

CENSUS 2010 – BAHAMAS COUNTRY STATUS REPORT

CENSUS DATE	STATE OF PREPAREDNESS	MAJOR CHALLENGES	STRATEGIES/SOLUTIONS	ASSISTANCE REQUIRED
May 3, 2010	A draft questionnaire was completed and tested. Revised draft to be completed by mid November will be finalized after Cabinet review.	Designed in Teleform which is very sensitive to written characters. Design also need to be less bulky.	Efforts being made to redesign. Contacted outside firm for possibility of redesign and printing of questionnaire.	
	A pilot was done in August. Covered the Islands of New Providence and Grand Bahama.	Family portion with its grid coding proved extremely burdensome.	Revisit the design of the family portion. Grids removed from individual questionnaire. Other linkage to be utilized to ensure family grouping.	
	A data processing program with tabulations were set for pretest. Questionnaire presently being verified. CSPRO is being utilized	Scanner must be a lemon – sluggish and fails to operate at times.	Have had technicians examine the entire system. All recommendations made were acted upon but to no avail. May have to revert to data entry.	Advice on a more user friendly scanning system which is not overly sensitive to written script? Assistance with present system.
	Enumeration districts have been demarcated on the second largest island (population wise) using GIS and GPS. The largest Island and several others have been completed re GIS but not GPS.	Absence of imagery for most of the islands Absence of street names in some areas.		
	Publicity - awaiting proposals from several PRO firms.	Cost		

