

Considerations for Planning the Philippines' 2010 Census

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Role of government in Philippine censuses

- 1. Authority of the census agency - CA 591 and BP Provision of information by individuals – punishable if the individuals refuse to cooperate**
- 2. Confidentiality of information – specified in the law**
- 3. Role of other organizations – specified in the law and a resolution is issued by National Statistical Coordination Board for the specific assistance requested**



Outline

- Timing of enumeration
- Method of enumeration
- Scope and coverage
- Census advocacy



Timing of Enumeration



- May 1 of every regular census year as the reference date of the census
- Period wherein the enumeration can be carried out simultaneously; yield the most typical data; least operational problems
- 2010 census scenario requires an appraisal of the timing of the enumeration considering that local elections



Method of Enumeration



- House-to-house visit and personal interview with the head or any responsible member of each household
- Common Household Questionnaire or short form or Sample Household Questionnaire or long form
- Use of systematic cluster sampling in the Sample Household Questionnaire or long form



Method of Enumeration



- Self-Administered Questionnaire (SAQ) for refusals and after three callbacks; design of the SAQ may have to be reviewed to be user-friendly
- Barangay (Village) Schedule to respond to the need for community-based information; its utilization for planning and policy formulation may have to be reviewed to lessen the burden to the respondent as well as the data collectors



Scope and Coverage

- **Overseas contract workers included in the census household membership following certain cut-offs due to the phenomenon of temporary labor migration in the Philippines**
- **Use of administrative data to get this information may have to be explored as an alternative source**



Scope and Coverage

- **consultative meetings at the national and regional levels conducted in 2008**
- **data items recommended by data users and sources of their data needs other than the census were presented in the forum**
- **Information on the availability of the data item in surveys or its likelihood to be collected in a special survey were also given as a justification of the exclusion of the item from the possible census data item**



Scope and Coverage

- **Data gaps to be addressed in the census data collection plan based on the consultations:**
 - **Crime against Persons and Properties**
 - abused children
 - women and children victim of violence
 - households with victims of crimes and human rights abuse
 - **Labor Force**
 - population with certification to support their reported skills
 - child labor data
 - **Others**
 - location and identification of upland areas and its populations
 - housing demand, housing backlog and housing supply
 - indigenous people and their ethnic affiliation



Census Advocacy

- **use of tri-media for the information, education and communication campaign before, during and after the census has to be balanced vis-à-vis the resources available and to be spent for the census**
- **interviews of key government officials and its media coverage may also have to be resolved as part of the census advocacy**



Census Advocacy

- **guidelines on the assistance provided by private firms may have to be properly articulated to ensure support of the business communities**
- **NSO employees themselves may be tapped to spread the what, when, where, why and how of the 2010 Census in their respective communities**
- **diffusion of information at the community to establish ownership**



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