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Planning for the 2010 Census:

Legal Environment for Population Census and Increasing Needs of Data

National Statistical Office of Mongolia





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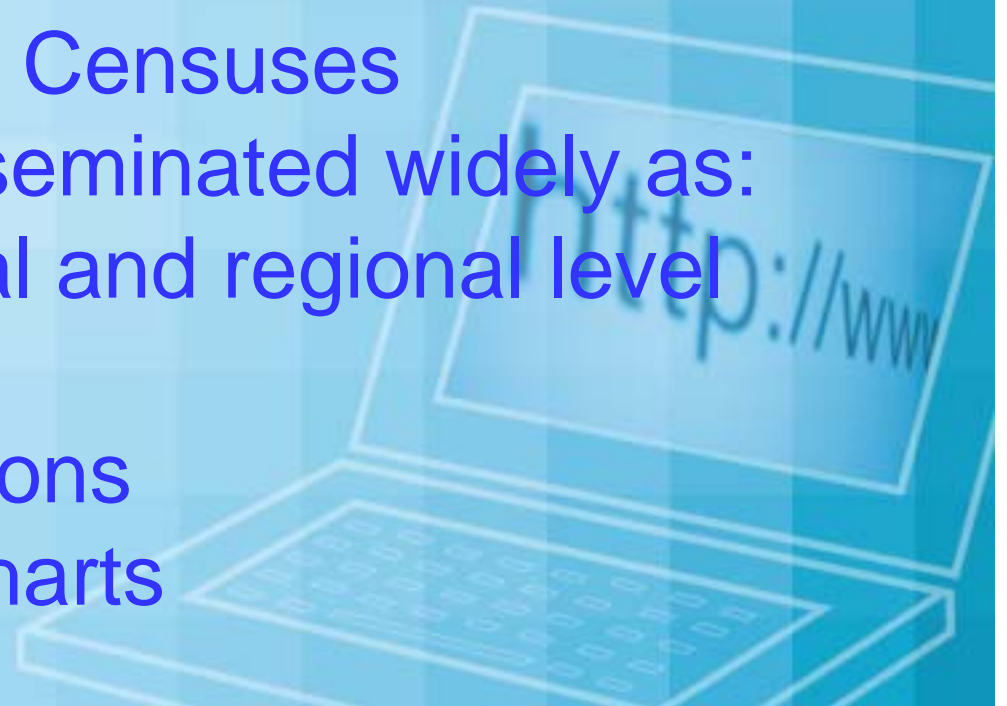
Population Census History of Mongolia

- During the 20th century Mongolia has conducted nine population censuses in 1918, 1935, 1944, 1956, 1963, 1969, 1979, 1989 and 2000
- Data from all censuses conducted in 20th century were disseminated as booklet and CDs
- 1969, 1979 and 1989 censuses were developed in accordance with methodologies recommended by Commission of Economic Mutual Assistance for socialist countries



2000 Population and Housing census data dissemination

- 2000 census was first census after adapting to a market economy
- 2000 census was conducted in accordance with UN Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses
- Census data were disseminated widely as:
 - Reports for National and regional level
 - Monographs
 - Population estimations
 - Leaflets and wall charts





Policy Implications based on 2000 census data

- Population Policy of Mongolia was revised
- Internal Migration Policy was developed
- A National Program on Children, 2002-2010 is being developed
- The National Program for Advancement of Women was revised to ensure gender equality
- National Program on Housing has been approved
- National Program for Employment Promotion was developed



Experiences learned in conducting the 2000 census

- Absence of a specific census law for population and housing census-taking
- Absence of a permanent census and survey unit at NSO to organize population and housing census and continuously monitor emerging data needs





Importance of Legal environment for Census

Without the appropriate legal provision, it is difficult to:

- establish the census as a nation wide activity;
- mobilize adequate resources;
- ensure compulsory participation of all the citizens;





Importance of Legal environment for Census

- ensure accessibility of census staff to private premises;
- maintain and ensure confidentiality of information; and
- define responsibility of the NSO in areas such as access to computer records and files, storage of census records and archiving





