

**TWENTY-SECOND MEETING OF THE
REGIONAL CENSUS COORDINATING
COMMITTEE**

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**STATUS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGIONAL STRATEGY OF
SUPPORT TO THE CONDUCT OF THE 2010 ROUND OF POPULATION AND
HOUSING CENSUSES IN THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (CARICOM) AND
PROGRAMME OF WORK 2014/2015**

1. INTRODUCTION

This report provides an update on the status of census enumeration and the implementation of the various components of the Regional Strategy of Support to the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Censuses (PHC) in the CARICOM Region. It focuses on activities conducted since the Twenty-Second Meeting of the Regional Census Coordinating Committee (RCCC) to the current time. The report also highlights activities planned for 2014/2015.

2. MONITORING OF PROGRESS OF CENSUS ACTIVITIES OF COUNTRIES

The Secretariat continued to monitor progress of country. In most cases this would be with respect to the cleaning of the data and the dissemination of the final results.

It was observed while some countries had released their final results in a subset of these cases the entire data sets were not clean and therefore cleaning of the data continued on specific variables/sections of the questionnaire.

The Secretariat was able to attend the launch of the Volume I – Demographic Report of

Trinidad and Tobago in February this year. Nineteen countries of the Region have conducted their population and housing census enumeration activity and approximately twelve either have released final data or have final data that they can release.

3. PROGRESS ON CENSUS DATA ANALYSIS PROJECT AND CENSUS DISSEMINATION

The Secretariat has refined a proposal that was previously prepared by the Central Bureau of Statistics in collaboration with the Secretariat and has submitted this proposal to two organisations for funding of Census Data Analysis. Feedback is expected from these organisations relative to advancing the process. Meanwhile the Secretariat is supporting the production of a Census publication in one country.

The Secretariat is in receipt of data from approximately six countries relative to the conduct of future activity Census Data Analysis and also to make available information on the Census e-Portal on the Secretariat's website.

Work is also in progress on at least two data sets to enable dissemination using CensusInfo. It is intended to implement this process in a manner that can build capacity in the use of this software in countries.

The Secretariat also conducted a seminar on the Census Results of countries as part of the commemoration of the International Year of Statistics as well as an additional seminar on the Aging population using available and past Census data.

The Secretariat is aware that the former Consultancy that was employed under a data processing project that was funded through the Department for International Development has provided support to at least one country even though their contract has long ended.

4. PROGRAMME OF WORK 2014/2015

The Secretariat will continue to monitor progress of countries with respect to the cleaning of the census data and the dissemination of the final census results.. In addition the mobilisation of funds for the conduct of census data analysis will continue. Fundamentally, the Secretariat will also plan for the conduct of a census symposium to review the census experience and outcomes relative to enabling improvement in the performance in the next Census Round.

The following activities would be implemented under the 2010 Regional Strategy of the support for 2014/2015:

- Monitoring of the progress of the conduct of the Census Enumeration in Haiti that is scheduled for 2014;
- Follow-up feedback from the development partners relative to support to Census Data Analysis and Dissemination;
- Support the dissemination of Census Data by countries in CensusInfo;
- Disseminate the Census information through the Census e-Portal;
- Continue to collect census data files from countries;
- Plan for the conduct of a Census Symposium to review the experiences of the 2010 Round and to address pertinent issues relative to the next Round of Census.

ACTION REQUIRED

The **Meeting** is **invited** to:

- (i) **consider** the status report of the activities undertaken under the 2010 Regional Census Programme in 2013; and
- (ii) **support** the Work Programme for 2014/2015.
