



2008 General Population Census of Cambodia



Population Census

- UN Definition:

“The total process of :

collecting, compiling, evaluating, analyzing and publishing or otherwise disseminating demographic, economic and social data pertaining, at a specified time, to all persons in a country or in a well-delimited part of country.”

What is a population census?

- The primary source of information about the number and characteristics of a population including size, geographic distribution, and social, demographic and economic characteristics

Why do we do a population census?

- Population data for planning and policy formulation
- Denominators for vital data
- Sampling Framework for sample surveys
- Administrative activities
- Business, industry and labor
- Service development

Censuses in Cambodia

- 1962 Census (pop. = 5.7 million)
- 1998 Census: the **first census** post Khmer Rouge. 36 year interval since last census.
- 2008 Cambodia Population Census: 10 year interval since 1998 census.

2008 Census: When will it take place?

- Dec 07 to Feb 08: Final Census Trainings
- 29 Feb to 2 Mar 08: Final Household listing
- **3-13 March 08: Full census enumeration**
- Sept 08: Preliminary census results
- July 09: Census tables, and main census results
- Sept 09: Full analysis and dissemination of census results

Census 2008: How will it be done?

- Organization:
 - National Level: National Census Committee, Census Technical Committee, Census Advocacy Committee
 - Provincial and District Level Census Committees
 - 120 regional census officers (1 regional census officer and 4 assistant regional officers per province).
 - 72 provincial census officers, 500 field trainers, 370 district census officers, 1,621 commune census officers, 14,088 village census officers, 28,054 enumerators, 7,014 supervisors, 500 translators and additional supervisors/enumerators for special settlements.

Census 2008: How will it be done?

- Methodology:
 - The count will take place over a ten-day period (3-13 March), involving twenty-eight-thousand census-takers and seven thousand supervisors (drawn mostly from teachers and statisticians)
 - House to house visits will be used as a basis for enumeration and the **de facto method** will be used. This method enumerates the people who spent a predetermined night (**census night**) in a particular house or location.
 - The census will cover all persons staying in Cambodia at the reference time, including foreigners. However, foreign diplomatic corps and their families will be excluded.

Census 2008: What is new?

- Introduce GIS technology for census mapping of communes, villages
- Add new survey items (disability, economic activities, maternal mortality data)
- Produce new tables (i.e. Mother tongue)
- Establish Quality Management process in data processing
- Expand dissemination of small area data
- Greater disaggregation of results

Challenges

- Enumeration of transient populations (street dwellers, hotel and casino visitors, boat population, etc)
- Use of teachers as enumerators
- Awareness and participation of the population (TV and radio campaigns)
- Short team TA monitoring requirements
- Limited IT staff for data processing

Who is supporting?

- Budget : US\$ 6,000,000
 - Royal Government : US\$ 750,000
- Partners: UNFPA/Germany/Japan/JICA
- Technical Support from UNFPA/JICA
 - Overall planning
 - Handwritten and digital mapping for enumeration
 - Questionnaire development and testing
 - Training of central/provincial staff, supervisors and enumerators
 - Data processing, editing/coding and scrutiny (quality management)
 - Analysis, dissemination and workshop

Planned Reporting

- Preliminary results - Sept 08
- Report on Post Enumeration Survey - Sept 08
- Release of Census results and general census report – July 2009
- Printing census results and analysis reports – Sept 2009
- Dissemination seminar for Government planners, stakeholders, data users - Sept. 2009

Dissemination

- Hard Copy:
 - Final Census Report
 - Census Atlas
 - Pamphlet
 - Specialized sector reports - fertility, mortality, migration, gender, labor and employment, literacy and education,
 - Statistical maps

Dissemination

- Electronic Media (Website and CD/DVD):
 - Tables and Table retrieval system
 - Micro-data retrieval system
 - Statistical maps
 - CamInfo/Superstar (CamInfo using Census Data, and potential use of SuperStar online and offline)

Thank You

