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2021 Ghana PHC: Changes Introduced in the Processes Due to Covid-19

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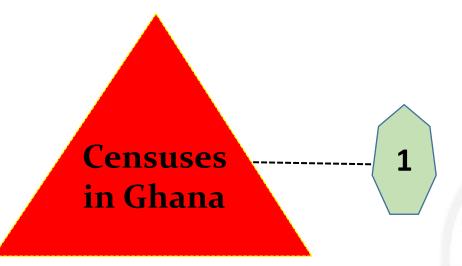


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Introduction



Ghana has conducted 12 censuses almost every ten years since 1891. Adopted the UN recommendation for decennial censuses after independence

Population and Housing Censuses

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Ghana added Housing Census from 2000, and 2021 is first Ghana's E-Census

Goal of the 2021 PHC

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Complete coverage and quality data





Initial plans for the 2021 PHC

- Cartographic mapping: completed pre-Covid
- Recruitment of Field Staff: online application with in-person screening
- Training of Field Staff: in-person
- Method of data collection: in-person
- Duration of data collection: 7 days of listing and 14 days of enumeration



Postponement of the Census

- The Census had been scheduled for March 2020 per the Statistical Service Act (Act 1003)
- Postponed as a result of the Covid-19 and the associated restrictions; with mixed impact
 - Burden:
 - Requirement of additional resources
 - Modification of instruments (no change in information collected) and strategies
 - Benefits:
 - Procurement Tablets
 - Extra development time e.g. ISCO/ISIC codes, map production





Changes in PHC Plans due to Covid-19

- Recruitment and training
 Recruitment of Field Staff: online application with in-person screening
 Hybrid of training methods virtual self-learning, virtual training for all levels of trainers to complement face-to-face training
 Virtual technical working group meetings
 Virtual meetings with regional and district teams

- Method of data collection
 - In-person with Covid-19 protocols (mask wearing and 2 metres social distance between persons)
- Duration for training extended
- Census publicity/communication webinars for stakeholders; social media public education campaign; live streaming of in-person publicity, education and advocacy events with limited participants





Potential adjustments to census questions (1/2)

- Reduce the number of questions?
 - No change in the instruments and the amount of information collected
 - 2. 14 days of enumeration Less number of days means reduction of questions
 - 3. In anticipation of Covid-19 related hesitancy,
 - Publicity, education and advocacy used to raise awareness of the importance of census data for targeted policies such as for pandemic response
 - Enumerators were provided with PPEs and trained on maintaining social distance
 - 4. Use of an enumeration tracking dashboard for real-time data checks
 - 5. DQM set up edits to detect errors for correction while in the field





Potential adjustments to census questions (2/2)

- Additional guidance to support respondents in answering questions in the context of the pandemic
 - 1. Internal migration
 - 2. Emigration
 - 3. Economic activities
 - 4. Fertility
 - 5. Mortality





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