

Bangladesh Population and Housing Census 2011- Technology Used and Lessons Learned

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Abstract: Bangladesh inherited the tradition of conducting population census on decennial basis since 1872. It is conducting the 15th round of the census which is 5th National Census of Bangladesh in 2011 in three phases:

Phase 1: Main census- Collection of basic characteristics of all house, household and population of Bangladesh during March 15-19,2011 using ICR questionnaire;

Phase 2: Post Enumeration Quality Check (PEC) survey- It is being conducted Independently by Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) to check the quality and coverage of the main census. Its data collection is being completed during April 10-14, 2011.

Phase 3: Sample Census- Collection of detailed socio-demographic data with a long questionnaire from a large sample. So far questionnaire has been designed and samples have been drawn for the sample survey scheduled for data collection during May 27-June 6, 2011.

For both the main census and sample census questionnaires have been designed in ICR format. ICR machines along with iCADE software have been acquired for data capture. In this census digital maps are used for data collection and audio-visual training CD has been played side by side with verbatim procedure for imparting affective training to the supervisors and enumerators at the local level. Training period has been extended by a day and the first day of training was concentrated in showing the enumeration boundary to each enumerator and supervisor with maps so that no omissions and duplications take place during enumeration. Tracking of census books have also been tried but its 100% success could not be ensured. Storing and inventory of documents are other two areas of concern to us. In this paper country experience at each stage of census preparation, pre-testing , pilot census (including PEC and sample census as progressed so far) whether these are free from impediments or not have been narrated to share our experience with other members of the conference.

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