

WHEN IS THE CENSUS ENUMERATION

The census enumeration will take place in the whole country during the last week of August and the first week of September 2011.

CENSUS RESULTS are very important for planning and decision making. The Government, private sector and the public use the census information for various planning purposes, such as infrastructure development and other developmental services.

In order for the 2011 census to effectively support the latter purposes, the following dissemination calendar has been optimized as follows:

The preliminary report will be produced by not later than March 2012. It will provide basic information on the size, sex, regional and rural urban distributions of the population. The release of the national basic reports is planned for November 2012 while all regional reports will be produced and disseminated not later than June 2013.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CENSUS?

The Central Bureau of Statistics, in terms of the statistics act is charged with the responsibility to conduct the censuses. However, the census being a huge population counting operation, the process will involve virtually all state institutions, some private organizations and NGOs are involved in one way or another.

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Namibia Population
& Housing Census

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YOUR PARTICIPATION
IN THE
2011 POPULATION AND HOUSING
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2011 POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS is a complete count of all persons in Namibia at the time of the census. In terms of the statistics legislation that provides for the census the census must be conducted every 10 years.

The census organization must ensure that everyone is counted. Namibia is going to conduct its 3rd Census in August/September 2011.

MAIN OBJECTIVE

The main objective is to provide demographic and socio-economic information on the population necessary for evidence based planning, policy-making, monitoring and evaluation programmes, international reporting and research.

HOW WILL THE INFORMATION BE COLLECTED?



The information will be collected through a questionnaire to be administered by trained interviewers, who will be supervised by trained supervisors for this purpose. Who will be counted; the counting of each and every individual is mandatory in terms of the laws. The Census will count all individuals living in private households, institutional households, homeless, night travelers, who would have resided within the boundaries of Namibia during the Census reference night.

WHAT KIND OF INFORMATION IS COLLECTED DURING THE CENSUS?

Information to be collected from individual persons will include but not only restricted to : age, sex, marital status, citizenship, place of usual residence, orphan hood, disability, and literacy and education, economic activity, and children born to women of child-bearing ages.

At household level, information will be collected on household structure & composition, housing characteristics including tenure, sanitation, source of water, type energy used for cooking, lighting, heating, main source of household income, main language spoken in the household and deaths in the household in recent years.

POST ENUMERATION SURVEY (PES)

The Post-enumeration survey (PES) is a standard census self-evaluation tool. The PES will be conducted to measure the degree of over or under coverage of the census enumeration and evaluate the quality of census data. It will be conducted immediately after the census main enumeration and is planned for October 2011 on sample basis.

WHAT IS CENSUS MAPPING? WHAT IS ITS IMPORTANCE ?

Census Mapping is a pre-enumeration census activity. The purpose of mapping is to divide the country into small portions called enumeration areas (EAs). Then in this process, country is divided into small enumeration manageable areas which will support an efficient population total count. Each interviewer will be assigned to cover one EA within a period of two weeks. The Mapping exercise have started in May 2010 and will cover the whole country.

ENUMERATION AREAS



WHAT IS EXPECTED FROM THE PUBLIC?

It is important that every person, young or old, is counted at the time of the census. Therefore, every person, resident or visitor, who will spend the census night in Namibia, is requested to co-operate with the census officials to ensure that all are counted. So please, be sure to be counted.

AUTHORITY TO UNDERTAKE THE CENSUS AND CONFIDENTIALITY

Census will be undertaken under the provision of the Statistic Act No 66 of 1976. A public notice on the census would be notified prior to census enumeration and would spell out all the obligations of the respondents and census officials in the census process.

The law obliges the census official to take the oath of secrecy that imposes on them a strict observance of confidentiality of information collected from households and individuals.

At the same time the same laws obliges the respondents to provide truthful information to the census officials. It is a criminalized offence to willfully provide false information to the census officials or hinder them in any manner to carry out their census tasks.