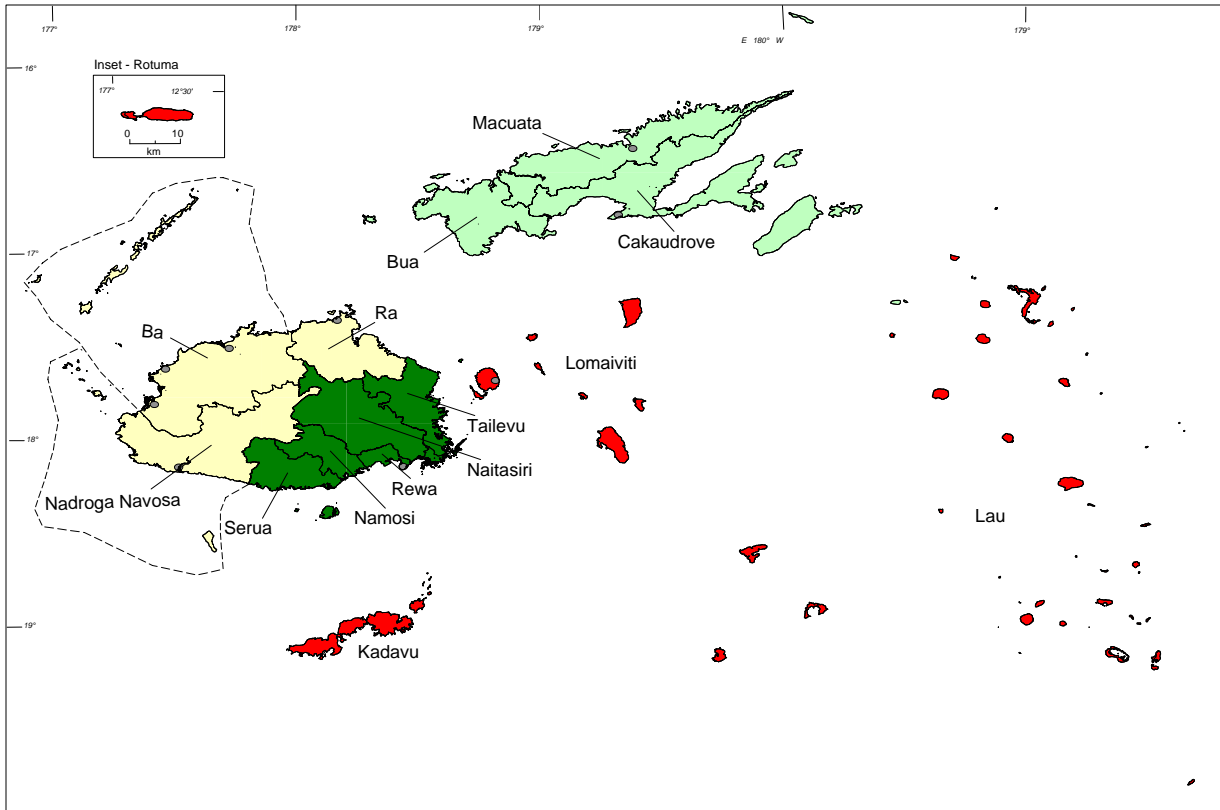


TOWARD BETTER UTILIZATION OF CENSUS DATA IN FIJI



***23RD POPULATION CENSUS
CONFERENCE
16-18TH APRIL ,2007
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OUTLINE

- **History of Census Taking**
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MAIN FEATURES OF FIJI'S CENSUSES

- **De facto Census**
- **Conducted During School Holidays. (teachers)**
- **A one Page Questionnaire**
- **Two Round technique was abandoned in 1986**

THE 2007 CENSUS

- Date is 22/07/07
- Change of timing of Census to avoid school holidays
- Defacto and some elements of de-jure.
- New Household Unit
- 6 New Questions
- Use of GPS

THE NEW QUESTIONS

- 1. D 11 Usual Place of Residence**
- 2. D13 The Place of Origin (Fijians Only)**
- 3. D14 Residency Status**
- 4. D18 main Mode of Transport**
- 5. H11 Land Use**
- 6. H15 Remittances**

D11 USUAL PLACE OF RESIDENCE

- **1ST Census has some element of de-jure.**
- ***Uses***
- ***Ideal for planners –realistic picture of the distribution of population.***
- ***Election Boundary Commission needs latest pop. Figures to delineate new electoral boundaries.***
- ***Cannot provide figures at EA level***

D13 THE PLACE OF ORIGIN

(Fijians Only)

- **The question is asked to Fijians only.**
- **Fijians whether born in Fiji or elsewhere are registered in the VKB (land owning right).**
- **Special request from the Ministry of Fijian Affairs.**
- **Results can generate in depth study on Fijian mobility at 4 points in time.**
- **Cross Tabs can generate int.studies in many areas, fertility,mortality, socioeconomic wellbeing – target groups.**
- **Expected that all Fijians know their traditioinal villages**

D14 RESIDENCY STATUS

- **3 answers to the question**
 - Fiji Citizen**
 - Permit holder**
 - Visitor**
- **1st census to analyse both demographic and socioeconomic characteristics for the citizen population**

D14 MAIN MODE OF TRANSPORT

- **Asked to all members of the household including babies.**
- **Request from Town Country Planning.**
- **Focus is on main activity and not work related**
- **Cross tabs by many variables and at different geographical levels very useful for transport planners**

H11 LAND USE

- **Never asked in census before**
- **Household Question**
- **Request from TCPlanning**
- **Identify other activities at the household level**
- **Required for their planning purposes**

REMITTANCES

- Significant Increase in remittances
- 2nd place in foreign exchange earner & exceeded sugar
- Figures for 2005 & 2006 exceeded \$300 million (banking system, others are not known)
- British Army Soldiers (UK); Security (Iraq) and Care Givers (USA) and Sporting Contracts.

REMITTANCES (CONT.)

- Major source of income for many households.
- Info. will bring about policies both locally and overseas in ways of easing unemployment and alleviating poverty
.(AUST.NZ.)
- Occupations of the senders will assist those in Workforce Planning

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

Education

- **Name of the Institution**
- **Special Request from the Ministry of Education**
- **Institution maybe be local or Overseas**
- **Required for planning purposes**

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

Economic Activity

- **1st census to gather info. for persons <15 years**
- **Purpose is to capture child labour in the population.**
- **Info is required by many Institutions to estimate the magnitude of child labour**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

(a) Ethnic Groups

- 8 ethnic groups
- Other Pacific Groups
- Often missed out on assistance because the number is not known.
- Banbans _Rabi
- Tuvaluans_ Kioa
- Solomons
- Ni Vanuatu

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

(b) Religion

- Only Mandatory question in the census but often well answered.
- Frequently requested info.
- Assign codes to at least religious groups with more than 1,000 memberships.
- Have a list of the many groups in the country

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

(c) Household Items

- Increase in the List of Items
- Personal Computers/Laptops
- Mobile phones
- Internet Users
- MDG Indicators(17 out of 48)

TECHNOLOGY

I GIS

- **Featured in 1996 census Analysis.**
- **Digitising of Enumeration Area Maps**
- **Produce Census Atlase**

II GPS

- **Will be 1st introduced during the 2007 Census**
- **Tested during the Pilot Census**
- **Enhance the utilisation of census Data**
- **Identify Target Groups**
- **Information will be available at Household level.**

CHALLENGES (2007 CENSUS)

- Military Takeover
- Opeartion
- Budget
- Immigrants' Community
- Significant increase in Apartment Dwellers and Holiday Homes
- Introduction of Self Filling Forms

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