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
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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