

CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY SECRETARIAT

TWENTY-FIRST 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)

1. INTRODUCTION

This report provides an update on the status of 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 focusing on activities conducted after the Twentieth Meeting of the Regional Census Coordinating Committee (20RCCC) to the current time. The report also highlights activities planned for the remaining period of the year (2011) and beyond.

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland acting through the Department for International Development (DFID), the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), the European Union under the Caribbean Integration Support Programme (CISP) Ninth European Development Fund (9th EDF) and United Nations Economics Commission for Latin America (UNECLAC) are among the International Development Partners that have supported activities under the 2010 Regional Strategy.

There are still some activities for which funds have not yet been obtained such as for

- the analysis of the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Census Data;

2. PROGRESS OF WORK – July 2011 – October 2011

For the period **July 2011 to October 2011**, the following activities have been undertaken by the CARICOM Secretariat in collaboration with other organisations as part of the preparatory activities for the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Censuses:

- **From 2010 and On-going – Public Education Programme** For the 2010 Round Population and Housing Census.
 - DFID funded the publication for posters, flyers, bumper stickers etc. These items were shared with countries conducting their census in 2011 – **Guyana** collected theirs in July 2011.

The purpose of public education for the 2010 Round of Population and Housing census is three fold.

- Firstly, to put in focus the importance of the census to national development.
 - Secondly, to communicate to the population the procedures and guidelines for administering the Census and
 - Thirdly, to profile the importance of participation by the population in the census.
- **August 2010 and continuing** – Technical assistance/support in Data processing under a DFID supported consultant.
 - Continue application of in-country technical assistance in data processing focusing on issues related to data capture (scanning).

During the period July 24-28, the Team of Consultants (TOC) visited St. Kitts and Nevis and assisted with the finalization of all procedures required for the capture of census data. During the visit, the TOC worked closely with four persons (two from St. Kitts and two from Nevis respectively).

During the period under review, the Statistics office of The Bahamas sought assistance in reviewing their CSPro editing program. To facilitate this process, the NSO submitted to the TOC the census questionnaire and the CSPro program developed.

Assistance was also sought from the Economic and Statistics Office (ESO) Cayman Islands with regard to converting their census database from SPSS to CSPro. Based on a review of the data set and data dictionary provided by the ESO, certain recommendations were made with respect to the naming of variables in the CSPro data dictionary as a prerequisite for the successful data conversion. Discussions are currently ongoing and it is expected that this activity will be concluded in early July, 2011.

Limited technical assistance was provided also to Barbados, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Anguilla on several data processing activities including a review of the data dictionary as well as form and database export configuration.

- **March 2011 and continuing** – Development of CensusInfo template using the UNSD Global CensusInfo Template.
- **July 2011 and continuing** - Evaluation of the Common Framework for Population Census in CARICOM, by the Inter-American Development Bank. This was a post evaluation assessment of the "Non-reimbursable Technical Co-operation Programme No. ATN/OC-10157-RG" (also know as the Regional Public Good (RPG) Project - Common Framework for Population Census). The exercise is to wrap up the Regional Public Good Project.

The main goal of this activity was to evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of the project implementation and the impact and effects of project outputs and outcomes on beneficiaries. During the end of July and beginning of August, the Consultant conducted visits to a sample of three statistical offices (Guyana, Saint Lucia and Jamaica) and collected valuable information that would serve, together with other meetings, documents and questionnaires completed by MS/AM, as the main basis for this evaluation.

3. WORK PLAN UNDER THE 2010 REGIONAL STRATEGY for the rest 2011 and beyond.

The following activities would be implemented under the 2010 Regional Strategy of the support from July 2011 and beyond:

- The **DFID** and CARICOM Secretariat sponsored Follow-up Advanced Workshop on Census Data Editing using CSPro in November 2011 for the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Censuses.
- Continuing application of in-country technical assistance in data processing under a DFID supported consultant.
- Planning for the commencement of a Census Data Analysis and Dissemination.

ACTION REQUIRED

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

- **consider** the status report of the activity undertaken under the 2010 Regional Census Programme and the proposed activities for the rest of 2011 and beyond.
