The 2020 Census round in Latin America and the Caribbean

Potentials and limitations for measuring the Sustainable Development Goals, the 2030 Agenda and the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development

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Objectives

- Identify the indicators related to the SDGs and to the regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development that can be calculated by existing census data

- Make recommendations for the 2020 round of census

  - to improve census capacity for measuring the SDGs and MC indicators

  - to increase the comparability of these indicators between countries

Notes

- **The Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development**

  – regional instrument for the implementation and monitoring of the PoA of the ICPD beyond 2014 in Latin America and the Caribbean

  – adopted by the LAC countries at the first session of the RCPD in 2013

  – complementary to the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs

- **The regional seminar**

  – Panama City, November 2016

  – jointly organized by CELADE-Population Division of ECLAC and UNFPA-LACRO

  – in coordination with the Census Working Group of the SCA

  – in the context of the UN Dev. Acc. Programme on Statistics and Data, under the coordination of the UN Statistics Division

  – attended by 19 NSOs of Latin American countries

Potentials and limitations

- **Potentials**
  - universal scope
  - different units of analysis (individuals, households);
  - sample frames for surveys
  - Base for population estimates and projections

- **Limitations**
  - periodicity: In general, censuses take place every 10 years
  - Need for using proxies
  - Takes time to adjust to social and political changes
  - Comparability between countries

Dynamics of the seminar: 3 steps

- **Selection of indicators (46)**
  - **19** from SDGs only; **9** from MC only; **18** from both
  - Topics: poverty, indigenous peoples, mortality, employment, mobility, education, health, social protection, households,…

- **Classification of the indicators**
  - Low level of complexity: **25**
  - Intermediate: **13**
  - High: **8**

- **Elaboration of technical data sheets**

Contents of the technical data sheets

- Scope of the indicator

- Calculation of the indicator
  - operational definition for its calculation
  - variable(s) required for the calculation
  - limitations for its calculation
  - proposed alternative indicators (if pertinent)
  - countries with available data from the 2010 round of census

- Potential for integration with other data sources

- Recommendations for 2020

General conclusions

- Main source for the disaggregations required by SDG 17.18

- Only available source for some indicators

- One of few data sources in some countries

- Potential has increased with technological progress

- Capacity and comparability can significantly improve: urgent actions are required for the 2020 round

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Los censos de la ronda 2020: desafíos ante la Agenda 2030 para el Desarrollo Sostenible, los Objetivos de Desarrollo Sostenible y el Consenso de Montevideo sobre Población y Desarrollo

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