Increasing Data Needs

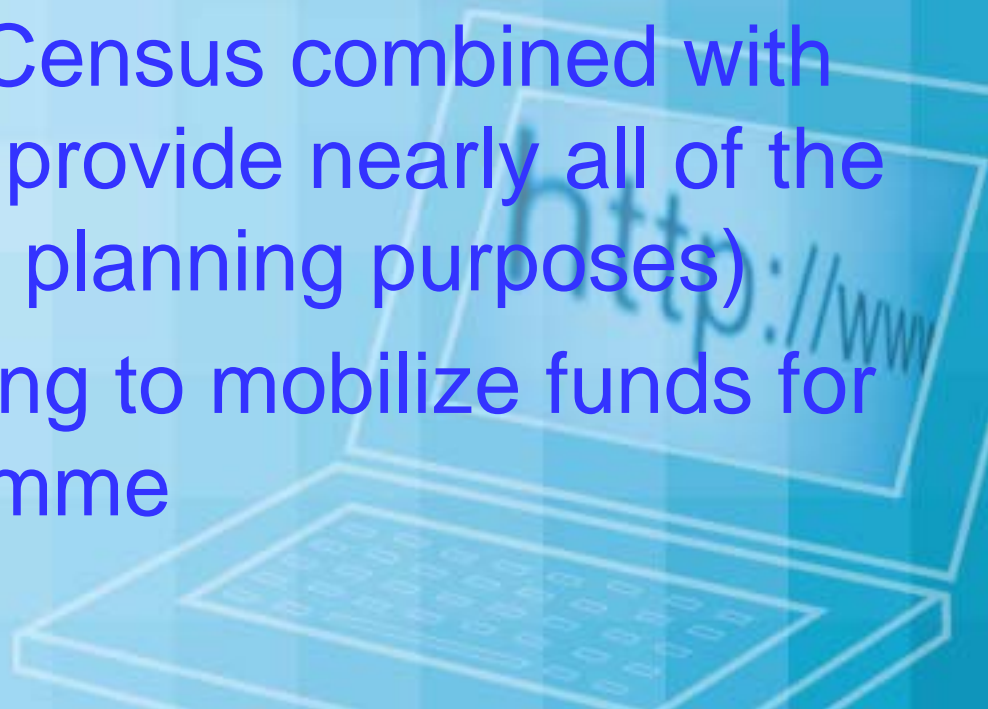
- detailed new data needed on a more frequent basis, and to improve the availability of the data at the sub-national level
- monitor the population based MDGs and National Development Goals





Planning for the 2010 census

- Preparation of a census law before the 2010 census
- Establishment of Permanent Census/Survey unit
- Inter censual survey (Census combined with sample surveys could provide nearly all of the data needed for policy planning purposes)
- Organize Donor meeting to mobilize funds for census-survey programme





Planning for the 2010 census

- Information technology development will be introduced for census data processing
- Include internet data collection
- UN Principles and Recommendation for Census, Revision2 will be translated into Mongolian





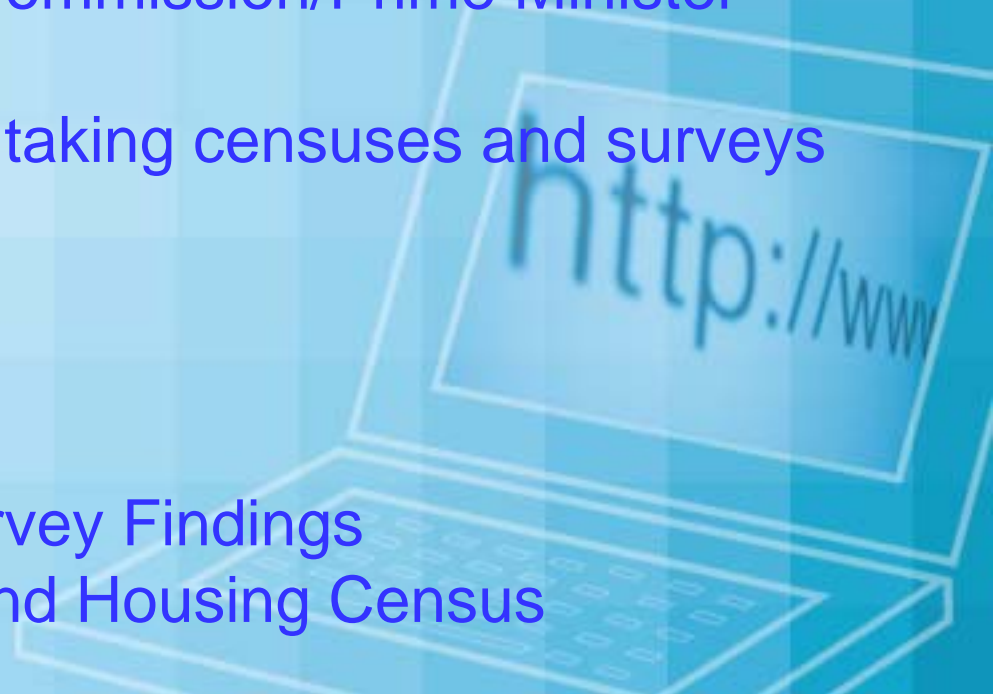
Actions undertaking

- NSO has drafted Census law which envisages following:
 - establishment of a permanent Census/Survey unit
 - the need to supplement census data and supports conducting a socio-economic, demographic and health survey every five years.
- Preparing to organize donor meeting in-cooperation with UNFPA



Content of new Census Law

- Purpose of the Law
- The legislation on census and demographic and socio-economic surveys
- Definitions
- Role of High-Level Census Commission/Prime Minister
- Role of the Chairman, NSO
- Administrative Procedure for taking censuses and surveys
- Financial Arrangements
- Collection of Information
- Confidentiality and Security
- Penalties
- Dissemination of Census/Survey Findings
- Contents of the Population and Housing Census



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