Handbook on Population and Housing Census Editing, Rev.1
  - Technical report on Census Data Capture Methodology
  - Post Enumeration Surveys: Operational guidelines
  - Handbook on Measuring the Economically Active in Population Censuses
  - Others
UNSD activities to help countries plan and conduct censuses

- Training workshops on technical issues in census-taking
- Expert group meetings
- Advisory missions
- Study visits
- Development and maintenance of a Resource Centre on the Web
UNSD Regional Workshops on Census Activities

Since 2005, UNSD has trained over 1000 participants from 140 countries in 33 workshops to enhance technical capacity of NSO.

- International standards
- Census management
- Cartography
- Technologies for mapping and data processing
- Data capture and data editing
- Census Evaluation and Post Enumeration Surveys
- Census data dissemination and analysis
- CensusInfo software as a tool for disseminating census data
Assist Countries to Disseminate Census Results in a timely manner (Goal 3)

- Project on strengthening national capacity to analyse, present and disseminate data for evidence-based policy making
  - National Seminars on Census Data Analysis
  - Analytical thematic reports

- Regional seminars on dissemination and analysis of data
  2010: Sub-Saharan Africa, Asia
  2011: Arab speaking countries, LA and the Caribbean
UNSD Expert Group Meetings and National Training

- Expert Group Meetings
  - Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses, Rev. 2 (2 meetings)
  - Census mapping and use of geographical information systems (2 meetings)

- National training
  - Strengthen technical capacity of countries on data analysis and dissemination
  - Assisting countries on using CensusInfo software, as a tool for data dissemination
2010 World Census Programme Resource Center


- Provide information on census activities in the world:
  - Census Clock
  - Census News
  - Newsletter
  - Announcements
  - Census posters
  - Census methodologies, including questionnaires
  - Census Knowledge Base
  - CensusInfo software
  - .... and more.

United Nations Workshop on Census Data Evaluation for English Speaking African Countries
Kampala, Uganda
12 – 16 November 2012
Census Knowledge Base

- Repository of documents relevant for the census taking.

Including...
- Methodological guidelines
- Census topics
- Data processing
- Evaluation
- Data Dissemination and utilization
- others
CensusInfo website